

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AFTERNOON SESSION – 3:00 P.M.

February 18, 2021

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM:

Marilynn Bradstrom _____
District 1

William Routley _____
District 7

Jerrilynn Strong _____
District 2

Linda Howard _____
District 3

Ray Steinke _____
District 4

Tom O'Neil _____
District 5

Wendy Nystrom _____
District 6

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Minutes – February 4, 2021

**4. PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:
(5 MINUTES PER PERSON LIMIT)**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. CMCH Board Appointment

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Pre-approved Bills: \$648,594.65
Non-approved Bills: \$88,451.23

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

**10. PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:
(5 MINUTES PER PERSON LIMIT)**

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Riley MacKenzie Fund Letter
Dated January 30, 2021

12. MINUTES & REPORTS:

1. Personnel Committee – February 2, 2021
2. Sheriff & Jail – February 3, 2021
3. Finance

13. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Antrim County Resolution - #09-2021
2. Tuscola County Resolution - #2021-03
3. Jackson County Resolution - #06-20.19
4. Menominee County Resolution - #2021-06
5. Missaukee County Resolution - #2021-2

14. MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE

3:15 – Brook Baumann – Hazardous Waste and Invasive
Species Programs

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

Chair Marilynn Bradstrom called the morning session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 A.M. via Zoom. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioners present on roll call: Marilynn Bradstrom, Jerri Strong, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil, Wendy Nystrom and William Routley.

Others present: Paul Bullock, County Administrator and Marcee Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk.

W. Routley moved to reconsider the action of January 21, 2021 denying the Park Commission's request to place a resolution on the February 4th Agenda for a millage question at the upcoming May election. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 4 yeas, 3 nays [Strong, Howard, O'Neil]; motion carried.

W. Routley moved that the Agenda be amended to add an item 5.3 – Resolution #2021-03 – Park Community-Oriented Improvement Plan Millage Proposal. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 4 yeas, 3 nays [Strong, Howard, O'Neil]; motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS:

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda as amended. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Howard moved to approve the January 21, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**5.1 WORK SHARE/FURLOUGH PROGRAM**

P. Bullock explained a request for the Chair to sign a Letter of Understanding with the TPOAM Union regarding the Work Share/Furlough Program that 21 employees are utilizing.

J. Strong moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Understanding with TPOAM Union extending the Work Share/Furlough Program and addressing vacation time accumulation. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

5.2 LETTER OF AGREEMENT – MORTON TOWNSHIP/MECOSTA COUNTY

L. Howard moved to approve the Letter of Agreement between Morton Township and Mecosta County to perform the needed building inspections while they search for an inspector, retroactive to December 1, 2020 and through June 30, 2021. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

5.3 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-03 – PARK COMMUNITY-ORIENTED IMPROVEMENT PLAN MILLAGE PROPOSAL

W. Routley moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-03 – Park Community-Oriented Improvement Plan Millage Proposal. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays [Howard, O’Neil]; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-04 – AMENDING EMS FEE SCHEDULE

J. Strong moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-04 – Amending EMS Fee Schedule. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-05 – SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESS

L. Howard moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-05 – Resolution of Support for Local Businesses. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 UNITED WAY GRANT – COA

W. Routley moved to approve Cynthia Mallory’s request to apply for a United Way Grant. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Steinke moved to approve a request to purchase a 2021 AWD Equinox off the State MiDeal Program for Emergency Mgmt/EMS at a cost of \$21,436 plus mileage of \$1.75/mile from Grand Rapids. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$697,872.02 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$61,380.67. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

W. Routley reported attending Personnel Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Personnel Committee:

W. Routley moved to approve proposed Letters of Understanding for the Road Patrol and Corrections Unit that would allow the Sheriff, with concurrence of the Personnel Committee, to bring officers into the organization up to the 3-year pay rate dependent on pertinent experience. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard reported attending Morton Township Meeting, Village of Mecosta Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Finance & Regular Meetings and today's Commission Meeting.

T. O'Neil reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Sheriff & Jail:

Tom gave a report on the recent meeting.

J. Strong reported attending Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Chippewa Township Meeting, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

EMS Committee:

J. Strong moved to approve a request from Mr. Ladd to purchase 3 tablets from Precision Data at a cost of \$11,285.10. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Nystrom reported attending EMS Committee, DHHS Board Meeting, District 10 Health Meeting, Michigan Works Orientation, City of Big Rapids Meeting, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Big Rapids Township Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Michigan Works Board Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

R. Steinke reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Town and Gown Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported the following:

- Furlough/Work Share Programs are still utilizing about 21 staff.
- Gave an update on the Building & Grounds projects that have been completed.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Kenn Vredenburg – Austin Township Supervisor - thanked the Board for doing a good job; addressed concerns regarding the Parks' millage proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

W. Routley requested that Cynthia Mallory be invited to a future meeting and give an update and personal insight on how things are going at the Senior Center; extend the invitation to other Department Heads.

