
Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Monday, August 15, 2022

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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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MICHIGAN INLAND LAKES CONVENTION
PROTECTING LAKES TODAY FOR TOMORROW

JOIN US!
SEPTEMBER 14-16

Engaging presentations and workshops

Workshops focused on specific issues such as fish management, landscaping near shorelines, lake protection and governance, algal blooms, native freshwater mussels, communications, policy, invasive species, lake restoration, and much more.

Keynote speakers

The convention will include keynote speakers who are regionally recognized for their contribution to the field of lake science and conservation.

Registration

Registration is open! Registration for the event is \$60, \$15 for students, and free for speakers. Registration deadline: September 11, 2022.

REGISTER TODAY!

Follow us for more exciting updates and information on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram (Convention hashtag: #MILC2022).

Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

**Michigan Waterfront Alliance is Proud to
 Be A Platinum Level Sponsor of the
 2022 Michigan Inland Lakes Convention**

**For Those of Us Who Love Lakes the 2022 Michigan
 Inland Lakes Convention Represents an Incredible
 Opportunity to Learn More About and to Engage
 In a Celebration of Our Wonderful Inland Lakes**

without Leaving the Comfort of Our Home!!!

REGISTRATION is Open for 2022 Virtual Michigan Inland Lakes Convention

The biennial Michigan Inland Lakes Convention brings together lake scientists, policy makers, lakeshore owners, and conservationists to spark new ideas and inspire stewardship of inland lakes. This year's convention theme is "*Protecting Lakes Today for Tomorrow*", and it will take place virtually September 14-16 on Zoom.

The three-day event will include more than 45 engaging presentations and workshops focused on specific issues such as fish management, landscaping near shorelines, lake protection and governance, algal blooms, native freshwater mussels, communications, policy, invasive species, lake restoration, and much more. Wednesday and Thursday will also include keynote speakers who are regionally recognized for their contribution to the field of lake science and conservation.

The convention is a unique occasion for professionals and lakefront homeowners to learn from prominent lake management and conservation professionals. More importantly, it is an opportunity to learn best practices for the protection and preservation of Michigan's inland lakes.

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Mark your calendars!

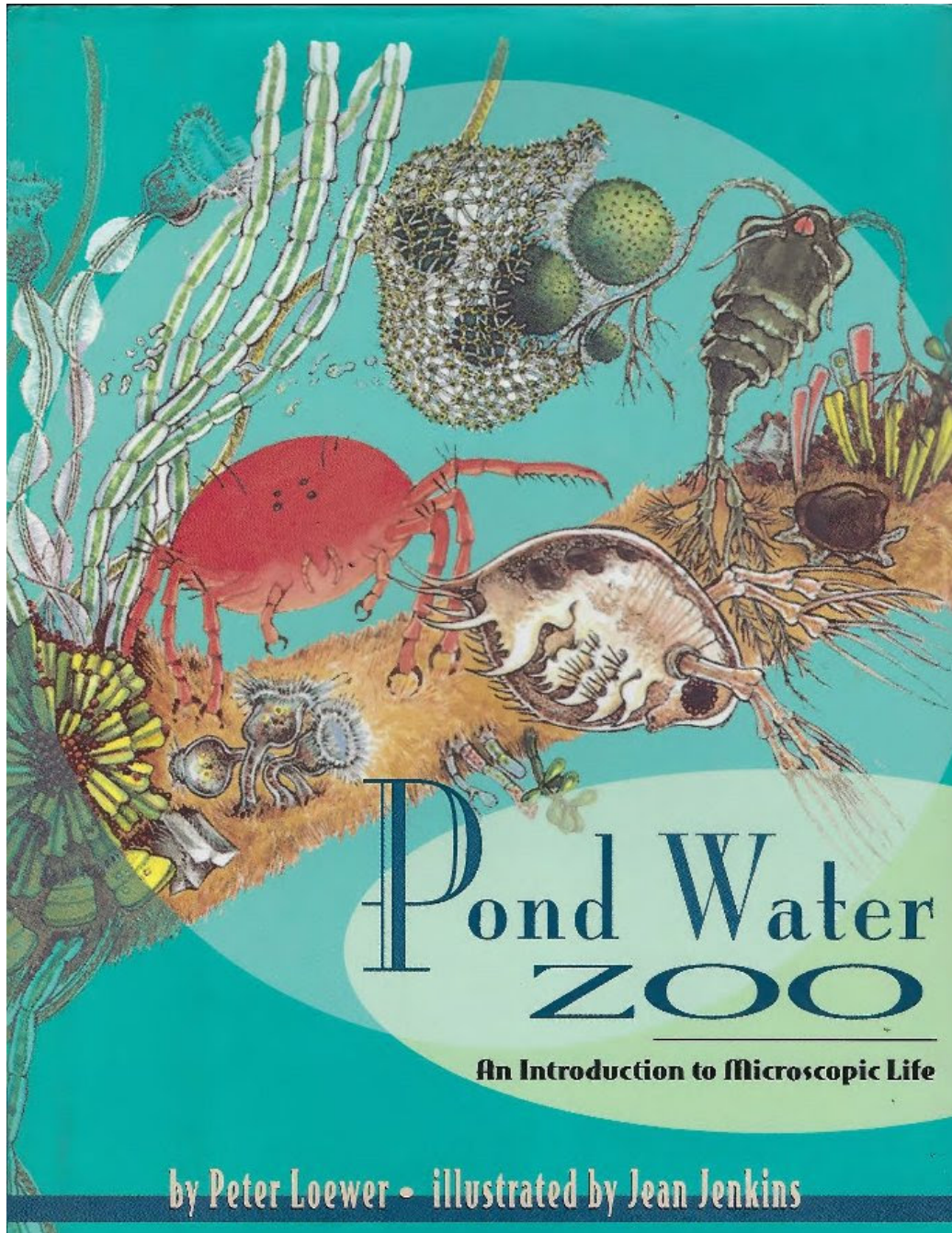
The Michigan Inland Lakes Convention: Protecting Lakes Today for Tomorrow

