

SHELTERWOOD CUT ON WEST SIDE

A shelterwood cut is a method of timber stand improvement in which the best of the mature, seed-bearing trees are left approximately evenly spaced throughout the forest tract while the remainder of the trees are removed. (Think of “weeding the garden”.) New seedlings then grow from the seed of the mature standing trees. This is what has been done on a 93-acre area on the west side of the storage lagoon.

FORCED PLANE LANDING ON RRC PROPERTY

We had a little excitement in the last few days of 2023. A flight instructor and his student from a Sparta flight school had to make a forced landing on RRC property south of Apple. The original reports coming over scanners were that a plane had crashed. Happily, it was much less disastrous. Engine problems had forced the team to make an emergency landing, but there was no damage to plane or people.



RECOVERING A NEW RESOURCE AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER

Our specialty at the Muskegon County Resource Recover Center is recovering clean water. Now an additional new resource will be recovered at our facility. For seven and a half years we’ve been leasing our 2000 acres south of Apple Avenue for solar energy development, and we re thrilled to announce that Consumers Energy is starting construction of a 250 MW solar facility there in April. Instead of recovering clean water on that land as we’ve done for the last 50 years, we’ll be recovering energy from the sun.

NEST BOX CLEANOUT DAY, 2024

Twenty volunteers braved the cold and rainy weather on March 30th to clean out and repair or replace nest boxes at the RRC. A big thank you to everyone for their participation and support.