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-7, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-2. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 11:16 A.M.



Marcee M. Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk and
Clerk for the Board of Commissioners

Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners



Mecosta County Board of Commissioners
400 Elm Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307

January 30, 2021

Dear Mecosta County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for the \$700.00 allocation to use for spaying and neutering in Mecosta County in 2020. We are very grateful to you for these monies to use in our county. We are hopeful that 2021 brings us more county money for this project.

Attached is proof from just one of the Veterinarian Clinics that we work with that we have used your monies for spay/neuter. This year we have again spent thousands of dollars on spaying and neutering animals in Mecosta County. As in other years well over 100 animals have been spayed or neutered. As stated in our prior letter we do use all clinics in the area but the proof we are sending this year is from 19 Mile Veterinary Animal Hospital.

Again, thank you for the funding to spay/neuter pets in our county. Please call me with any questions 231-796-2455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra J.M. Szot".

Debra J.M. Szot
President and Founder, Riley MacKenzie Fund

Cc: Trent Livermore, Animal Control Officer

RECEIVED
JAN 31 2021
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Receipt Number 436
Payment Entry Date 12/2/2020 8:39 AM
Amount Paid \$1,278.52
Payment Mastercard \$1,278.52
Cashier Taylor A.

Invoice Number 261
Date 11/12/2020

Patient	Provider	Description	Date	Quantity	Subtotal	Tax	Total
spay RMF-CANINE 1	Dana Kruse, D.V.M.	Riley MacKenzie Fund Payment	12/1/2020	1	\$200.15	\$0.00	\$200.15
spay RMF-CANINE 1	Dana Kruse, D.V.M.	Riley MacKenzie Fund Payment	12/1/2020	1	\$344.69	\$0.00	\$344.69
RMF-FELINE	Linda Kudrycki, D.V.M.	MISCELLANEOUS	11/12/2020	1	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
RMF-FELINE 1	Linda Kudrycki, D.V.M.	MISCELLANEOUS	11/18/2020	1	\$65.60	\$0.00	\$65.60
spay RMF-FELINE 3	Linda Kudrycki, D.V.M.	Riley MacKenzie Fund Payment	11/27/2020	1	\$312.19	\$0.00	\$312.19
RMF-FELINE 1	Linda Kudrycki, D.V.M.	MISCELLANEOUS	11/27/2020	1	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
spay RMF-FELINE 1	Dana Kruse, D.V.M.	Riley MacKenzie Fund Payment	12/1/2020	1	\$139.10	\$0.00	\$139.10
spay RMF-FELINE 1	Dana Kruse, D.V.M.	Riley MacKenzie Fund Payment	12/1/2020	1	\$131.79	\$0.00	\$131.79
Subtotal						\$1,278.52	
Tax						\$0.00	
Invoice Total						\$1,278.52	
Paid in Transaction						\$1,278.52	
Paid to Date						\$1,278.52	
Amount Remaining						\$0.00	

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 2, 2021 2:00 PM

Zoom ID 608 471 9153

PRESENT: Bill Routley – Chair, Wendy Nystrom, Jerrilynn Strong

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Bullock, Sheriff Miller, Undersheriff Williams, Capt. Wood, Lt. Danielson.

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed Letters of Understanding Road Patrol and Corrections:
The Committee reviewed proposed Letters of Understanding regarding Lateral Hires into the units. The proposals would allow the Sheriff to, with concurrence of the Personnel Committee, bring experienced officers into the organization at up to the three year pay rate. This would depend on pertinent experience and would not affect any other benefit. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the two proposed letters of Understanding be approved by the Board.**

Meeting: At the Call of the Chair.

Adjournment: 2:17 PM

SHERIFF AND JAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 3, 2021 10:00 AM Virtual @ Zoom

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PRESENT: Tom O'Neil – Chair, Bill Routley, Wendy Nystrom, Sheriff Miller, Undersheriff Williams, Capt. Wood, and Paul Bullock.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

- Transition: Sheriff Miller briefed the Committee on the continuing transition. Transparency and openness are priority. Facebook is being used to introduce the staff to a larger public. Weekly leadership meetings are being conducted. He advised that they are continuing to review grant opportunities for various specialty equipment.
- Personnel: The Sheriff advised that they are still in the process of revising the employment process. The application period for current vacancies will close next Friday. Two applicants are in the process, a third is interested, and a fourth is still in school with graduation in May.
- Grant Writing: One of the clerical staff will be going to grant writing school.

JAIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NONE

UNDERSHERIFF'S REPORT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: 10:21 AM

NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Location: Zoom 608 971 9153



ANTRIM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Bellaire, Michigan 49615
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Chairman: **TERRY VANALSTINE**

January 28, 2021

At the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered.