will be held on-line on

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
September 14 - 15 - 16 2022**

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022 MICHIGAN INLAND
LAKES CONVENTION IS NOW OPEN!**

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NEWSLETTER**

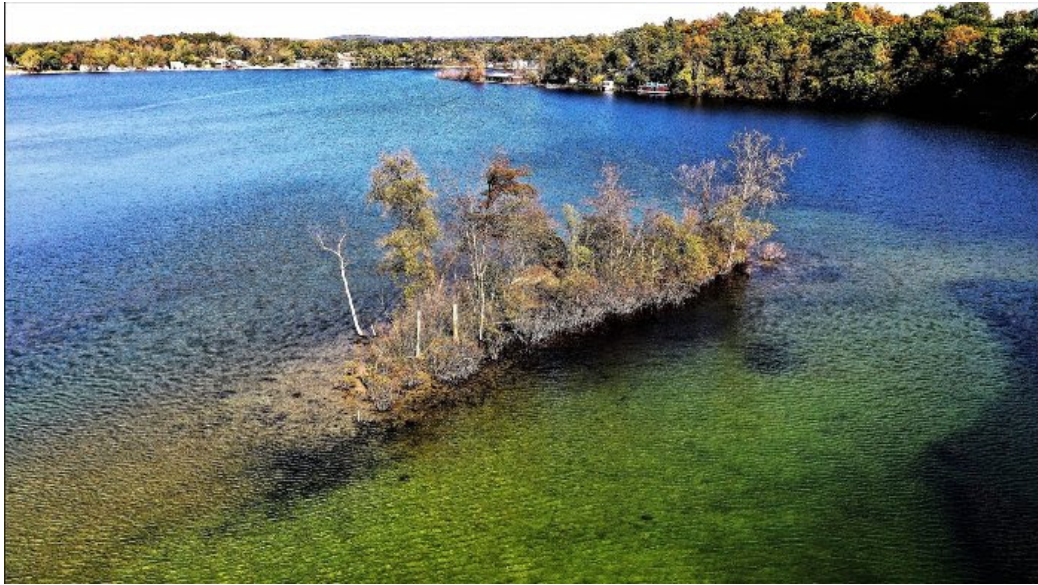
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MWA Mission Statement "This corporation is formed to protect, preserve and promote the wise use of inland waters – lakes, streams, rivers, creeks and the waters and bottomlands of the state of Michigan.

