



Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District

County Building 500 Lake Street
Roscommon MI 48653
(989) 275-3163

OFFICE HOURS
Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30am – 4:30pm

2015

ANNUAL REPORT

Conserving our natural resources for generation to come.

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Helping People Help the Land
YOUR LAND~YOUR WATER~YOUR MICHIGAN



**Johnson, Balcom, Bischoff, Jagielo, Woods
& Stauffer**



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Tim LeQuier is the acting District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, serving private landowners in Crawford, Roscommon & Otsego Counties.

He provides free technical advice on cover crops and improving soil quality. Financial assistance (cost-share) is also available for a variety of conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

He may be contacted anytime by e-mail (tim.lequier@mi.usda.gov) or leave a phone message at the Gaylord office ((989-732-6525))



Forester Brittany Mauricette

2015 Amateur Photo Contest Winners

The following winners have been named in the annual Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District amateur photo contest:

FLORAL		(Location, Residence)
1 st	Eric Eddington	Richfield, St Helen
1 st	Tom Richardson	AuSable, Roscommon
2 nd	Rebecca Ragan	Gerrish, Roscommon
3 rd	George McKim	Frederic, Grayling
3 rd	Jon Suvada	Higgins, Roscommon
HM	JoAnn Vander Molen	Denton, Prudenville

FORESTRY

1 st	Sarah Dibbet	Gerrish, Roscommon
1 st	Kirk Lattimore	Lyon, Roscommon
2 nd	Nancy Plumb	Denton, Houghton Lk
2 nd	Peggy Scott	Gerrish, Roscommon
3 rd	Becky Kiessel	South Branch, Rosco
3 rd	George McKim	Frederic, Grayling
HM	Don Vander Molen	Denton, Prudenville

LANDSCAPE

1 st	George McKim	Frederic, Grayling
1 st	James Young	Lyon, Higgins Lake
2 nd	Rebecca Ragan	Gerrish, Roscommon
2 nd	Don Vander Molen	Denton, Prudenville
3 rd	Becky Kiessel	South Branch, Rosco
3 rd	Ruth Whitman	Prudenville
HM	Sarah Dibbet	Gerrish, Roscommon
HM	Tom Richardson	AuSable, Roscommon
HM	JoAnn Vander Molen	Denton, Prudenville

RECREATION

1 st	Ruth Whitman	Prudenville
2 nd	Nancy Plumb	Denton, Houghton Lk
3 rd	JoAnn Vander Molen	Denton, Prudenville
HM	Peggy Scott	Gerrish, Roscommon

WILDLIFE

1 st	Sarah Dibbet	Gerrish, Roscommon
1 st	George McKim	Frederic, Grayling
1 st	Don Vander Molen	Denton, Prudenville
2 nd	Becky Kiessel	South Branch, Rosco
2 nd	Reatha LaFave	Beaver Creek, Rosco
2 nd	Don Ragan	Gerrish, Roscommon
2 nd	Kathy Vander Molen	Grayling, Houghton L
2 nd	Ruth Whitman	Prudenville
2 nd	Nancy Plumb	Denton, Prudenville
3 rd	James Young	Lyon, Higgins Lake
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68 photos were submitted this year and were on display for the public to vote on at the district's

Also THANKS to all of our HHW & tree packing volunteers!

Conservation Expo held on September 26th. Over 100 people attended this popular event held at the AuSable River Center in Roscommon this year.

All photos are now on display in the conservation district office located in the Roscommon County Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon. The office is open Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Stop in and see these beautiful photos of our area!

2016 Photo Contest

RULES: Deadline is August 31st

Photos must be taken in Crawford or Roscommon counties.

8" x 10" in color or black & white

One (1) entry per category per person.

PLEASE, amateurs ONLY.



*Doug Slater
Jim Cherven
Carl Hueter
James Lowe
Anthony Alongi
Tad Randolph
Dan Eikhoff
Ralph Rucinski
Phillip Burke
Adam Oats
Chris Fortier
Bill Blamer
J B Rorick
Robert Cooper
Ken Gribble
Greg Hughey
Daniel Berezny
Ken Achard
Kathleen Wray
Tom Byelich
Terry Wakeley*
for your support in 2015.

**A conservation district is 170c1
governmental tax deductible.**

Donations greatly appreciated and can be sent to C-RCD, PO Box 156, Roscommon MI 48653.

Forestry Assistance Program 2015

Brittany Mauricette

Number of Site Visits	63
Acreage Site Visits	3,192
Number of Private Referrals	43
Total acreage of private referrals	1,476
Number of Public Referrals	31
Total acreage of public referrals	887
QFP applicants	12
Total Acreage in QFP	2,653
Total Acreage of referrals for Mgmt. Plans	870
Outreach events conducted/presented	18

Over the course of my second year servicing Otsego, Crawford, and Roscommon counties, I have developed a good land base. My name is being heard and private landowners have been more and more responsive as time goes by and have been contacting me quite regularly when they have forestry questions. Not only are landowners that have been previously assisted continuing to contact me, but they are referring their friends and family to me as well.