RESOLUTION #09-2021, by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Christian Marcus

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF LOCAL BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 is having direct impact on all County residents which includes, but is not limited to, physical and mental health care difficulties, education constraints, and financial strain; and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners furthermore recognizes that the local hospitality industry is being hit particularly hard with financial losses due to restrictions associated with COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners believes that the ability of County residents and visitors to patronize local restaurants, hotels, recreational venues, etc., contributes substantially to the overall well-being of the County; and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners is aware of many options to support the small businesses such as ordering takeout, using gift cards, and making advanced reservations, and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners believe small businesses engaged in food service can operate safely by practicing ServSafe health and safety practices specific to operating during a COVID-19 pandemic and limiting occupancy, while meeting the needs of the customer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners encourages County residents to support their local businesses, particularly during the course of the pandemic, without fear.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both the Speaker of the State House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the State Senate along with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and all counties within the State of Michigan.

Yes – Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers,

Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No – Karen Bargo;

Absent – None.

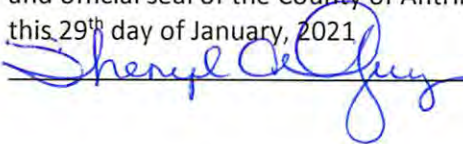
RESOLUTION #09-2021 DECLARED ADOPTED.

ANTRIM COUNTY CLERK, BELLAIRE, MI
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ANTRIM, ss

I, Sheryl A. Guy, Clerk of the Clerk of the County of Antrim,
certify the above is a true and exact copy of the original
record now remaining in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and official seal of the County of Antrim

this 29th day of January, 2021



County Clerk



**TUSCOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Caro MI 48723

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**Resolution Declaring Tuscola County a Constitutional Second
Amendment Sanctuary County
2021-03**

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan held on 14th day of January, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Douglas DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Commissioner Vaughan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption with a second provided by Commissioner Grimshaw.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to The Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state"; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to reaffirm its commitment and support of The Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Tuscola County citizens' individual rights; and

WHEREAS, each Tuscola County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath to support The Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution.

WHEREAS, a "Constitutional Sanctuary County" is defined as a place of refuge for the law abiding citizen in regards to the citizens' rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including but not limited to the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Tuscola, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Constitutional Sanctuary County."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board affirms its support for the Tuscola County Sheriff and the Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to NOT enforce any statute or law

that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution against any law abiding citizen of Tuscola County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board will not authorize or appropriate funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the purposes of enforcing any law that restricts the rights of any law abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights which would be considered to be unconstitutional; and

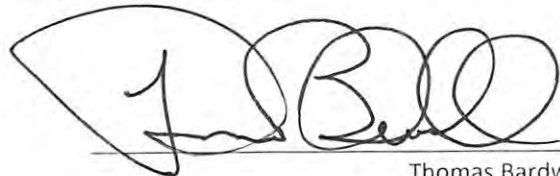
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board respectfully requests the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, law or regulation that may infringe, have tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Kevin Daley, House Representative Phil Green, the other 82 counties in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congress Members Lisa McClain and Dan Kildee and U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: DuRussel, Grimshaw, Young, Vaughan, Bardwell

Those Commissioners voting against: None

This Resolution was declared adopted.



Thomas Bardwell

Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

As also signed by:

Mark E. Reese, Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney



Glen Skrent, Tuscola County Sheriff

I, Jodi Fetting, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County held on the 14th day of January, 2021, the original of which is on file in the County Clerk Office. Public notice of such meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 14th day of January, 2021.



Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Jackson County Board of Commissioners**Resolution No. 06-20.19****Resolution in Support of the Request to Reopen Jackson County of Jackson**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Jackson, State of Michigan, states:

WHEREAS, since March 24, 2020, the people of the State of Michigan have been under a stay-at-home order and unable to go to work, gather in public or even visit family or friends in an effort to “flatten the curve” and attempt to stop the novel coronavirus that was infecting so many people and overwhelming our health care system in some urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer has issued a series of Executive Orders addressing the Coronavirus pandemic, most recently known as the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” directives, and said directives are “one size fits all”; and

WHEREAS, it is undisputed that the novel coronavirus is highly communicable and dangerous primarily to those with comorbidity factors, but that “the curve” has been flattened and our health care system is capable of receiving and treating patients. What is also undisputed is that the current level of lockdown is unnatural and is itself the source of numerous other community problems, including rising rates of domestic violence, depression and suicides, and that this unreasonable extended prohibition on normal human interaction is having negative impact and making us less neighborly, less human and more isolated. Also, it is undisputed that many individuals and businesses are suffering significant economic harm from the ongoing indiscriminate lockdown. Finally, the response to the coronavirus is causing residents in our area to fear going to the hospital for their actual, real medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a harsh and protracted quarantine of the presumptively healthy for the sake of the few medically vulnerable is not sustainable in a society, and inasmuch as Jackson County meets the conditions of the MI Safe Start Plan to Reopen Michigan, it should be permitted to return to our natural freedoms; and

