



Delta Earth News

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DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tree Catalog Special Insert



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All programs and services of the Delta Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap

Delta Conservation District 66th Annual Meeting August 8, 2017

Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.
Dinner – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Pioneer Trail Park Pavilion

Dinner Tickets \$12
If purchased by Friday July 28th
Tickets after that date will be \$14
Call for Tickets
(906) 553-7700

Meeting Activities Include
* Dinner
* District Report
* Big Tree Contest Winner
* Door Prizes & Raffle

Presentation – “Demolition of the Old Escanaba River Highway Bridge”

The Delta Conservation District Board of Directors Monthly Meetings Schedule:

The monthly meetings are open to the public. The Board discusses and manages the operations of the Delta County Parks and the Delta Conservation District. The community is encouraged to attend and participate. Public Comment is always a scheduled agenda item.

January 10, 2017	July 11, 2017
February 14, 2017	August 22, 2017
March 14, 2017	September 26, 2017
April 11, 2017	October 10, 2017
May 8, 2017	November 7, 2017
June 13, 2017	December 12, 2017

The meeting will be held under the provisions of the Open Meetings Act (Act 267, P.A. 1976) at the following locations:

January through April, November and December

NRCS - Gladstone

2003 Minneapolis Avenue (behind Subway)

Gladstone, MI 49837

May through October

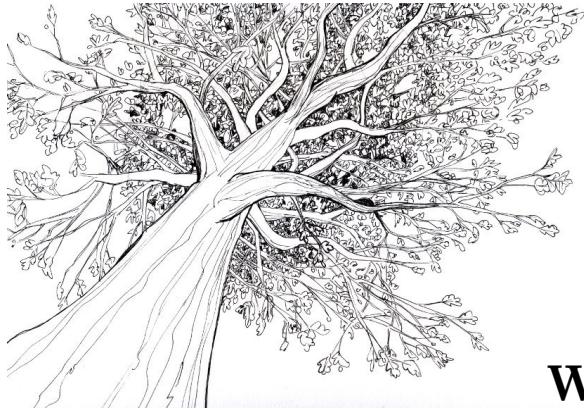
Delta Conservation District

6822 US Highway 2 41 M35 (at Pioneer Trail Park)

Gladstone, MI 49837

Meetings / Workshops / Events

- April 25** An informational/educational meeting-workshop for forest landowners to explain a forest verification process (MAEAP) that can protect those who practice forestry related activities from nuisance lawsuits if their practices conform to generally accepted forest management practices. This new voluntary program is delivered through Conservation Districts. This explanation session will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Bay De Noc Community College in Escanaba, Heirman Center, Room 952.
- April 28/29** Annual Spring Tree Sale. Trees can be ordered now until tree pickup dates, but because of limited supply on some species, order early. Tree pickup dates and times are: Friday April 28 - 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday April 29 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact the District for additional information.
- May 8** Delta County Parks & Campgrounds open for the season. Weather dependent. Please contact our office for information and reservations. Many new and exciting activities will be introduced this year.
- May 9** An informational/educational meeting-workshop on increasing game species on your property and associated management techniques. The District will be presenting what works and how you can adapt and apply these techniques on your own lands. Also presented at this meeting are proven hunting techniques that will help you shoot bigger bucks. This session will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bay De Noc Community College in Escanaba, Heirman Center, Room 952.
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- May 16** An informational/educational meeting to explain the new state forest-land tax incentive program and associated law (QFP). Forested landowners receive a 16 mil yearly tax reduction and a capped taxable value. Also included, forest-land planning and current U.P. forest health issues. This session will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bay De Noc Community College in Escanaba, Heirman Center, Room 952.
- June 3** Pioneer Trail Park and Campground hosting themed Family Fun Day for registered campers. This year's theme is Wild-West Day. Make your reservations early!
- June 23/24** Abate Motorcycle Extravaganza – “Great U.P. Poker Run”; Public is welcome; Pioneer Trail Park; Friday & Saturday night - outdoor party, dance, food; Saturday – poker run.
- August 8** The 66th Delta Conservation District Annual Meeting. Social Hour, Dinner & Meeting – 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the pavilion at Pioneer Trail Park; This years presentation will be a video of the demolition of the “old Escanaba River Bridge”. Contact the office for tickets and additional information.
- September 7-9** Great Lakes Logging Congress & Expo held at the U.P. State Fair ground in Escanaba. Over 200 indoor & outdoor exhibitors that encourage greater exposure of the timber industry.
- September 16** Pioneer Trail Park's annual Halloween Spooktacular for registered campers. Make your reservations early. Please contact our office for information and reservations.



2017 Delta County Annual Big Tree Contest

Sponsored by the Delta Conservation District

We will be looking for the biggest:
White or Black Ash (Fraxinus)
Balsam Fir (Abies balsamea)
In Delta County

Each year, the Delta Conservation District selects a different species to be judged. The tree must be located on a Delta County property that either you have permission to be on or that you hold ownership. The winning tree will be determined by trunk circumference measured at 4 1/2 feet above the ground level. If the tree has multiple trunks, and they separate below the 4 1/2 foot mark, select and measure the largest trunk only. If there should be a tie, the total tree height shall be the factor in determining the winner. The winning tree entries will be verified by the Delta Conservation District.

A \$25.00 check and a ticket to the Annual Meeting will be awarded for the Biggest Tree in each category (see above). Monetary awards will be distributed at the District's Annual Meeting on August 8, 2017.

Be sure to enter your "Biggest Tree" and win some cash at the same time. You must submit your nomination on the entry form below by July 21, 2017 at the Delta Conservation District, 6822 US Highway 2 41 M35, Gladstone, MI 49837 (Pioneer Trail Park).



2017 BIG TREE ENTRY FORM

Name:	_____				
Street:	_____				
City:	_____	State:	_____	Zip:	_____
Phone:	_____				
Tree Species:	_____				
Circumference to the Nearest Inch :	_____				

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**"Plant Trees...Help
the Earth"**



The Delta Conservation District is a “unique” local unit of government, which utilizes state, federal and private sector resources to solve today's conservation problems. The guiding philosophy of the Delta Conservation District is that decisions on conservation issues should be made at the local level, by local people, with technical assistance provided by government. Conservation Districts are referred to as “gateways” in our local community. We provide linkages between land managers and a host of conservation service providers that include state, federal and local governments, conservation organizations, and internet resources. The District continually scans the needs of our community, works in partnership with others involved in conservation to set local priorities, and develops action plans to solve natural resource problems. The delivery of these efforts by the District allows citizens to manage their private lands for a cleaner, healthier Michigan. It allows the public a point of access in their communities when questions arise on how to manage natural resources.

WE ARE ON THE WEB!!!
www.deltacd.org

TREE SALE Volunteers Needed!!

The Delta Conservation District is looking for volunteers to help out with our Annual Tree Sale. We will be needing volunteers beginning Tuesday, April 25th, through Saturday, April 29th. Any hours you could spare would be greatly appreciated. Please call Lori Mathews at (906) 553-7700, if you are interested in helping!



Delta Conservation District Programs

- * Game Species Wildlife Management Program
- * Delta County Parks
- * Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control
- * Wetland/Environmental Technical Assistance
- * Forestry/Wildlife Program
- * Groundwater Stewardship Program
- * Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative Specialist
- * Streambank Stabilization
- * Permitting Agencies in Delta County
- * MAEAP Specialist
- * Phragmites Eradication Project
- * And more....