

Newaygo Conservation District

April Newsletter

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What is that MAEAP thing?

A word about the statewide innovative program

MAEAP stands for Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program. MAEAP's mission is to develop and implement a proactive environmental assurance program ensuring that Michigan farmers are engaging in cost-effective pollution prevention practices and working to comply with

verified, a lovely sign is provided to advertise their commitment to the program. MAEAP has three-phase process: 1) education; 2) farm-specific risk assessment and practice implementation; and 3) on-farm verification that ensure the farmer has implemented environmentally sound



state and federal environmental regulations. MAEAP is a program designed for farms of all sizes and commodities and helps them prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks. MAEAP is voluntary and confidential but once a farm is

practices. For more information or if you are interested in starting the program, call our office and ask for Luke Cotton, our MAEAP technician for both Newaygo and Muskegon counties.

Upcoming Events

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April 29th

2pm – 11pm

National Astronomy Day

Take your family out to the Kropscott Farm and Environmental Center for a day full of activities for the whole family! More details in the body of the newsletter.

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June 9

1pm – 6pm

Native Plant Workshop and Sale

Join us in learning about using native plants in your landscaping! The FREE 2-hour workshop is followed by a sale of plants native to Michigan. Pre-order your plants now!

Location: Kropscott Farm,
6523 West Baseline Rd,
Fremont MI

**Check out newaygocd.org
for more details!**

Kropscott Farm Environmental Center

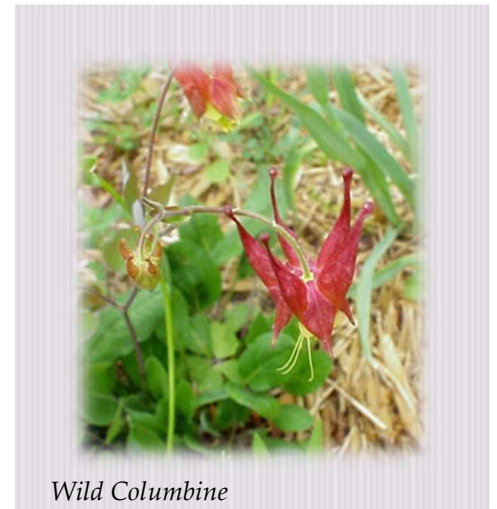
Have you heard of the Kropscott Farm? Or maybe the Stephen Wessling Observatory? In the summer of 1996, Earle and Mildred Kropscott of Fremont requested that the Board of Directors for the Newaygo Conservation District accept a donation of 80 acres of land. The Board of Directors accepted the Kropscott's gracious offer which included a farm house, barn, and approximately 40 acres of virgin timber. The Kropscott's wishes for this property are that it be used for educational purposes, agricultural purposes, and scientific studies pertaining to the environment and our natural resources. The Board of Directors has honored those wishes and continues to make this property a place for everyone to utilize and to visit.

Keep an eye out for events hosted at the farm, including an upcoming celebration for National Astronomy Day on April 29th from 2pm – 11pm. Activities include solar viewing, wagon rides, videos, birding walk, planetarium show and much more! A special presentation by Laura Hartman, WZZM Meteorologist is also happening at 5pm. In addition to the April 29th event, Kropscott can also host your next school field trip! Call for more information!

Native Plant Sale

On June 9th, Newaygo CD will host their annual Native Plant Sale at the Kropscott Farm. The sale will feature

plants native to Michigan and includes some rare plants. Pre-ordering is the best way to guarantee you get the plants you want but some plants will be available for purchase the day of the sale. Pick-up of pre-orders and the actual sale begins at 3pm and goes until 6pm. A free 2 hour workshop will also be held there before the sale and be done by Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature.



Wild Columbine

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