The Michigan Conservation Stewards Program is a leadership training program in which volunteers gain the expertise necessary to help restore and sustain healthy ecosystems throughout Michigan.

Field-based, classroom, and online sessions offer hands on learning opportunities focused on ecological foundations, natural resources decision-making, forests, grasslands, wetlands, lakes, and streams. Online curriculum modules include: Michigan Conservation Heritage & Making Choices for Natural Resources Mgmt., Ecology 101, Forest Ecosystems & Mgmt., Lake Ecosystems & Mgmt., and Climate Change. Professional level instruction is provided by Michigan State University Extension (MSUE), Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and a variety of local experts.

Program Details:
CSP will also be offered concurrently in Kalamazoo, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties. For further information:

- [http://msue.msu.edu/csp](http://msue.msu.edu/csp)
- bhaktabi@anr.msu.edu or (248) 858-5198

2016 Oakland Schedule:
In-person sessions: 7 TUES. evening sessions, 6-9 pm, & 2 SAT. field sessions, 9 am–4 pm:
- Tuesday, September 6th: Orientation/Program Nuts and Bolts
- Tuesday, September 13th: Michigan Conservation Heritage
- Tuesday, September 20th: Ecological Foundations
- Tuesday, October 4th: Aquatic Ecosystems - Streams
- Saturday, October 8th: Terrestrial Field Day
- Tuesday, October 11th: Invasive Species
- Saturday, October 15th: Aquatic Field Day
- Tuesday, October 18th: Capstone Project Presentations/Graduation

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