

I live here, am I a steward?

Stewardship is a sense of lifelong, engaged learning about and caring for our surroundings, no matter where we live!

Stewardship is the willingness to **participate** in thoughtful action in our communities to improve where we are. It is a way of living intentionally – being mindful of our decision-making that affects our communities and ecosystems. Stewardship involves having a sense of purpose, respect, responsibility, and an ethic of care toward our life spaces, both natural and built. One expression of stewardship is to **persuade** others to live intentionally, as well. Community engagement capacities, the abilities needed to working constructively on sometimes volatile issues alongside diverse others, is vital to carrying out stewardship.

Finally, to be a steward is to **play** and to **ponder**! Stewardship is based on developing scientific and inspirational understanding of our surroundings, through observation, appreciation, and wonder about our watersheds and our Great Lakes region!

Stewardship Quotes:

“They are able who think they are able.”
Virgil

“This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we only know what to do with it.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson