

Randy Swaty, Ecologist

Randy joined the TNC Michigan Chapter after growing up in Little Rock and receiving his BS/MS at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. LANDFIRE claimed him full-time in



His scientific specialties span spatial scales, ranging from community genetics to mycorrhizal ecology and landscape-scale planning. When employed as Michigan's Forest Ecologist, he worked with a variety of large landowners to promote sustainable management and was the Great Lakes LANDFIRE modeling lead. Additionally, he has worked to improve forest certification standards, participated in Conservation Area Planning, served on TNC's Conservancy's Forest Management SOP team, participated in the Global Fire Assessment and directs workshops and seminars on the use of LANDFIRE data and products.

His experience spans spatial scales from microbes to landscapes, as he studied soil fungi in college and now helps managers understand the ecology of their though modeling and mapping. Randy directs workshops and seminars on the use of LANDFIRE data and products, and develops vegetation models to help people use LANDFIRE products within and outside of the Conservancy. He lives and works in Michigan and Illinois.

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