

OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to bring together a variety of stakeholders to protect the future of Rice Creek and the Holt-Rice Creek Property through science-based conservation practices and stewardship.

OUR VISION:

Our vision for all of Rice Creek is that its waters are restored to a healthy, vibrant fishery and its adjoining lands support diverse native life for generations to come.

Our vision for the Holt-Rice Creek Property is that it becomes a wonderful location for trout angling, as well as a space conducive to education and public engagement.



“The beauty of nature is not to be conquered, but to be cherished; for it is a fragile gift that sustains us all. Let us be mindful stewards of the Earth, let us be vigilant guardians of nature, let us be conductors of environmental conservation and the architects of her restoration; for the preservation of nature is the preservation of our very essence.”

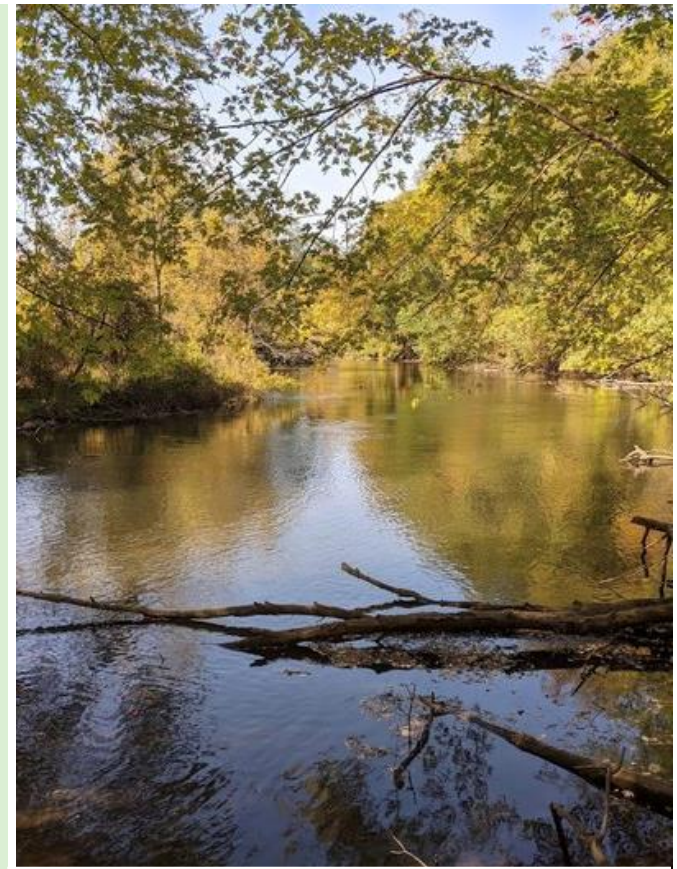
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“A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.”

-John James Audubon

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FRIENDS
OF
RICE CREEK



Friends of Rice Creek Fund *Marshall Community Foundation*

Friends of Rice Creek has established a fund with the Marshall Community Foundation to accept tax deductible contributions to support ongoing and future projects that protect and restore Rice Creek.

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Contribution Amount: _____

Membership Fee: _____

\$20 Individual \$30 Family

Checks payable to: **Friends of Rice Creek**

A Common Goal...for the stream, for the land, and for our children.

"Conservation is a state of harmony between man and land." – Aldo Leopold

Friends of Rice Creek was established to coordinate and fund efforts and project that protect, improve, or restore the water quality of Rice Creek and its watershed.

Through communication and collaboration, we are working towards our common goal.

Working with like-minded conservation groups at the local, state and national levels, along with generous individuals, we have the capacity to make a real difference in our local stream and natural space.

Our Rice Creek needs our help, our efforts, and our gifts in order to counter the effect of development and a changing climate. Whether rolling up your sleeves, slipping into your waders, getting your hands dirty working in the woods and waters, or generously opening your wallet or checkbook, we can make a difference together. This includes reconnecting tributary stream flow, restoring natural shape and flow, and the restoration of natural streambeds, structures and habitats. All of this is in the hope that, through our efforts, trout and salmon will thrive within their natural ranges, and hopefully reproduce for generations to come.

Join us. Help us. Be a Friend of Rice Creek!



The Holt-Rice Creek Property

The Holt-Rice Creek Property was purchased in 2015 by the Michigan Department of natural Resources (MDNR). An agreement and lease were signed with the Calhoun Conservation District to manage the property, open and accessible to the public. The eighty-acre parcel is made up of open fields, small, farmed tracts, and the forest surrounding the beautiful trout waters of Rice Creek. The property also includes an open parking space, pavilion, and storage garage.

Future planning includes renovation of the pavilion and storage garage for use in public engagement, education, research and fellowship.

