

Chula Vista Garden Club Environmental School continued:

This course included a tour led by forest staff members of the 716-acre MSU W. K. Kellogg Experimental Forest. This forest is “known worldwide for research on tree breeding and genetics, planting techniques, and plantation establishment and management”, according to their website.

Other topics addressed during the course include ecology, agriculture, sustainability, coastal zone management, energy, misunderstood wildlife, trees and American forests, and restoring native plants and natural communities.

The slate of instructors was outstanding and included professionals from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), college professors, and PhDs and a PhD candidate. One of the instructors with 25 years of professional experience in ecology recently gave a TED talk on "Implementing Sustainability" and released a new book on the subject.

Course 3, which focuses on Air and Related Issues will be April 6-7, 2026. Students will learn about Water and Related Issues during course 4, scheduled for November 2-3, 2026. All courses will be held at KBS. These courses can be taken in any order.

For additional information about Environmental School, visit the MGC or NGC website or contact Environmental School state chair, Beth Markowski at bmarkowski@migardenclubs.org.