

Biodiversity Stewardship Areas Schedule of Public Meetings



Living Legacies: Managing Michigan's Diverse Natural Places

Three general meetings and four focused stakeholder meetings will be held. The focused stakeholder meetings will provide some general information, but will focus more specifically on identified issues of importance for certain stakeholder groups. All interested persons are welcome to all meetings.

- General Meetings:
 - December 7, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Conference Center of Lansing Community College's West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Dr. Lansing, MI 48917
 - December 8, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hagerty Center, 715 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686
 - December 14, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the University Center, 80 Livingston Boulevard, Gaylord, MI 49735
- Focused Stakeholder Meetings:
 - **Governments:** December 9, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI 49685
 - **Private Landowners:** December 9, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI 49685
 - **Industry** (including Forest Products, Oil, Gas & Minerals): December 15, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Otsego County Library, 700 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735
 - **Recreationists:** December 15, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Otsego County Library, 700 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735

Each meeting will include a short presentation followed by an opportunity for questions. DNRE staff will be available for one hour after each public meeting to answer questions one-on-one regarding the Department's proposed Biodiversity Stewardship Areas.

The purpose of the public information meetings is: to provide information about why the Living Legacies initiative is being implemented, how it is being implemented, and what kinds of changes may occur as a result of this initiative; to address some issues of importance that have been identified by particular stakeholder groups; to answer questions regarding the initiative; to provide an opportunity for interested parties to submit comments on the DNRE's proposed Northern Lower Peninsula Biodiversity Stewardship Areas.

Interested persons may submit prepared written comments to DNRE staff at the meetings, complete and submit a comment form at the meeting, or submit written comments by mail or email until January 14, 2010. Mail your comments to DNRE Living Legacies Comments, Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952. E-mail your comments to the DNRE at DNRE-livinglegacies@michigan.gov. All written comments received during the comment period will be considered prior to making a final decision.

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