

# Wetlands Do the Dirty Work

*Incentives for Landowners to be Wetland Stewards*

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**6:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Harbert Community Church**

6444 Harbert Rd. Sawyer, MI 49125

*This Workshop is Free with Light Refreshments.*

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Wetlands have long been one of Nature's most misunderstood natural resources. The true value of wetlands was not realized until most of them were drained or filled. Remaining wetlands offer many benefits such as controlling floods, filtering water, and providing fish and wildlife habitat.

The health of Lake Michigan and all the streams flowing to the lake is dependent upon all the wetlands near you.

Marshes, swamps, fens, bogs and other mucky places keep our water clean!

**The program includes:**

- Information on financial incentives, programs and tools to protect and/or restore your wetlands.
  - A presentation on the state of wetlands in the area.
- An explanation of a new tool that ranks wetlands by the functions they serve.
- An opportunity to talk with representatives from agencies that can assist you with wetland protection and restoration on your property.

**Participating Organizations:**

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Berrien Conservation District,  
Chikaming Open Lands, The Conservation Fund,  
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), US Fish & Wildlife Service