WHEREAS, a May 18, 2020 communication from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services directs that under Executive Orders 2020-69, 2020-71, 2020-91 and 2020-92, local Health Departments and law enforcement *shall* report to an appropriate licensing agency any violations of the above noted Executive orders; and

WHEREAS, in said communication from MDHHS, law enforcement is encouraged to “...*bar access to businesses and operations that fail to comply...*” with the above noted Executive Orders; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners refuses to participate in such license reporting requirements or barring access to businesses and operations that fail to comply with the continuing Executive Orders; and

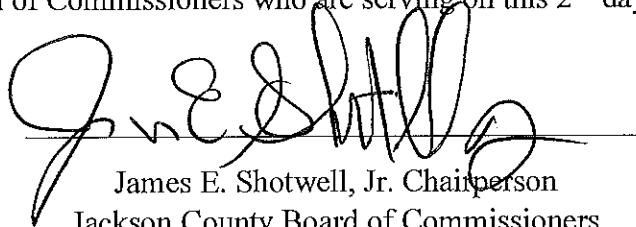
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners directs the Administrator/Controller to notify department heads that no funds or resources under the control of the Board of Commissioners are to be expended for such enforcement action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to protect the safety, welfare and rights of our County residents and businesses, and to state clearly our desire to reopen our community as soon as possible, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, believing that it is inappropriate to indiscriminately lock areas whose demographics and cases are so dissimilar to the areas that were so badly affected, hereby requests the reopening Region 7 in the Governor's MI Safe Start Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Whitmer, State Representative Alexander and Lightner and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, which this Board affirms its support for the Jackson County Sheriff and the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's use of sound legal discretion and supports the continued measured, thoughtful and humane approach in the enforcement of the prohibitions issued by the Governor.

This resolution was adopted by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held at the American 1 Event Center located at 128 West Ganson St., Jackson Michigan, Jackson County Michigan, by an affirmative vote of no less than FIVE of the members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners who are serving on this 2nd day of June, 2020.



James E. Shotwell, Jr. Chairperson
Jackson County Board of Commissioners
June 2, 2020

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Amanda Kirkpatrick, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Jackson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of the County of

Resolution No. 06-20.19 Jackson, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2020 at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Amanda Kirkpatrick, County Clerk

"Menominee County – Where the Best of Michigan Begins"

MENOMINEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION – 2021-06

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY MICHIGAN COUNTIES IN OPPOSING CURRENT AND FUTURE ORDERS UNILATERALLY ISSUED BY GOVERNOR WHITMER AND STATE AGENCIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, Antrim County, Baraga County, Delta County, Grand Traverse County, Houghton County, and Kalkaska County have recently passed resolutions opposing orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and various state agencies in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Menominee County wishes to voice our solidarity with the other counties in the State of Michigan in opposing orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and various state agencies in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has caused an unprecedented time in our history; however, even in the time of crisis the basic civil liberties and foundations of our society must be preserved; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer and the various state agencies do not have authority to unilaterally impose orders that essentially equate into laws. This function is reserved by the Michigan Legislature and is essential to the checks and balances upon the three branches of government; and

WHEREAS, Menominee County acknowledges that there are differing opinions on the path to be taken in response to COVID-19; however, those debates and decisions are to be made by the legislators that have been duly elected by the People of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the draconian orders that have been issued thus far throughout the pandemic have resulted in irreparable harm to the economy, education of youth, and mental health of residents in Menominee County; and

WHEREAS, Menominee County would like to gesture to other counties in the State of Michigan that Menominee County is an ally in any collective effort initiated to challenge the legality of the orders and restrictions issued by Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, or any other state agency that were unilaterally imposed without the approval of the Michigan Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Menominee County does not dismiss the seriousness of COVID-19; however, the response to the threat must be appropriate and justified. Unfortunately, the orders issued by Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have resulted in, and are indicative of, inflicting future collateral damage to the local economy, small businesses, and families that far exceed the actual threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Menominee County supports common sense approaches to combat COVID-19, such as: following social distancing recommendations, health screenings for employees and customers, promoting healthy hygienic practices, and encouraging individuals that are considered high risk to continue to self-quarantine and adhere to the strictest recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Menominee County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Michigan Legislature to fulfill their duty to the People of the State of Michigan and restore the checks and balances essential to our democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we do not support the expenditure of county funds to enforce orders unilaterally imposed by Governor Whitmer and state agencies that do not have the authority of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Menominee County Board of Commissioners support a collective action by the counties in the State of Michigan to challenge the legality of the orders and restrictions put forth unvirtuously in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic by the Executive Branch of Government in the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Beau LaFave, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Association of Counties, and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote: AYES: 6 NAYS: 3

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


Larry Phelps, County Board Chairman

2/9/2021
Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MENOMINEE)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of **Resolution 2021-06** adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on **February 9, 2021**, and I further certify that the public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.


