

## **District Forester Provides Free Landowner Assistance**

District Forester, Kama Ross provides free assistance through the Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) to encourage and enable landowners to more actively manage their woodlands. This position is funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In-office and on-site assistance is provided to all county landowners at no charge and may include:

- identification of forest diseases and insects and their control options,
- advice on the selection and planting of trees and shrubs for reforestation, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat enhancement,
- information on state and federal forestry cost-share and property tax incentive programs (Qualified Forest Program and Commercial Forest Program), and
- recommendations for improving woodlots for timber production, wildlife habitat or recreation.

To find out more about these free services, contact Kama at the Benzie Conservation District office at (231) 882-4391, or email her at [kama.ross@macd.org](mailto:kama.ross@macd.org).