

# Natural Area Advisory Group Meeting Highlights

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Oakland County Executive Office Building  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, 41 W  
Waterford, MI 48328-0412

## Attendees:

Katie Anderson, Ryan Dividock, Kathleen Dougherty, Larry Falardeau, Jacy Garrison, Martha Gruelle, Sue Julian, Jim Lloyd, Lorna McEwen, Jim Reed, Jennifer Tucker, Kristen Wiltfang, Erin Lavender, Nancy Tar, Brandy Siedlaczek, Lorna McEwen, Kathleen Klein, Merrie Carlock, Carol Lenchek, Gisela Lendle King, Heather Huffstutler, Jill Hollowell, Sue Tepatti, Jay Blair, Jim Keglovitz, Kristen Wiltfang

## Resources\*:

- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (PowerPoint)

\* The above resources can be obtained by emailing Jim Keglovitz - [keglovitzj@oakgov.com](mailto:keglovitzj@oakgov.com)

## Meeting Summary:

- 1) INTRODUCTIONS (JIM KEGLOVITZ, OAKLAND COUNTY PLANNING)
- 2) Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas II (Mike Champagne, Regional Coordinator)

The [Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas](#) is a resource that shares information regarding the status of Michigan bird life. Volunteers survey the entire state in an effort to record and map in an atlas the birds which breed in Michigan. This information has proved invaluable for conservation planning efforts, but there are indications that bird distribution and abundance has changed since the first atlas was created.

In 2002, the Kalamazoo Nature Center was contracted to coordinate the creation of a second Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas.

You don't need to be a pro to help. Volunteering is a great way to gain experience birding and an opportunity to get your kids experiencing the outdoors.

- 3) Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (Jay Blair, Natural Resources Conservation District)

The [Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program](#) (WHIP) provides technical and financial assistance to landowners who are interested in creating high-quality wildlife habitat that support wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance.

Since WHIP began in 1998, nearly 14,700 participants have enrolled more than 2.3 million acres into the program.

- 4) Think Green Initiative (Kathleen Kline, Waste Management)

Kathleen provided an overview of the [thinkgreen.com](http://thinkgreen.com) website and Waste Managements overall efforts to become more environmentally sustainable.

**5) Discussion/Group Highlights:**

**a. Updates/Notes**

- i. **Jim Reed:** “Independence Goes Green”, is a committee in Independence Township created to help put an open space millage question on the November 2008 ballot. Contact Jim for more information:  
[Jimreed214@aol.com](mailto:Jimreed214@aol.com)
- ii. **Jill Hollowell:** [Plan C conference](#) is this weekend.
- iii. **Carole Lenchek:** MSU Extension is holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conservation Stewards Program. More details to com
- iv. **Heather Huffstutler:** Stewardship Network – If you have ideas for Headwaters Cluster 2009 workdays pass them on to Heather ([hhuffstutler@sixriversrlc.org](mailto:hhuffstutler@sixriversrlc.org))

The Stewardship Network announced a new cluster – “Lake Plain”

**The Next Quarterly NAAG meeting is scheduled for  
Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

2009 Natural Area Advisory Group meeting schedule:

January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM

April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM

July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM

October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 AM