Marc Kleiman, Menominee County Clerk

**MISSAUKEE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-2
PANDEMIC RESOLUTION**

The Missaukee County Board of Commissioners, at a Regular Meeting, February 9, 2021, reviewed and approved the following:

WHEREAS, we live in a time of pandemic; and

WHEREAS, we are now entering into the second year of the global pandemic which has impacted every Missaukee County citizen in a myriad ways; and

WHEREAS, the threat from the virus, though serious, has resulted in a thwarting of constitutional liberties and personal freedoms without sufficient regard for ongoing and potentially irreparable economic, emotional, educational and other societal abuses; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer working with the Attorney General, Secretary of State, the Directors of the Michigan Health Department and the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, did engage in fining, penalizing, and revoking the licenses of businesses for failure to obey and enforce the unconstitutional Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, the orders by the MDHHS lack legislative support of the democratically elected representatives, having been initiated unilaterally and unconstitutionally by the Governor of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the orders by the MDHHS have disallowed any degree of personal accountability, eroded constitutional rights of citizens and have placed undue burden and restrictions on local businesses, local employees and the citizens of Missaukee County; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued orders without providing funding or sufficient guidance for the enforcement of such orders; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Amendment to the constitution states: "*Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*"; and

WHEREAS, title 18, u.s.c. section 241 says "*If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same...*" Title 18, u.s.c 242 says "*Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for*

the punishment of citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both"; and

WHEREAS, the right and responsibility of individuals to self-determine what is best for their own health, liberty and pursuit of happiness is necessary and ensured by our Constitution, which we have taken an oath to defend and uphold;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Missaukee County Commission calls upon the Michigan Legislature to exercise their co-equal authority by adopting constitutionally sound measures which limit the unchecked exercise and abuse of executive power, which restore individual responsibility and accountability, and which return Michigan to the ranks of freedom-loving governments everywhere.

FURTHER, The Missaukee County Commission does not support the expenditure of any county funds for the purpose of arrest and prosecution of any person accused of violating MDHHS emergency orders regarding COVID-19, and encourages the Missaukee County Sheriff's Department and The Missaukee County Prosecutors Office to uphold their oaths of office to support the Constitution, which is the Supreme Law of the land, and make this the lowest priority;

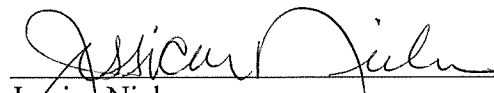
FURTHER, we call upon the citizens of Missaukee County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining for themselves what is best for themselves, for their own families and loved ones and how to contend with the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus;

FURTHER, we call upon local businesses to use their own good judgement to operate in a manner which minimizes risk to patrons while protecting the health and welfare of their businesses, care for their employees, and the community;

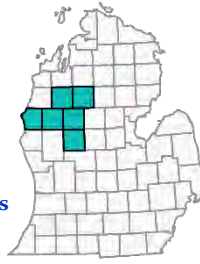
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both United States Senators, all Michigan Members of Congress, both Speakers of the House of Representative and the Senate, along with the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan, along with the Michigan Township Association and all Townships, Cities and Villages within Michigan.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, the undersigned, Clerk/Register of Missaukee County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Missaukee County Board of Commissioners at its Regular Meeting held February 9, 2021.



Jessica Nielsen
Missaukee County Clerk/Register of Deeds



2020 Annual Report

Despite the myriad of challenges that marked the year 2020, a number of positive developments occurred for NCCISMA. Due to funding and logistical considerations early in the year, the field season was forced to start late. Still, NCCISMA was lucky to have two highly skilled and experienced field staff working from mid-summer through late fall. In 2020, 243 acres of invasive species control was achieved at 148 sites in the region. Another boon for NCCISMA came in mid-September, when we welcomed a new Outreach Coordinator to our ranks. To accommodate this new staff member, Wexford County has generously allowed the expansion of NCCISMA's office space at the county courthouse to allow our full year-round team to work together from one central location. All of NCCISMA's previous treatment sites were monitored in 2020, and at five of these sites there was no regrowth, one year after the last treatment. These included four Phragmites treatment locations, one each in Lake, Mason, Missaukee, and Osceola Counties, and one wild parsnip treatment location in Mason County.

2020 Survey, Control, Restoration, & Inquiry Responses						
	Lake	Mason	Mecosta	Missaukee	Osceola	Wexford
Property owner consultations	14	18	17	10	11	20
Mechanical Control (sites/acres)	0	2/2	1/3	0	2/3	2/1
Chemical Control (sites/acres)	8/31	34/52	15/23	11/13	15/51	58/64
Cost-shared treatments	4	23	2	8	4	28
Invasive Species Surveys (acres)	0	521	181	51	0	0
Restoration work (sites/acres)	0	1/5	0	0	1/17	2

