



Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation formed over twenty years ago in order to effectively advocate for the creation or preservation of state laws, and/or policies designed to protect, preserve, and promote the sustainable and wise use of our state's immense treasure of high quality freshwater resources. Our primary mission will be accomplished by pro-active participation in Michigan's legislative process (lobbying), by participating in court cases whose outcomes may have significant statewide ramifications, and/or by direct involvement with natural resources management, or environment focused state agencies or departments.



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**Amending MI Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451,
Passage of House Bill 4035 Will Ensure State of Michigan Payments in
Lieu of Taxes to Local Governments for State Owned or Controlled Property**

Passed unanimously by the Michigan House of Representatives on March 25, 2021, Bill 4035 amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 (NREPA) as necessary to ensure that certain State of Michigan "payments in lieu of taxes" paid to local governments receive greater priority.. Although the language of House Bill 4035 would not directly affect costs or revenues for affected local governments, passage of the legislation would ensure that NREPA 451 Part 307 - Inland Lake Level structure related special assessment district associated "payments in lieu of taxes" related reimbursements from the state would occur as required by law in the future. Supporters of the legislation, including Michigan Waterfront Alliance, have argued that the root of the problem stems from the fact that special assessment districts under "current payment in lieu of taxes" arrangements are often not prioritized, resulting in revenue appropriation levels that are inadequate to cover state law mandated Michigan Department of Treasury disbursements to local governments. The situation has led to the fact that local governments have often had to sue the State of Michigan in order to receive their respective payments. Under MI NREPA 451, the Michigan Department of Treasury is required by law to pay into the respective treasury of each county where tax-reverted, recreation, forest, or other lands under the

control and supervision of the Department of Natural Resources are allocated payments in lieu of taxes in an amount specified in the act. Passage of House Bill 4035 would mandate that MI Department of Treasury disbursements to local governments that occur on or after December 1, 2022 would effectively prioritize payments that have not yet been made.

MI House Bill 3035 unanimously passed in the MI House of Representatives on March 25, 2021, and was reported for consideration by the MI Senate Committee on Natural Resources on April 13, 2021. Michigan Waterfront Alliance is pro-actively working to help ensure that the legislation is passed into law by the Mi State Senate as soon as possible.

To download a copy of MI House Bill 4035, [click here](#)



We Need Your Help!

Why You Should Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance?

Do you care for your lake, river, or stream? Do you care enough to contact your state senator or representative about issues that affect your waterbody? Do you keep track of the bills that are important to your lake, river, or stream? The good news is that Michigan

Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is doing this for you. MWA hires a lobbying firm to keep track of issues and bills which may affect Michigan's waterfronts, and remain in constant contact with senators and representatives. These lobbyists have relationships with those serving in our state legislature, willing to present bills that MWA would support to help protect Michigan's inland waterways, and help to defeat bills that may be detrimental to our waterways. There is an old saying that "you can't fight city hall." This may be true if you do not know how, but with the help of MWA's attorneys, MWA has the experts that know how to deal with legal issues. There have been laws interpreted incorrectly when it comes to our lakes, rivers, and streams. MWA, with its attorneys, has argued these cases when we believe the law has been misinterpreted.

While the MWA Board of Directors is made up of volunteers, it is expensive to hire lobbyists and attorneys. The Michigan Waterfront Alliance membership is made up of individuals, lake associations, and corporations who care about Michigan's lakes, rivers, and streams. Would you like to be more involved? You can by becoming a member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance and by becoming an active partner in MWA. Membership in MWA is inexpensive:

**We rely entirely on membership dues to fund
the operating costs of our organization...**

**TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
MICHIGAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE VISIT OUR
>>>>> MEMBERSHIP PAGE <<<<<<**

Annual Dues are:

\$50 for an individual;

\$100 for a lake association; and

\$200 for a corporation

With support from individuals like you, lake associations, and corporations, we can continue to work together as a unified voice choosing to protect Michigan's water resources for future generations. Thank you for your consideration!!!



PROTECT YOUR LAKE
FROM INVASIVE SPECIES
NOW SCHEDULING
2021 EVENTS
MOBILE BOAT WASH
PROJECT

The MSU Mobile Boat Wash team's spring/summer 2021 event schedule is filling up quickly, help prevent exotic aquatic invasive species from invading your lake - schedule your lake community's MSU Mobile Boat Wash team visit before it is too late!

The Mobile Boat Wash unit is an outreach program from Michigan State University designed to educate boaters about aquatic invasive species.

[Click here](#) to visit the MSU Mobile Boat Wash website...

[Click here](#) to visit the MSU Mobile Boat Wash [Facebook](#) page...

