



# Osceola-Lake & Mecosta Conservation Districts

Spring/Fall Seedling Catalog

*"Managing Our Natural Resources"*

February 2017



**MICHIGAN  
FORESTRY**  
Assistance Program

## Being a Responsible Steward

By Rick A. Lucas, CD Forester

One of the greater privileges we have, is the opportunity to become a private landowner. Whether we live on our piece of land, make a living from it, or use it to suit our lifestyle, we become responsible for the preservation and enhancement of that land and wise use of its natural resources. We become the steward of that property and are responsible for protecting the soil, water, air, plants and wildlife that come with it or leave from it. You become a responsible steward when you leave your property healthier than when you found it.

With that in mind, there are numerous programs available to aid landowners. One such program is the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Forest, Wetlands and Habitat\*A\*Syst (FWH\*A\*Syst) tool. This program will assist participants in developing and implementing a management plan that prevents contamination of groundwater and surface water resources and maintains your forest, wetland or habitat. Verified participants can enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing that their forest management system is sustainable. We're excited about the opportunities this program presents.

The Qualified Forest Program (QFP) continues to gain momentum throughout the state. Eligible QFP participants receive a significant tax break for active management of their forest resource. The QFP is proving to be a great fit for many forest owners in our part of the state. Be sure to check it out!

The list of insect and disease pests that pose serious threats to our forest resource continues to grow. All resource users need to be mindful of oak wilt concerns and the critical "Do Not Prune" period of April 15<sup>th</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Eyes on the Forest Program will continue to monitor pest activity critical to the health of hemlock, black walnut, sugar maple and many other hardwood species. Be on the lookout for anything unusual, (i.e. missing or discolored foliage, growths, insects, etc.), in our forest resource. When spotted; collect samples, take pictures and note locations. Pass the information along to our office.

The North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (NCCISMA) continues to lead the local effort with invasive plant species that wreak havoc with all of our natural resources. Consider joining the group in learning more about what you can do!

In addition to all of the above, numerous USDA Farm Bill programs can be utilized in conjunction with these programs to complement your stewardship efforts. 2017 is packed with opportunity. Give us a call to discuss management options for your property!

***2017 Seedling List & Order Form Inside!***



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### Important Ordering and Pickup Information (Please Read Carefully)

1. Complete the "2017 Spring Tree Order Form". Send order form along with deposit to the District in which your property is located. **All orders under \$50 must be paid in full at time of ordering. All other orders require a minimum \$50 deposit. Orders will not be placed without receipt of a deposit.** Balance due at time of pick-up. Orders may be placed by mail, phone, internet or fax and can be paid by check or credit card. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.
2. If your property is located in **Osceola County or the East Half of Lake County**, mail your order form with payment to:  
Osceola-Lake Conservation District  
138 W. Upton, Suite #2  
Reed City, MI 49677  
Phone orders: (231) 832-2950 ext. 5  
Fax orders: 855-790-7472  
If your property is located in **Mecosta County**, mail order form with payment to:  
Mecosta Conservation District  
18260 Northland Drive  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Phone orders: (231) 796-0909 ext. 3  
Fax orders: 855-693-2483
3. Spring ordering deadline is Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Orders received after this date will be filled based on availability.
4. Quantities are limited and orders will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis.
5. We do not guarantee survival. Our liability ceases when seedlings are delivered to buyer or custom planter.
6. *"It is unlawful for these trees, shrubs and other plants to be resold with the roots attached in accordance with the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, P.A. 189 of 1931, as amended."*
7. Pick-up location will be at the Paris Park Fish Hatchery. **Orders are not shipped.** You will be notified by post card regarding dates and times for pick-up. Dates will also be posted on our website. **Tentative dates: April 21 & 22.**
8. If you are unable to pick-up your order on the scheduled dates you must make other arrangements. **We will not be responsible for lost or stolen trees that are not picked up on the scheduled pick-up dates.**
9. Let us know if a tree planter is picking up your order. The order must be paid in full prior to pick-up.
10. The District reserves the right to cancel orders and refund payments due to reasons beyond our control.
11. No refunds on spring orders cancelled after March 24th.
12. Save this catalog for our Fall Sale. **(S)** indicates availability in the spring and **(F)** indicates availability in the fall.