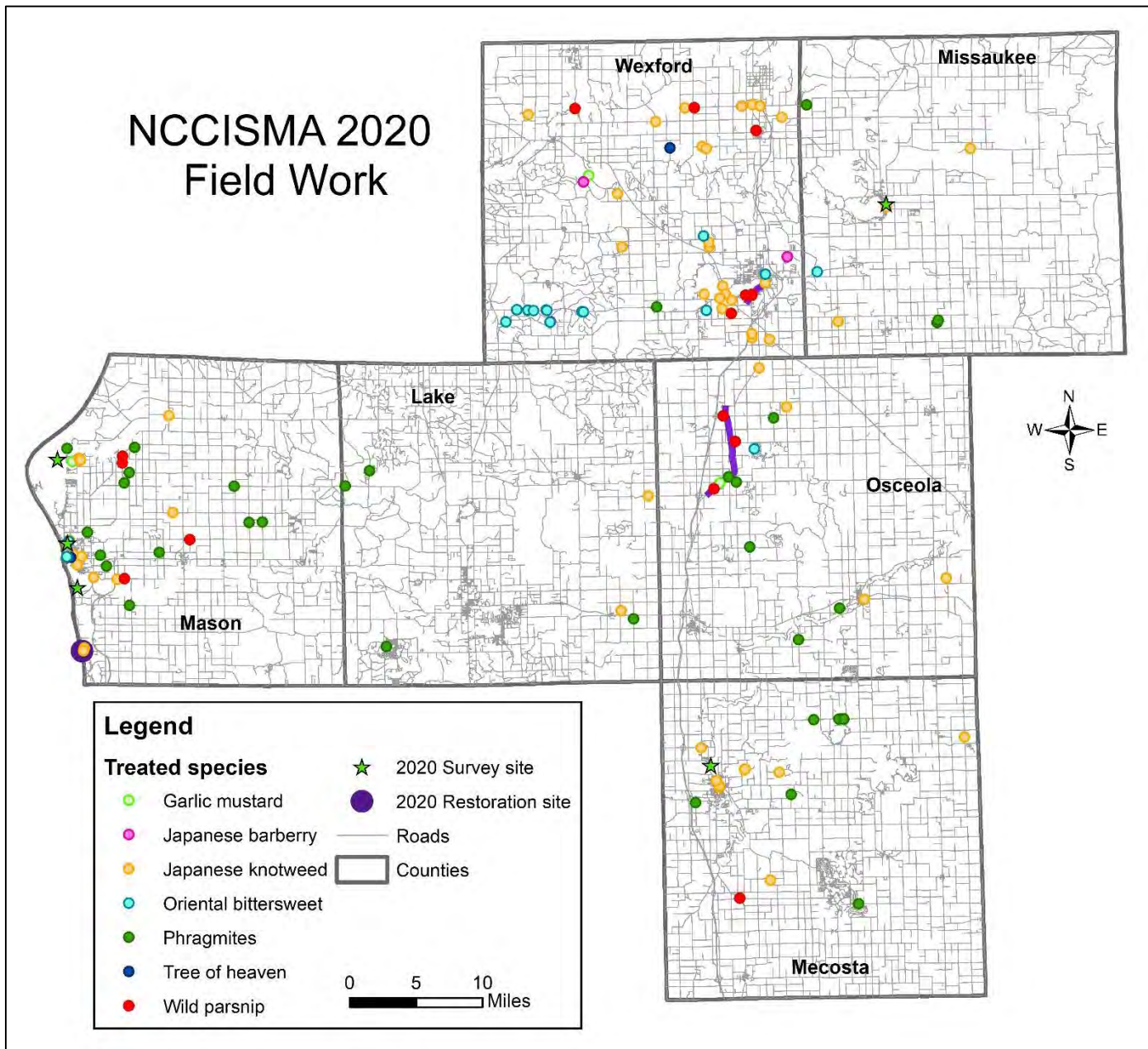
Cost-share Program

Much of the control work accomplished in 2020 was done as part of our cost-share program. This program provides control at half of cost to landowners/managers. The number of jobs that NCCISMA was hired for more than doubled from 2020 to 2021. Several area county road commissions (CRC) account for the biggest increases in program participation. Both Missaukee and Wexford CRCs hired NCCISMA to treat Japanese knotweed and Phragmites, and Mason CRC paid NCCISMA to treat wild parsnip on their roadsides.

The cost-share program received a boost from other partners in 2020 as well. This was the second year that the Hamlin Lake Preservation Society (HLPS) provided additional cost-share for



their members, covering half of the landowner's portion of the cost of control. HLPS supplemented cost-share jobs account for six of the 23 cost-share jobs in Mason County. Inspired by this, the Lake County Riverside Property Owners Association (LCRPOA) has decided to offer a similar program for their own members in 2021.



Parks and Trails Initiatives

In addition to cost-share jobs in 2020, control and restoration work was done in parks and on trails to maintain progress that was accomplished in previous years. Furthermore, follow-up surveys were performed to verify and update 2018 and 2019 data. Survey data will be used to produce invasive species management plans for parks in Osceola County, and for the cities of Cadillac, Big Rapids, Evart, and Lake City. Other parks/trails work achieved in 2020 includes restoration planting at Summit Township

Park in Mason County, and cover crop seeding along the White Pine Trail in Wexford and Osceola Counties.

