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## Saginaw Bay WIN's Earth Day Facebook Contest



### 2013 Contest Entries

#### Arenac Conservation District

Let's teach the kids about composting using school waste as the materials. Providing a composter they can learn how materials break down and even use the composted material in the bedding around the school and then we can move it to another school or class and continue the learning process again!

#### BaySail – Appledore Tall Ships

We would like to create stencils for our storm drains that say: No Dumping, Drains Directly to Saginaw Bay Watershed. We will use community volunteers in and around our area to get the message across, not just in Bay City but throughout the watershed.

#### City of AuGres

Purchase signage for AuGres River Blue Water Trail from City Campground, Au Gres River to Saginaw Bay; create awareness of water resources, honor avid Au Gres paddler, Doug Killingbeck, who gave his life attempting to rescue teen paddler, Milford, 2011. Landing sites are created; signage would connect trails proposed in Arenac, Bay Counties

#### City of Vassar

Shade trees needed in Vassar Memorial Park and Water Street Football Field located in the City of Vassar. This is to increase use of parks, make the parks more inviting and pleasing to users from the city and surrounding townships.

#### Delta College Eco Reps

Sustainability Survival Kits will be gifted to students during campus outreach events! A water bottle packed with green goods to transition to a simple, sustainable lifestyle! Everything you'll need including a pocket-size bamboo spork, compact pouch reusable bag, eco-clever gadgets, and a handy list of campus and community recycling opportunities.

#### Michigan Baseball Foundation / Great Lakes Loons

The Michigan Baseball Foundation and Dow Diamond are committed to reducing our energy use by 50 percent over the next seven years. In 2013, we plan on expanding our use of occupancy control sensors, which will save 6,445 kilowatt hours and lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 15,588 pounds per year.

### Midland County Health Department

Midland Co has 83,000 people, 70+ parks, and a childhood obesity rate of over 50%. I can't imagine a more fun way to enjoy our beautiful county and get some cheap, healthy exercise than exploring our parks! Our grant would allow for the purchase of quality pedometers to give away with the park maps.

### Mt. Pleasant Parks Department

Mt. Pleasant's Parks Department realizes the stress on our earth's resources, and since bikes produce zero emissions, our staff has instituted the *green bike initiative* for park maintenance duties. Bike utility trailers would allow staff to haul tools, compost or trash barrels. LIKE us so we can purchase two trailers!

### Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy

The 142-mile Saginaw Bay Birding Trail is Michigan's newest nature experience! Visitors enjoy scenic views while searching for 200-plus species of birds, including warblers, plovers, and waterfowl. The trail features 50 sites from Port Austin to East Tawas. WIN funding will allow for the addition of eye-catching and informative signage.

### Thumb Branch Pheasants Forever

Our project will support the Pheasant Restoration Initiative in Huron County by purchasing seed to plant warm season grasses over 130 acres in the Verona State Game Area. Local landowners will be encouraged to help connect blocks of habitat to this site, to further benefit pheasants and other wildlife