### District Information

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Reed City, MI 49677  
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##### District Directors

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Mark Bontekoe, Vice-Chairman  
Dave Randall, Treasurer  
Patrick Kailing, Secretary  
L.D. Hesselink, Member

##### District Staff

Charmaine Lucas, District Manager  
Rick Lucas, District Forester  
Karen Ickes, MAEAP Technician

##### USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Greg White, District Conservationist  
Kristen Kiluk, Soil Conservationist

##### Board Meetings

Regular board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the USDA Service Center in Reed City. Call the office to confirm dates and times. Open to the public.

#### Mecosta Conservation District

18260 Northland Drive  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Phone: (231) 796-0909 ext. 3  
Fax: 855-693-2483  
Email: charmaine.lucas@mi.nacdnet.net  
Web site: www.mecostacd.org

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Clare Cook, Vice-Chairman  
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Tom Samuel, Secretary  
Bill Jernstadt, Member

##### District Staff

Charmaine Lucas, District Manager  
Rick Lucas, District Forester  
Tony Wernette, MAEAP Technician

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Jennifer Taylor, District Conservationist  
Frank Terrance, Soil Conservationist

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**2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection**  
**Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 9:00 am to 12 noon**  
**Lake County - Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin**  
**Mecosta County - Fairgrounds, 540 West Ave., Big Rapids**  
**Osceola County - Road Commission North Facility, 13353 20 Mile Rd., Tustin**