Working in these publicly visible areas often presents the opportunity for spontaneous outreach by the field crew. Approximately eight days spent by the field crew working on the White Pine Trail in 2020 provided the opportunity for them to speak about NCCISMA, and the work being done on the trail, to 39 different people.

Partner Funded Invasive Species Surveys

In 2020, several new surveys were performed on request of partners that agreed to cover the cost for NCCISMA's time in performing these surveys. With funding from HLPS, surveys were performed along 88 linear miles of roadsides surrounding Hamlin Lake. These survey results are currently being assessed, and impacted property owners will be notified and provided with best management practices. Additionally, NCCISMA partnered with Mason-Lake Conservation District (MLCD) to survey and produce a natural resource management plan for Pere Marquette Township's new 300 acre Conservation Park.



Outreach

About half of the outreach accomplished in 2020 was performed online as part of partner workshops and webinars. In-person presentations included NCCISMA's participation in two walking tours. One of these took place at Cartier Park in Ludington with the help of a local environmental group, A Few Friends of the Environment of the World (AFFEW), and a local botany expert, Dave Dister. The other took place at Maple Grove Park in Lake City, and was hosted by the Missaukee Conservation District. The audience for this second walking tour was a group of Lake City seventh grade students.

2020 Outreach		
Description	# Efforts	# Reached
NCCISMA Articles in Print/Electronic Publications	13	43,426
Presentations at Partner Events/Meetings	14	342
Booth at Partner Events	1	74
Interviewed for Radio, Television, Print, or Internet	2	12,400
Facebook Postings	25	1,772
Invasive Species Walking Tours	2	30
Educational YouTube Videos Produced and Posted	1	90
Updates and Unique Visitors to NorthCountryInvasives.org	7	338
Temporary Educational Signs Installed	10	N/A
Spontaneous Outreach in the Field	N/A	39

Two new outreach strategies were started by NCCISMA in 2020. One of these is the production of short educational videos. NCCISMA has set up a YouTube channel to share these videos. The first of these was posted in 2020, and is on Japanese knotweed control. NCCISMA's YouTube channel can be accessed through the webpage, NorthCountryInvasives.org, or by searching NCCISMA on the YouTube webpage. The second new outreach initiative for 2020 is the installation of temporary educational signage at high traffic public treatment sites. These were placed as listed below.

Locations of Temporary Educational Signage - 2020		
County	Treatment Location	Species Addressed
Lake County	Reed Lake boat launch	Phragmites
Mason County	Summit Township Park	Japanese knotweed
	Pere Marquette State Game Area	Garlic mustard Japanese knotweed
	Cartier Park	Japanese knotweed
Mecosta County	Hemlock Park	Japanese knotweed Oriental bittersweet
	Osceola Park	Japanese knotweed
Missaukee County	Maple Grove Disc Golf Course	Japanese knotweed
Osceola County	Riverside Park East	Japanese knotweed

Muskegon River Watershed Project (MRWP)

One prime objective for the MRWP is to promote the Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch (EAPW) of Michigan Clean Water Corps' (MiCorps) Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). The EAPW empowers lakeshore owners to catch destructive invasive species quickly in their lakes, before the problems they may cause are insurmountable. The goal is to get 50 lakes within NCCISMA and the upper Muskegon River watershed to enroll in this program. An integral partner in the MRWP is the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly (MRWA).

One means to encourage participation in the EAPW is by providing free tool kits to program participants. These include all supplies that someone would need to participate; specifically, a secchi disc transparency



testing tool and a plant sampling rake. The tools in these kits were made by students of the Agriscience and Natural Resource program of the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center, and by staff and volunteers from the MRWA and NCCISMA. In 2020, ten lakes in the project area enrolled in the EAPW. Enrollees in the EAPW program in 2021 are encouraged to contact NCCISMA for their free tool kits.

To further promote the EAPW program, MRWA started their Lake Champion e-newsletter, as part of this project, in 2019. An issue was distributed to 250 subscribers in March of 2020.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)

Mason-Lake Conservation District (MLCD) has taken the lead in responding to the threat of HWA within NCCISMA. HWA is a forest pest that threatens hemlock trees. Hemlocks serve a variety of ecological benefits in Michigan's natural environment. In 2020 MLCD staff surveyed over 2,100 acres on 91 different parcels in Mason County, 84% of which were privately owned. Federal and state lands are being surveyed by Michigan



Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff. Most efforts are focused within 5 miles of Lake Michigan and along river corridors, as HWA is not known to occur further inland. MLCD staff did not themselves find any HWA, but DNR staff discovered it in Summit Township. Treatments of infested trees are undergoing control as part of a multi-county effort being overseen by NCCISMA's cohort to the south, West Michigan Cisma.

