Get in touch with three of our partners at these conservation districts for more information about programs, funding, and conservation:

**Lenawee Conservation District:**
(517) 263-7400 Ext. 3

**Monroe Conservation District:**
Catherine Acerboni - District Manager
catherine.acerboni@mi.nacdnet.net

**Washtenaw Conservation District:**
Megan DeLeeuw - District Manager
megan.deleeuw@macd.org

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**Cover Crops**
Protecting Our Land, Our Water

**Conservation Signs Available**
Want to share your conservation practices to those who drive by your farm? Find these signs for your property at your local Conservation District for free!

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“Water Quality Farming”

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**Our Partners:**

- Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation
- Michigan Conservation District
- River Raisin Watershed Council
- MAEAP

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“Irger has to be an optimist or he wouldn’t still be a farmer”
- Will Rodgers

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"Farmers Helping Farmers to Protect Water Quality"

**Who we are:**
A farmer-led, nonprofit group in the Western Lake Erie Basin dedicated to improving the health of the land and water.

**Our Purpose:**
To connect and communicate with others to increase conservation on the farm and reduce the amount of nutrients and sediments flowing into Lake Erie.

**How do we do this?**
- Assist in educating landowners about best management practices (BMPs).
- Share cost-sharing and funding opportunities for BMPs.
- Communicate benefits of conservation practices to the agriculture community.
- Offer working groups & listening sessions for Young Farmers, Women in Agriculture, and Certified Crop Advisors.
- Promote Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) verification.
- Coordinate field trips to demonstration farms and Lake Erie.

**Upcoming Events:**
Shoptalk & Coffee Hour Regional Meetings
Contact your local representative in the four regions of the River Raisin Watershed:
- **Northwest:** Bob Platt - rsplatt76@yahoo.com
- **Northeast:** Ed Scheffler Jr. - ed.scheffler@lenawee.mi.us
- **Southwest:** Blaine Baker - bbaker86@live.com
- **Southeast:** Jim Isley - jisley@earthlink.net

**Administrative Staff:**
Steve May (RRWC) - steve.may@lenawee.mi.us

**For additional events go to:**
www.waterqualityfarming.org/events

**Farmer-Led Assistance**

**How we can help you:**
- Get connected with other farmers interested in conservation.
- Learn about funding and benefits of BMPs.
- Be a part of working groups and listening sessions to learn more about conservation on the farm.
- Take field trips to different farms and Lake Erie to see the effects of conservation on the farm.

**Where does the Farmer-Led Conservation Group serve?**
The River Raisin Watershed covers parts of five counties in southeast Michigan.