Conifers (S)pring / (F)all

<b><u>Red Pine</u></b> Pinus resinosa (S,F) <i>Height: 40-80 feet, Full sun to light shade, Sandy soils</i> Native tree. Also called Norway Pine. Needles dark green in color, two to a bundle and 4 to 6 inches long. Medium to fast growing. Uses: Windbreaks, timber production & wildlife cover. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td><td><b><u>100</u></b></td><td><b><u>250</u></b></td><td><b><u>500</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$20</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$26</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$36</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$55</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$94</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>	<b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b>	<b><u>\$20</u></b>	<b><u>\$26</u></b>	<b><u>\$36</u></b>	<b><u>\$55</u></b>	<b><u>\$94</u></b>	<b><u>White Pine</u></b> Pinus strobus (S,F) <i>Height: 70-100 feet, Full sun to shade, Range of soils</i> Michigan's state tree. Soft flexible needles, five in a bundle with a 4 to 8 inch cone slightly curved. Fast growing, shade tolerant. Uses: Windbreaks, timber production, erosion control, and wildlife cover. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td><td><b><u>100</u></b></td><td><b><u>250</u></b></td><td><b><u>500</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$20</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$26</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$36</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$55</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$94</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>	<b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b>	<b><u>\$20</u></b>	<b><u>\$26</u></b>	<b><u>\$36</u></b>	<b><u>\$55</u></b>	<b><u>\$94</u></b>
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<b><u>Jack Pine</u></b> Pinus banksiana (S,F) <i>Height: 20-50 feet, Full sun, Very sandy soils</i> Very fast growing. Jack Pine often grows where no other trees will. Needles are stout, flat 1"-1 1/2" long, dark green in bundles of two. Uses: Windbreaks, timber production and wildlife cover. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td><td><b><u>100</u></b></td><td><b><u>250</u></b></td><td><b><u>500</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (12-18")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$20</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$28</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$44</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$60</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$98</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>	<b><u>Size (12-18")</u></b>	<b><u>\$20</u></b>	<b><u>\$28</u></b>	<b><u>\$44</u></b>	<b><u>\$60</u></b>	<b><u>\$98</u></b>	<b><u>White Spruce</u></b> Picea glauca (S,F) <i>Height: 40-60 feet, Full sun, Sandy to moist soils</i> Native tree. Needles have a whitish cast, giving this tree its common name. Slower growing. Retains lower branches. Frequently used for Christmas trees and pulpwood. Uses: Windbreaks, ornamental and wildlife cover. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td><td><b><u>100</u></b></td><td><b><u>250</u></b></td><td><b><u>500</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$20</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$26</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$36</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$55</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$94</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>	<b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b>	<b><u>\$20</u></b>	<b><u>\$26</u></b>	<b><u>\$36</u></b>	<b><u>\$55</u></b>	<b><u>\$94</u></b>
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<b><u>Norway Spruce</u></b> Picea abies (S,F) <i>Height: 50-70 feet, Moderate shade tolerance, Rich moist soils</i> The fastest growing and tallest non-native spruce. Mature trees have drooping branches. Uses: Windbreaks, timber production, wildlife cover and ornamental. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td><td><b><u>100</u></b></td><td><b><u>250</u></b></td><td><b><u>500</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$20</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$28</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$44</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$60</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$98</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>	<b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b>	<b><u>\$20</u></b>	<b><u>\$28</u></b>	<b><u>\$44</u></b>	<b><u>\$60</u></b>	<b><u>\$98</u></b>	<b><u>Blue Spruce</u></b> Picea pungens (S,F) <i>Height: 40-60 feet, Full sun, Sandy to moist soils</i> The most tolerant spruce for dry sites. Slow growing, long-lived non-native tree. Cone shaped with beautiful silver-blue needles. Uses: Ornamental, wildlife cover and Christmas trees. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td><td><b><u>100</u></b></td><td><b><u>250</u></b></td><td><b><u>500</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$20</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$28</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$44</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$60</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$98</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>250</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>	<b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b>	<b><u>\$20</u></b>	<b><u>\$28</u></b>	<b><u>\$44</u></b>	<b><u>\$60</u></b>	<b><u>\$98</u></b>
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<b><u>Black Spruce</u></b> Picea mariana (S) <i>Height: 30-50 feet, Moderately shade tolerant, Very slow growing</i> Characteristic of cold, highly acid, sphagnum bogs, poorly drained and undrained swamps. Uses: Wildlife cover. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (18-24")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$16</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$28</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>Size (18-24")</u></b>	<b><u>\$16</u></b>	<b><u>\$28</u></b>	<b><u>Tamarack</u></b> Larix laricina (S) <i>Height: 40-70 feet, Full sun, Moist soils</i> Member of the pine family. Usually found in wetlands but actually is a very rapid grower on upland sites. Turns bright golden yellow in the fall before shedding its needles. Shade-intolerant. Used for its forest product values. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (18-24")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$30</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$58</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>Size (18-24")</u></b>	<b><u>\$30</u></b>	<b><u>\$58</u></b>												
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<b><u>Eastern Redcedar</u></b> Juniperus virginiana (S) <i>Height: 40-50 feet, Prefers full sun, tolerates drought and poor soils.</i> Native evergreen. Excellent choice for wildlife food and cover. The waxy, blue berries ripen in autumn and are favored by many birds. Not generally browsed by deer. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (12-18")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$25</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$48</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>Size (12-18")</u></b>	<b><u>\$25</u></b>	<b><u>\$48</u></b>	<b><u>Balsam Fir</u></b> Abies balsamea (S) <i>Height: 45-75 feet, Very hardy, Shade tolerant</i> Prefers moist acidic soils. Provides good wildlife cover. <table><tr><td><b><u>Quantity:</u></b></td><td><b><u>25</u></b></td><td><b><u>50</u></b></td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$30</u></b></td><td><b><u>\$58</u></b></td></tr></table>	<b><u>Quantity:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>Size (6-12")</u></b>	<b><u>\$30</u></b>	<b><u>\$58</u></b>												
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<b>Northern White Cedar</b> Thuja occidentalis (S)	<b>Size (6-12")</b>	<b>Quantity: 25</b>	<b>Price: \$30</b>
Evergreen which grows in cold, poorly drained swamps with moving water. Shade tolerant. Uses: Hedges, windscreens			

Deciduous (Spring only)