MICHIGAN LAKE AND STREAM LEADERS INSTITUTE PRESENTS

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR LAKE AND STREAM ORGANIZATIONS

FREE WORKSHOP

JUNE 8, 1:00-4:00PM

[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/2021LSLI](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2021LSLI)



Jenn Wright

Executive Director
Grass River Natural Area



Dr. Michael Everett

Professor of Practice
Michigan State University



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Effective Communication for Lake and Stream Organizations

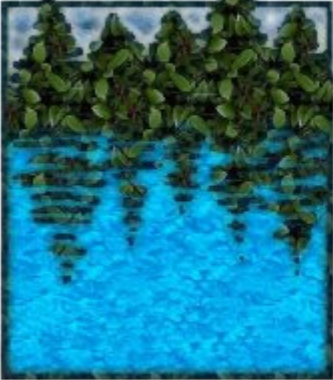
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:00 - 4:00 PM EST Online (Zoom)

In this free, interactive online workshop, we will explore effective communication techniques for advancing lake and stream stewardship and conservation. We'll look at both external communication (how we talk about water resources and our work with outside audiences) and internal communication (how organizations share and discuss goals and values internally). You'll leave with ideas, tools, and inspiration on how to improve communication for your organization. We will be joined by two experts in organizational success for natural resource organizations: Dr. Michael Everett, faculty member in the

Department of Community Sustainability at Michigan State University, and Jenn Wright, Executive Director of the Grass River Natural Area in Bellaire, Michigan.

This workshop is presented by the [Michigan Lake and Stream Leaders Institute](#), a leadership development program benefiting Michigan's lakes, streams, and watersheds. The Michigan Lake and Stream Leaders Institute is a cooperative effort of Michigan State University Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

Register here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2021LSLI/>



Spring 2021 Newsletter

Michigan Chapter
North American Lake Management Society
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Promoting understanding and comprehensive management of Michigan's inland lake ecosystems.

- > Learn about a recent decision by MI EGLE that restricts the use of copper-based algae control products in shallow areas of inland lakes in May-June...
 - > Read about the two graduate students, and their respective inland lake research focused projects that were recently awarded this year's McNALMS- MLSA grants.
 - > [Click here](#) to download the Spring 2021 McNALMS Newsletter
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The following news release was recently released by the [Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development](#).

For Immediate Release: April 15 2021

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Michigan Joins USDA in Invasive Species Awareness Campaign to Protect State's Agriculture, Natural Resources

LANSING –The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) declared April 2021 as “Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month” – a campaign aimed at raising public awareness about damaging invasive pests threatening our nation’s crops, forests, and natural resources.

According to the USDA, damage caused by invasive tree and plant pests, coupled with the cost of control and eradication efforts, can reach \$40 billion annually. These destructive pests impact agriculture, forest products and even residential landscapes.

“Most pests don’t make it very far on their own. Some non-native, exotic pests made it to the United States on goods and materials from other countries, or even on the ships, planes and trains that transport them. Once here, plant pests can be unintentionally moved to new areas by hitching rides on outdoor gear, vehicles, and untreated firewood,” said Rob Miller, MDARD’s Invasive Species Specialist. “They can also hide in or on fresh produce, soil, seeds and plants. Whether you are shopping, traveling or just spending time outdoors, you can do a lot to prevent the movement of exotic pests.”

These simple steps can help limit the spread of invasive species:

- Learn to spot invasive pests posing a threat to plants and agriculture in your area. Report signs of invasive plant pests and diseases to MDARD through the [Michigan Invasive Species website](#) or at 800-292-3939.
- Don’t move untreated firewood. Buy heat-treated firewood or buy wood where you burn it to avoid unintentionally spreading species that hide inside untreated firewood.
- When returning from international travel, declare food, plants and other agricultural items to U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure these items are pest-free.
- Before buying seeds or plants online from out-of-state vendors, contact MDARD at 800-292-3939 to ask if they need to be inspected or meet other conditions to bring them into Michigan legally and without pests.
- To combat the spread of invasive pests, both the federal government and individual states use quarantines to restrict the movement of materials that might carry plant pests or diseases. Michigan’s quarantine lists, which impact intrastate and interstate movement, is available on its website at [MDARD’s plant pest quarantine website](#). Travelers can learn about pest and disease quarantines in states by checking the [USDA-APHIS Pest Tracker](#) at [APHIS.USDA.gov](#).

Visit the [Michigan Invasive Species website](#) to find photos and information about invasive plant pests in Michigan and contact information to report pests in your community.

Michigan's Invasive Species Program is cooperatively implemented by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.



Upcoming Webinar

April 20, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

[Not in MI waters: Responding to watchlist aquatic plants in Michigan](#)

What happens when a new invasive plant is found in Michigan waters? That's when a special team of biologists and technicians grab their waders, load their boats and get to work. Find out about the science of early detection and response (EDR), who is involved, and how Michigan's aquatic invasive plant EDR initiative responds to emerging issues in waters across the state. Presenter Bill Keiper, an aquatic biologist with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, will share his field experience working with partners to control European frog-bit, parrot feather and other recently introduced aquatic invasive plants. A question and answer period will follow.

RESOURCES

- Information on spotted lanternfly is available in Michigan at www.Michigan.gov/spottedlanternfly
- MI Invasive Species Web page www.Michigan.gov/Invasives
- Penn State Extension <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>
- MISIN - Midwest invasive species information network at www.MISIN.MSU.Edu





Lake Monitor Training

The 2021 Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program Annual Training is going virtual!

