



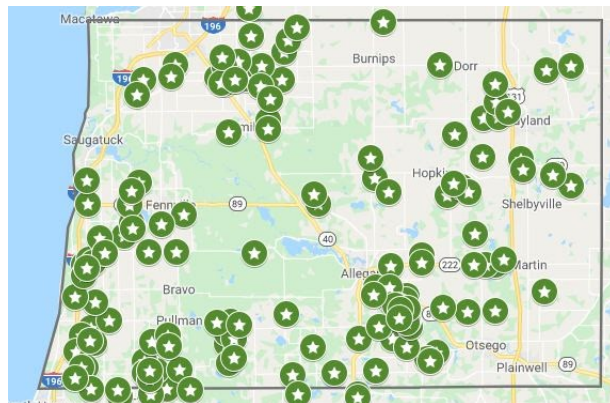


## Allegan State Game Area Aspen Regeneration Project

by *Brian Talsma, Watershed Technician*

This project is focused on turning mature and overmature aspen stands back into young aspen forests. Young aspen forests are a valuable source of food for many species, but they quickly mature into other forest types. In order to maintain this ecosystem, there must be occasional disturbances. This could be something natural, like wildfire or wind throw, or something man-made, like logging or brush mowing. This disturbance stimulates the aspen to sprout suckers, creating a dense area ripe with food for mammals and birds of all kinds.

## Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (M.A.E.A.P)



Each star represents a certified farm

Mike Ludlam, MAEAP Technician, successfully completed 92 farm assessments and 69 farm verifications in 2019.

Certification is divided into 4 categories: Farmstead, Cropping, Livestock, and Forest, Wetland and Habitat. A farm can be certified in one or all four categories. Interested in becoming certified? Give Mike a call at (269) 941-6161.

### Upcoming Events:

**BOARD MEETINGS** Third (3rd) Tuesday of the month @ 5:00 pm  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Street, Allegan

**ART IN THE GARDEN** April 18, 2020  
The Silo 1071 32nd. Street (M-40), Allegan 10:00 AM - 3:00 pm

**EARTH DAY** (50th Anniversary) April 22, 2020

**SPRING TREE SALE** (order forms are now available)

Friday, April 24th @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Saturday, April 25th @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
1668 Lincoln Ave, Allegan



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