

“CEDARS FOR THE AU SABLE”  
*An Au Sable River System Cedar Tree Planting and Protection Project*

Originated and administrated by the Au Sable River Property Owners Association (ARPOA), P.O. Box 15, Grayling, MI 49738.

Contact: Howard N. Johnson, Project Chair  
ARPOA  
3157 Church Street  
Saginaw, MI 48604  
989-280-0381 - hnjohnson@aol.com  
www.cedarsfortheausable.org

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Au Sable River Property Owners Association presented its Distinguished Service Award to Jason McLean of the McLean Ace Hardware store of Grayling, Michigan at the association’s annual meeting on July 16, 2016.

Jason, as well as the store’s former owner Bob McLean, participate with the “Cedars for the Au Sable” project administered by the association. The cedar tree planting and protection project provides cedar seedlings to the property owners of both the Au Sable and Manistee rivers. “Once the growing cedars outgrow the cages provided at planting, it is necessary to continue to protect the maturing cedars in much taller cages to prevent deer browse,” stated project originator and chairman Howard N. Johnson. “The folks at McLean Ace Hardware stock the fence inventory and cut the fence to the correct length for the river property owners to pick up when needed. All of this service is at no additional cost to the river property owners,” noted Johnson. Jason stated, “He is glad he is helping with this community service project to begin the reforestation of our native cedars along the river.”



Picture shows McLean Ace Hardward owner Jason McLean (left) with “Cedars for the Au Sable” chairman, Howard N. Johnson