



Michigan Envirothon *Inspiring Environmental Stewardship In High School Students*

We invite high school students to compete in the Michigan Envirothon, a program that teaches environmental stewardship values to Michigan high school students. **The State Competition will take place at Michigan State University on May 14 & 15, 2009.**

The Michigan Envirothon is a fun-filled, team-based, environmental education competition. Teams compete at Regional and State Competition levels. Every team represents its Community Outreach Project and takes tests at outdoor "eco-stations" in natural resource subject areas during the Michigan Envirothon State Competition. The winning team will participate in the Canon Envirothon, North America's largest high school environmental education competition.

Get students excited about Envirothon. Register NOW and be part of the 2009 competition! Registration is open until February 13, 2009.

"The most rewarding part is when you see their eyes light up in an 'aha' moment-where they realize something they learned in school has real world application."
-Advisor 2008.

Ways to get involved in Michigan Envirothon:

- Become a team advisor in your town (or provide help to a team)
- Become a regional volunteer or coordinator.
- Volunteer at the State Competition.
- Be a resource professional at a Regional or State Competition.
- Help out with student community projects.
- Make a financial donation to the program.



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Conservation Practices Help Farmers and Landowners Fight Global Warming

Encouraging conservation is the primary goal of the Michigan Conservation and Climate Initiative (MCCI). The MCCI is a joint project with the Delta Institute, the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts and the State of Michigan. The project allows farmers and landowners to earn Carbon Credits when they use conservation tillage, plant grasses or trees or capture methane with manure digesters.

"The Michigan Conservation and Climate Initiative rewards farmers and landowners for being good stewards of the land," explained Todd Parker, Associate for the Delta Institute and MCCI Coordinator. "It has brought \$555,656 to Michigan thus far and can bring more to those who are eligible." To date, there have been 341 contracts signed in Michigan. That represents 132,585 total acres - 31,953 tillage acreage, 12,075 grass acreage and 88,557 forest acreage.

To be eligible for credits from continuous conservation tillage, the producer or landowner makes a contractual commitment through the year 2012.

Eligible Michigan farms are credited at 0.4 or 0.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per acre per year, depending on the region. Native grass plantings, CRP/CREP filter strips, tree planting (afforestation only) projects, sustainable forest management projects and methane digesters are also eligible for credits.

For a registration form and contract, visit <http://www.michiganclimate.org/enrollment.php>. If you need assistance, contact your local Conservation District office. For managed forest enrollments, please contact the Delta Institute prior to completing the paperwork.

When Delta receives your completed application and contract, your land will be added to an enrollment pool with other landowners. Once the enrollment pool is verified by an independent 3rd party, Delta will sell your credits and return the net revenue. Delta buys and sells Carbon Credits on the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX). Enroll today and you will have multiple years of credits to sell.

If you would like more information, call Todd Parker at 517-482-8810 or email Todd at tparker@delta-institute.org.