During site visits, I generally meet with a landowner and first take a look at the type of forest that I see. Once I've determined the forest type, I work with the landowner to discuss or develop their goals and objectives for the property. Once I have a clear understanding of the type of forest the landowner wishes to see on their landscape, I am able to propose silvicultural treatments and/or practices that can help them reach those goals. These treatments and practices can range anywhere from planting riparian grasses to prevent soil erosion, to full scale plantation and wildlife plantings, to prescription clearcuts for deer habitat and more.

Often times, landowners are looking to have a timber harvest implemented, but have a lot of anxiety about what to look for, what to expect, and what is right or wrong. It is my duty to help these individuals understand that healthy forests require timber harvesting, but it has to be done well. Most of my referrals are for consulting or procurement foresters rather than loggers. The idea being that a forester is trained to know how to remove specific types of trees to improve the health of the forest. When a forester oversees a harvest, landowners are usually much more satisfied with the outcome of their forest.

Another common issue that is brought up with my landowners on site visits is concerns about money. Many landowners received their land from inheritance. Many also buy their woodlot for hunting deer or for camping. Many landowners struggle with figuring out how to manage their property with little income. Cost-share programs have been the number one reason for public referrals that I have given this year. Most landowners that come to own their property for wildlife, camping, or inheritance generally own land that has never been harvested, or that has been over-harvested. When this is the case, management can be expensive in order to improve upon the woods. Cost-shares such as NRCS EQIP & CAPs, as well as Forest Stewardship Plans can be very helpful to get people going on improving their woodlot.

The last topic of discussion is my outreach events. Throughout the year, I have attended, presented, or hosted many events including: timber tax workshop, XC winter tree ID tour, wildlife habitat workshop, QFP informational meeting, invasive species workshop, wreath making, and more. My events are usually based off what I see landowners struggling with or topics that landowners request of me. Sometimes what I plan is not necessarily what landowners want at the time, so I am working to change my topics of discussion and planning for new workshops in 2016.

Overall, this year has been a great success. My name is getting out to the community and people are contacting me for assistance. All of the requirements for the grant have been met, and I plan to improve upon my reporting numbers by this time next year. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Scheduled office hours in Roscommon: 1st Monday & 3rd Wednesday of each month 9:00am – 3:30pm.

33 tons of HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE collected

1,014 households brought the following items to be disposed of correctly at this semi-annual event:

27,224# Electronics	18# Lamp ballasts
7,591# Oil-based paints	748# Florescent light bulbs
3,652# Latex paints	170# Sharps (medical needles)
6,030# Batteries (household)	340# Pharmaceuticals
2,443# Auto batteries	8# Mercury
5,152+# Used motor oil	4# Lighters
4,844# Solvents	8# Fusee
408# Antifreeze	42# Oxidizers
1,442# Auto Liquids	905# Misc. solids
2,035# Pesticides	62# Gas cylinders
1,120# Aerosols	75# Fire extinguishers/smoke detectors
827# Acids/bases	17# Chlorophenals
779# Cleaning liquids	
264# Propane cylinders	550 Used tires

Other items included: ammunition, cell phones, ink jet cartridges and a large trailer load of Styrofoam.

This is a FREE service to Roscommon County residents, provided by their townships and the county commissioners. **Collections are held the Saturday following Memorial Day weekend & Labor Day weekend** at the Roscommon County Road Commission just outside of Prudenville from 9am – 1pm only.

Volunteers are always needed at these HHW collections; therefore, please help us keep Roscommon County clean!

ITEMS for SALE

FERTILIZER tablets 25 for \$3.00

FLAGS (for tree marking) 5 for \$1, 10 for \$2, 25 for \$4, 50 for \$6 & 100 for \$10.00

MATS & WRAPS for tree protection

Michigan Nature BOOKS A large variety in stock in the office.

PLAT BOOKS	2004 Crawford County	\$5.00	2008 Crawford County	\$10.00
	2013 Crawford County Plat Book & Recreation Guide			\$35.00
	2016 Roscommon County Plat Book			\$30.00

SIGNS (metal)	No Trespassing—Keep Off	\$2.00	Trees Planted—Keep Off	\$2.00
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General SOIL SURVEY Crawford County book & Roscommon County CD (both FREE)

TERRA SORB (root moisturizer) \$2.00 packet treats approximately 1,000 seedlings

Topographic MAPS \$4.00

Tree Planting SPADES \$35.00

Wildflower SEED (each pkt plants 100 sq ft)

Woodland BULBS A variety available on the Spring Tree Order Form

Crawford-Roscommon
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PO Box 156
Roscommon MI 48653

Standard Mail
US Postage PAID
Permit # 26
Roscommon MI 48653

Current Resident or

Please provide us with your e-mail address; it will only be used to inform you of updated info on Conservation & Recycling meetings, events and projects in a timely cost-effective manner.

WEBSITE: crawford-roscommoncd.weebly.com

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"Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."
Warren Buffett