

EATON RAPIDS CONSERVATION CLUB

ORIENTATION

126 Eaton Rapids Conservation Club (ERCC) is a non-profit corporation, 501-C (3) organized as a safe place for families to practice shooting and to teach their children about their 2nd amendment rights and responsibilities.

History of the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club

- Shortly after the Depression in 1938, the City of Eaton Rapids established the Eaton County Conservation League. Taking of fish and hunting wild game had become essential for food for most families.
- In October 1940, 4 Articles and By-laws were drawn up and the first Board of Directors election were held. Five Directors were elected for a 2-year term.
- In January 1941 another five directors were elected, bringing the Board of Directors to a total of 10 directors.
- The first known President was John J. Miller. Dues were \$1.00 per year.
- In January 1947, with membership increasing a Constitution and By-Laws were developed and the name was changed to Eaton Rapids Conservation club and was incorporated as a non-profit group by then president Wayne Gibson. The agent for the corporation was Wayne Gibson, at the address for L. F. Baldwin of 725 Water St.
- In 1948, the ERCC listed 185 members.
- In January 1949, a bid was submitted to Hamill Manufacturing Co. for \$2,980 dollars to build a clubhouse at the property on 5 Point Hwy. The property was 610 ft., by 390 ft. The bid was rejected by ERCC members as being too costly.
- In March 1951, after having sought cabin plans from the U.S. Forest Service, the members found they could raise the funding another way. Member T.H. Lyon offered the timber from his property in Atlanta, MI to construct a Clubhouse approximately 18 ft. by 30/36 Ft. Ted's motion was carried and the clubhouse would be built.
- On December 6, 1951, a special meeting was held and eight men traveled North to Ted Lyon's property. Those men were: Ted Lyon, Cleo Roberts, L.G. Baldwin, Clyde Blocher, Joe Crandall, John Hillard, Lloyd Keeler, and Roy