

# Conservation Easement Workshop

## Maintaining Our Rural & Natural Heritage

*"Options and Tax Benefits for Private Landowners  
Interested in Conserving their Land"*

**Monday, September 20th**  
**6:30 pm**

**Coldwater Township Hall  
319 Sprague Road  
Coldwater, Michigan**

*Plan on attending to learn about one of the most powerful conservation and estate planning tools available to Michigan landowners who are interested in preserving privately owned farmland and natural lands for future generations.*

### **AT THE FREE WORKSHOP** **You will have the opportunity to :**

**Learn about conservation easements** what they are, how they can be used to protect and enhance your land's most valuable resources while retaining the flexibilities to manage your property as desired.

**Understand the options** to tailor conservation easements to your own property to protect natural and managed areas (farm or working forest), and learn about additional conservation programs that can be utilized in conjunction with conservation easements and offer additional tax incentives and cash payouts.

**Understand the tax benefits** of easements and significant income, property and estate tax benefits.

**Hear from a landowner** who has a conservation easement on his property and is enrolled in additional programs that supplement the value he gets back through tax incentives and program payouts.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

*Landowners, but also financial planners, accountants, attorneys, appraisers, realtors, foresters,*

**.... anyone interested in the benefits of private land conservation**

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**PLEASE RSVP by:**

**Friday, September 17th.**

**Call to Reserve Your Place:  
(517) 278-8008 x 5 or (269) 324-1600**

*Late-comers are still welcome!*

*Conservation Easement Workshop is being sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC), the Branch and Calhoun Conservation Districts, the I-69 Recreational Corridor Group, the Potawatomi RC&D Council, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Hodunk-Messenger Watershed Project (Branch County), the Crooked Creek Watershed Project (Calhoun County) and Coury Tree Farms, Inc.*