MISSION: Fostering the science and art of soil and water conservation in Michigan and the Great Lakes Region.
Incorporated as a federal 501(c)(3) and Michigan Domestic Nonprofit Corporation
Partner with MACD, NRCS, and other organizations and agencies
Michigan Chapter

Professional Development

- Professional development seminar related to soil and water conservation in March during MSU's Agriculture and Natural Resources Week.
- Conducts an Annual Meeting in late Fall with a workshop or tour.
- Provides technical training to conservation professionals.
Michigan Chapter

International SWCS Annual Conference
Michigan Chapter Communication

- Michigan Chapter has monthly newsletter
- Journal of Soil and Water Conservation
  - A multidisciplinary journal of natural resource conservation research, practice, policy, and perspectives
  - Peer reviewed applied research & a general section containing features and articles
- Monthly Conservogram newsletter
- Weekly News Briefs
- Books and special publications
Michigan Chapter

Advocacy

• Chapter’s Legislative Committee tracks bills in Michigan Legislature and US Congress.

• Alerts members about legislation affecting conservation.

• John Peterson, the Society’s Washington, DC, representative, tracks legislative issues and serves as a link to lawmakers and other national conservation organizations.
Michigan Chapter

Professional Service

- Encourages the development of future conservationists with the Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program
- Assists with the Michigan FFA Land Appreciation Contest each spring.
- Supports the Michigan Envirothon with technical and financial assistance.
- Recognizes the outstanding soil and water conservation efforts with an Awards program.
Michigan Chapter

Websites

Dan Kesselring maintains the Chapter’s website at www.miglswcs.org

Parent Society posts useful information:
www.swcs.org/resources/
www.swcs.org/resources/conservation-media-library/
www.slideshare.net/SWCSevents/presentations
Michigan Chapter

Partnerships

- Engage new audiences
- Support funding for projects
- Achieve conservation objectives
- Advance natural resource policies
“Many farmers - most farmers, and that means millions - need some technical help in making the change to this more efficient, easier, and more productive type of farming, and they need also moral support and encouragement.”

-Hugh Hammond Bennett
Founding Member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society
Michigan Chapter

Why Join?

- Have a voice for conservation with leaders
- Discount on books and merch
- Receive 6 issues of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation and other online publications
- Discounts to Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference
- Connection to your local chapter
- Support a cause you care about