Please join us **on-line on April 29, 2021** for our annual lake monitoring training. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend this free event! The training is required for new participants to the program and for anyone signing up for a new parameter. It is also beneficial for people looking for a refresher or those curious about how CLMP may help protect their favorite lake.

Important: There are two steps involved in becoming a CLMP lake monitoring volunteer:

Attend this free training session.

Enroll your lake in the CLMP.

The 2021 lake enrollment system is not yet available. We will announce the opening of CLMP enrollment via the MiCorps email listserv as soon as it is available. There are **fees** associated with enrollment. [Join the MiCorps email listserv.](#)

Date: April 29, 2021

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

[Click here](#) to download a printable agenda...

The [Michigan Clean Water Corps \(MiCorps\)](#) is a network of volunteer water quality monitoring programs in Michigan. It was created through Michigan Executive Order #2003-15 to assist the [Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy \(EGLE\)](#) in collecting and sharing water quality data for use in water resources management and protection programs. [About MiCorps.](#)

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We Need Your Help!

Did you know that a very high percentage of every dollar made available to MWA goes directly to pay for our efforts in Lansing to pass legislation that benefits Michigan's water resources and the interests of waterfront property owners?

Only You Can Help Amplify the Power of Our Collective Voice in Lansing By Becoming a Member, and/or by Making a Generous Donation to Michigan Waterfront Alliance !

By becoming an Individual, Association, or Corporate member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance, and/or by making a donation to our non-profit organization, you will be contributing to enhancing our ability to help preserve and protect our extraordinary treasure of freshwater resources.

The fact is, a very large percentage of the funds generated by membership dues and your generous donations are utilized by our organization to fund our capacity to effectively lobby the state legislature on behalf of protecting Michigan's freshwater resources, and the unique interests of our member waterfront communities. In the coming year, for example, Michigan Waterfront Alliance will be engaged in intensive lobbying efforts focused on encouraging our state legislature to (finally!) create a sustainable revenue source with

which to fund the management of an increasingly destructive array of aquatic invasive species that continue to invade and degrade our inland lakes, streams, and wetlands. Our lobbying efforts will also focus on restricting the operation of wake boats to areas of large lakes that will help ensure that shorelines and critical shallow water habitat are not damaged or destroyed. As a founding member and key partner in the Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force, Michigan Waterfront Alliance will also continue to work on a collaborative basis in 2020 with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division, and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to develop and implement new programs and initiatives intended to prevent or minimize the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals.

Please consider becoming a member, and/or of donating to Michigan Waterfront Alliance!

[Click here](#) to visit our Membership page.

[Click here](#) to visit our Donation page.



Michigan Waterfront Alliance
is a proud member of the
Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

**A Collaborative Partnership Dedicated to Protecting
Michigan's Vast Heritage of High Quality Inland Lakes**

The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership (MILP) is made up of a broad range of organizations and agencies that have a common interest - protecting inland lakes. Explore this site to learn more about Michigan's lakes, the organizations involved with the Partnership, and how you can be a part of the effort. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes. Most are high quality resources highly valued by society for recreation and as places to live. These cultural demands place significant stresses upon these ecosystems, often resulting in undesirable changes. How can these lakes be strategically managed to minimize undesirable changes and protect them for this and future generations?

The purpose of the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership (Partnership) is to engage state and local agencies, Native American Nations, outreach institutions (universities and other educational institutions), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), businesses, industries and citizens in a collaborative effort to ensure the quality, sustainability and ecological diversity of lakes, while considering society's needs. The Partnership will promote communication and cooperation between partners, communities and citizens interested in the management of Michigan's inland lakes, educating leaders, and strengthening stewardship efforts.

The MILP Coordinating Council is the decision-making body of the Partnership. The Council sets the goals of the Partnership, and all Council Partners have a vote in the activities and policies of the Partnership. The Council currently meets four times per year. Coordinating Council member organizations are listed alphabetically below. Clicking on an organization name will take you to that organization's website.

To learn more about the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership, and its ensemble of inland lake protection focused collaborative organizations, [click here](#)



Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance!

- **Are you tired of funding the management of aquatic invasive species on your lake that were introduced by recreational boaters using the local MI Department of Natural Resources public boating access site?**
- **Are you just a bit angry that recreational boaters using your lake are not being asked to contribute their fair share to combat the negative influences of aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you worried about the fact that your lakefront residential property values are being negatively influenced by the steadily increasing presence of aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you concerned about the fact that it is nearly impossible to find an inland lake in Michigan that does not currently host one or more potentially harmful aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you aware of the fact that inland lakes are Michigan's most valuable natural resource, and that our state legislature has thus far appropriated almost nothing in the way of budget resources to help ensure they remain healthy and viable?**

If your answer is yes to any of these important questions, please help ensure that your voice is heard in Lansing by joining Michigan Waterfront Alliance today.

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