<b>Red Oak</b> Quercus rubra (S) <i>Height: 50-70 feet, Open to partial shade, Sandy to moist soils</i> Fastest growing of our native hardwoods. The wood is reddish brown. Sharply toothed 7-11 lobed leaves, turning red in autumn. Uses: Excellent for timber production and wildlife.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 50 <b>Seedlings (12-18")</b> \$30 \$58	<b>White Oak</b> Quercus alba (S) <i>Height: 50-70 feet, Open to partial shade, Sandy to moist soils</i> Large majestic native tree with wide spreading branches, and leaves of blue-green turning to many colors in fall. Slow to medium growth rate. Provides sweet acorns that are loved by wildlife. Uses: Timber production and wildlife.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 <b>Seedlings (8-14")</b> \$32	<b>Black Walnut</b> Juglans nigra (S) <i>Height: 50-75 feet, Full sun, Moist soils</i> Queen of American cabinet woods. An important food source for wildlife. Fruit matures in Autumn with nutmeat sweet and edible. Growth is moderate to slow. Uses: Very valuable timber and wildlife tree.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 <b>Seedlings (12-24")</b> \$30
<b>Sugar Maple</b> Acer saccharum (S)  <i>Height: 50-70 feet, Shade tolerant, Most soil types</i>  This beautiful large shade tree has dark green foliage turning yellow to orange to fiery red in fall. The sap is used to make maple syrup. Slow to medium growing. Uses: Shade tree, lumber, and wildlife.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 50 <b>Seedlings (12-18")</b> \$28 \$54	<b>Red Maple</b> Acer rubrum (S)  <i>Height: 40-60 feet, Full sun, Most soil types</i>  This native tree is medium to fast growing. It has small red flowers in early spring and brilliant red fall color. Very drought tolerant. Uses: Shade tree, wildlife, and ornamental.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 50 <b>Seedlings (12-18")</b> \$26 \$50	<b>Hybrid Poplar</b> Populus canadensis (S) <i>Height: 30-40 feet, Full sun, Most soil types</i>  Extremely hardy, vigorous tree with rapid growth, that has silvery green leaves. Weed control is very important the first 2-3 years. Uses: Windbreaks, firewood, pulpwood, and wildlife.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 <b>Seedlings (2'-3')</b> \$25
<b>Quaking Aspen</b> Populus tremuloides (S) <i>Height: 40-72 feet, Full sun, Most soil types</i>  Fast growing. Very shade tolerant. Significant wildlife and forest product uses.  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 <b>Seedlings (12-24")</b> \$28		<b>Black Cherry</b> Prunus serotina (S)  <i>Height: 60-80 feet, Becomes shade tolerant as it grows older, Prefers sandy to loamy, well-drained soils</i> Fruit valuable to wildlife; wood valuable timber resource  <b>Quantity:</b> 25 <b>Seedlings (12-24")</b> \$28




NOTE: The bee icon indicates a pollinator friendly species.





# Wildlife Shrubs (S)pring / (F)all

**Red-Osier Dogwood** *Cornus stolonifera* (S,F)




*Height: 5-8 feet, Full sun to shade, Moist to well drained soils*

This multi-stemmed, spreading shrub has dark green foliage turning purple in the fall. Small white flowers in June produce white berries in fall.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Size (12-24")</b>	<b>\$28</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>\$78</b>

**Gray Dogwood** *Cornus racemosa* (S,F)




*Height: 6-8 feet, Sun to shade, Wet to well drained soils*

Multi-stemmed shrub with grayish-green foliage becoming reddish in autumn. Flowers in May-June producing red berries July through September.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Size (12-18")</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$48</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$94</b>

**Common Elderberry** *Sambucus canadensis* (S)




*Height: 8-12 feet, Full to partial sun, Moist soils*

A stout, strong-growing shrub with white flowers (July), followed by purple-black fruit. Readily used by wildlife.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-24")</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$40</b>