Funding

After the early set-back of a freeze in Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP) funding, all of NCCISMA's state funding was restored, and the Huron-Manistee National Forest (HMNF) has since increased NCCISMA funding, including new grants from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), and a new funding source for NCCISMA called the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA). The GNA funds invasive species control work on HMNF land using timber sale revenue. GNA funded work on U.S. Forest service land in 2020 focused on the removal of Oriental bittersweet along the M55 corridor in Wexford County.

NCCISMA 2020 Funding			
Project	Funding Source	Grant Amount	Completion Date
CISMA Base Funding 2019	MISGP	\$60,000	Completed
Strike Team Formation	MISGP	\$135,000	December 2021
Muskegon River Watershed	MISGP	\$191,900	June 2022
CISMA Base Funding 2020	MISGP	\$75,000	October 2021
Parklands Initiative II	USFS-GLRI	\$40,000	April 2021
Treatment Instruction Videos	USFS-GLRI	\$25,000	April 2022
Public Trails Initiative	USFS-GLRI	\$40,000	April 2022
Stopping Spread from Roads	USFS-GLRI	\$44,000	April 2025
Supplemental Outreach Funding	USFS-GLRI	\$2,798	April 2025
Control on USFS Land	USFS-GNA	\$25,000/year	2020, 2021, 2022

Thank you to all of our dedicated partners, organizations and individuals, that actively work with NCCISMA to stop the spread of invasive species in the region!

Special thanks go out to the following:

Wexford County Commissioners for continued donated office space for NCCISMA's three permanent staff at the Wexford County Courthouse

Wexford County Road Commission for safe winter storage of NCCISMA's herbicide inventory at their temperature controlled garage

Mecosta and Mason-Lake Conservation Districts for acting as fiduciaries on NCCISMA grants

Mecosta County Parks for allowing NCCISMA to maintain a shed for storage of supplies and equipment, and also provide a staging place for field staff

Mason-Lake and Wexford Conservation Districts for allowing NCCISMA space in their sheds for storage of supplies and equipment

Wayne Anderson for the purchase of educational brochures on the dangers and identification of wild parsnip

The members of NCCISMA's ever dedicated Steering Committee:

Dani McGarry, Mason-Lake Conservation District

Brook Baumann, Mecosta Conservation District

Michelle Hill, Missaukee Conservation District

Mark Sweppenheiser, Osceola-Lake Conservation District

Tiffany Jones, Wexford Conservation District

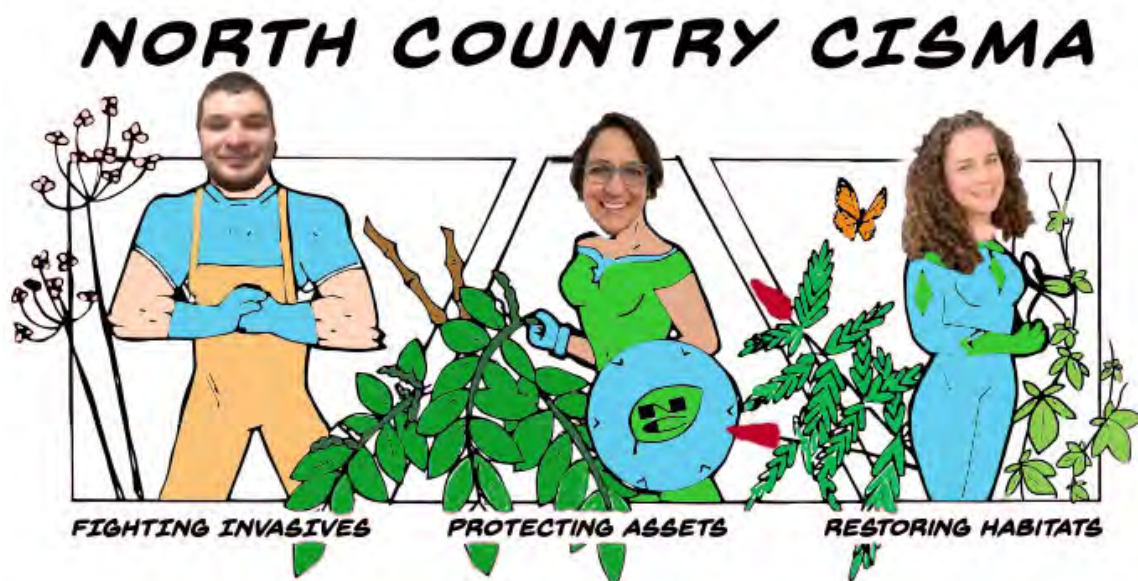
Donna Kirchhoff, Missaukee County Resident

Chris Woodley, Baker College

Carolyn Henne, Huron-Manistee National Forest

Josh Shields, FAP Forester

Erin Lizotte, Michigan State University Extension



NCCISMA's team is looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford Counties in 2021!

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Mecosta County HHW Results

Date: October 10, 2020

Location: Chippewa Hills

Number of Vehicles- **277**

Number of Households- **326**

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