

Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership

Spring/Summer, 2012 Volunteer Opportunities

(As of March 5, 2012)

Earth Day Fair at MAREC

Saturday, April 28, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership will host an informational display on recent remediation and restoration projects, alongside a display on the Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program. Set up is between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to update the display and to attend it between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. **Please contact Kathy Evans at kathy@muskegonlake.org or (231) 722-7878 x 17 if you can help.**

Grand Trunk Restoration Partnership - Annual Volunteer Event

Friday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Community volunteers are needed to be team leaders for a relatively large number of K-12 students. This annual event includes trash pick-up, weeding of habitat plantings, removal of invasive plants, bird house maintenance, monitoring and other special projects that are developed by members of the GTRP each year (Lakeside Neighborhood, former paper mill union volunteers, Bunker, Nims and Steel Schools teachers, City of Muskegon, MLWP and WMSRDC). Grand Trunk is located at McCracken and Lakeshore Drive in the Lakeside Business District. **Please contact: Mark Evans, (231) 343-4462 or mevans1899@yahoo.com to sign up.**

Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program – Volunteer Training

Thursday, April 26 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This program is geared toward adult nature enthusiasts, amateur naturalists and birders. **For more information about what is involved in the volunteer program, please contact Carolyn Weng, wengch@gmail.com.** A \$5.00 fee covers a light supper. Bird Studies Canada provides monitoring kits free of charge. **To register for the training, please contact Kathy Evans, kathy@muskegonlake.org or (231) 722-7878 x 17**

Native Shoreline Habitat Maintenance – Mini Workshop

Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

This workshop will be tailored specifically to MLWP volunteers and landowners of the NOAA Muskegon Lake fish and wildlife habitat restoration projects. Cardno-JFNew, the project's lead design engineer, will present maintenance plans for various restoration native plant restoration sites including Heritage Landing, Grand Trunk and areas along Lakeshore Trail. Participants will learn how to properly care for and maintain the restoration projects. **Pre-Registration required by May 21, 2012: Kathy Evans, kathy@muskegonlake.org**

Other ongoing volunteer opportunities:

Volunteers with experience or training in native plant habitat maintenance are needed to act as “team leaders” for groups involved in relatively large-scale volunteer events, annually. Trained volunteers are needed to help lead less experienced volunteers and students with shoreline habitat restoration/native plant weeding and enhancements. In addition to the annual Grand Trunk event, two additional large-scale volunteer events are in the planning stages for 2012: ***Tentatively***, an Alcoa employee event will be held at Heritage Landing on Saturday, June 9, and a Herman Miller Spirit Day at Grand Trunk, Lakeshore Trail and Ruddiman Creek (August/September date to be determined). ***Please contact Kathy Evans if you can be called on to volunteer as a team leader for annual events and for larger volunteer group events such as these. Thanks!***

To add your Muskegon Lake Watershed volunteer opportunity to this list, please e-mail the details to Kathy Evans at kevans@wmsrdc.org or kathy@muskegonlake.org