**Silky Dogwood** *Cornus amomum* (S,F)




*Height: 6-10 feet, Sun to shade, Moist to well drained soils*

Dense, multi-stemmed shrub. Blue colored berries in September. Grows on sandy loam and clay uplands and wetlands.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Size (12-24")</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>\$42</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$82</b>

**Serviceberry** *Amelanchier canadensis* (S,F)




*Height: 20-25 feet, Full sun to moderate shade, Well drained soils*

Masses of white flowers in very early spring. Excellent yellow-orange to red-purple fall color. Edible blue-black fruit that ripens in mid summer and is eaten by birds.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$28</b>	<b>\$54</b>

**Nannyberry** *Viburnum lentago* (S,F)




*Height: 15-20 feet, Sun or shade, Most soil types*

This shrub has white flower clusters in June followed by bluish-black berries ripening in the fall. Recommended for wildlife plantings.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$42</b>

**American Hazelnut** *Corylus americana* (S)




*Height: 6-8 feet, Prefers full sunlight and grows best in moist to dry soils*

The nut it produces is a very good source of food for wildlife.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$52</b>

**Winterberry / Michigan Holly** *Ilex verticillata* (S)




*Height: 6-12 feet, Moderately shade tolerant, tolerant of high water tables*

Produces showy red fruit.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$30</b>

**Eastern Redbud** *Cercis canadensis* (S)




*Height: Up to 30 feet, Many soil types but prefers moist, well-drained loams*

Small native tree found in the forest understory. Good choice for brightening up your spring landscape.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$28</b>

**American Plum** *Prunus americana* (S)




*Height: 10-15 feet, Prefers full sun, Well-drained soils*

This native plum provides good cover and food for wildlife on dry sites.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$25</b>

**Ninebark** *Physocarpus opulifolius* (S)




*Height: 8 feet, Full sun to partial shade, Moist soils*

Native wetland edge species. Pinkish to off-white flowers give way to small nutlet containing seed heads by early autumn. Recommended for border and screens.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedlings (6-12")</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$34</b>

**American Mt. Ash** *Sorbus Americana* (S)




*Height: 10-30 feet, Moderately shade tolerant*

Tolerates highly acidic, purely organic soil. One of the most beautiful flowering trees of the northern forest.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-24")</b>	<b>\$25</b>

**Highbush Cranberry** *Viburnum trilobum* (S)




*Height: 10 feet, Moderately shade tolerant, Moist soils*

Seen along streams, in open or lightly shaded swamps and wet grounds. Produces clusters of white flowers and scarlet fruits, which birds eat in late winter. Excellent wildlife plant.

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$34</b>

**Arrowwood** *Viburnum dentatum* (S)



*Height: 8-10 feet, Prefers well-drained soils and can tolerate some shade. An upright growing shrub with fruit in late summer often found growing along woodland borders and road sides.*

<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Seedlings (12-18")</b>	<b>\$24</b>

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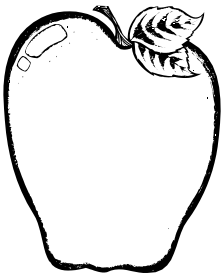
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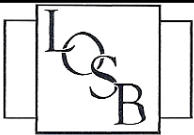
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### **Local Highland Agriculture and Natural Resource Conference to be held on March 11, 2017**

Mark your calendars! Join us on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> for the second annual Highland Agriculture and Natural Resources Conference at Baker College in Cadillac (9600 E 13th St., Cadillac, MI 49601), from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

A variety of one-hour, concurrent educational sessions will be held with topics including: *Agriculture for Families, Soil Health, Crops, Trending Ag Issues, and Natural Resources*. Agriculture and natural resources-related vendors and agencies will also be on hand.

The event is organized by the Wexford, Missaukee, and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts along with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and Michigan State University Extension. ***Early registration is planned to open soon.*** For general questions, please contact Jerry Lindquist at [lindquis@anr.msu.edu](mailto:lindquis@anr.msu.edu) or 231-832-6139. In addition please check the Osceola-Lake Conservation District website or give the Reed City office a call at 231-832-5341 for event updates.