Click here to download and read Michigan Waterfront Alliance's Summer 2022 Newsletter - jammed packed with news and information regarding

Michigan's incredible freshwater resources.



"But of all the features of the landscape, lakes are the most ephemeral. As long as they remain they will continue to contribute to the service and delight of man by affording means for that relaxation and healthful pleasure which the conditions of modern life demand." W. S. Blatchley, 1897



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Michigan Clean Boats Clean Waters

Last week we shared a notice to keep an eye out for a potential invasive species that was quickly moving west, the spotted lanternfly. Unfortunately, several days ago the first sightings of several egg masses was confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Oakland County.

As we mentioned last week, this species is known for eating fruit crops like grapes and apples, both of which Michigan is known for. To prevent further invasions, we are encouraging everyone to check their vehicles and gear for eggs or the insect itself, especially while camping. And always remember to use firewood from the area you are staying at!



July 22, 2022

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Have we got a treat(ment) for you!
NotMISpecies webinars feature tips for
tackling invasive species on land, water
and places in between

Plus, some great educational programs, too!

Treatment season for many invasive species is underway across the state, and the [NotMISpecies webinar series](#) is focusing on common questions about control

and management. Whether you are thinking about tackling invasives on your land or wondering about the best ways to control phragmites or invasive aquatic plants, you'll find expert advice in these upcoming sessions.

The series is also taking time to showcase the array of Department of Natural Resources educational programs. While DNR interpreters and educators continue to enhance visitors' experiences at parks and in the classroom, they now offer a wide selection of online and virtual programs that incorporate invasive species information into broader natural resources education.

Supported by the Michigan Invasive Species program, the monthly, hourlong webinars are designed to keep people informed about available programs, current research and emerging issues in the state and the Great Lakes region. Question and answer sessions and links to resources help attendees get the most out of each presentation.

Once you know what invasive phragmites looks like, it seems to be everywhere along Michigan's roadsides and shorelines, until you reach the Upper Peninsula. [Yoooper Troopers: Lessons Learned Controlling Phragmites in Michigan's U.P.](#) (9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22) explores how a peninsula-wide collaborative effort has kept this invader in check. Join Nick Cassel, Executive Director of the U.P. Resource Conservation and Development Council, to learn how partners in the U.P. Phragmites Coalition are working together to find and control infestations, and how their work can help you, regardless of where you are in the state.

The Department of Natural Resources' education team connects Michiganders to the outdoors in many ways – providing a natural network for invasive species information. [There's a Lamprey in my Classroom! Infusing Invasive Species Education into Statewide Programs](#) (9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6) showcases the work of DNR educators across the state from visitor centers and campground programs to live virtual classroom sessions. Whether you're an educator, a parent or someone who enjoys learning, Tracy Page, DNR aquatic education coordinator, will explain how to take advantage of these programs no matter where you are.

Anyone who has wondered about what can - or can't - be done about aquatic invasive species will gain helpful information from [Treat Me Right! Rules, Regulations and Best Practices for Controlling Aquatic Invasive Species in Michigan's Inland Lakes](#) (9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10). Eric Calabro, Environmental Quality Analyst with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy will explain state regulations and options for physical and mechanical aquatic invasive species control. Find out when a permit is needed, what to consider when choosing a control method, and best management practices to ensure a safe and effective treatment.





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Upcoming Inland Lake Focused Events

September 13, 3:00 PM: Local use of volunteer-collected data: Spotlight on Long Island Sound and Oklahoma. Presented by Nikki Spiller, Harbor Watch; and Cheryl Cheadle, Oklahoma Blue Thumb. [Register](#).

September 14-16: Michigan Inland Lakes Convention: Protecting lakes today for tomorrow. Host: Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership. [More details](#). \$

September 22, 9:00 AM: Yooper Troopers: Lessons learned in controlling *Phragmites* in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Presented by Nick Cassel, UP Resource Conservation and Development Council. Host Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. [More details](#).

October 25-27: Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference. Hosts: Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, Midwest Invasive Plant Network, and Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council. [Learn about online attendance options](#). \$

November 10, 9:00 AM: Treat me right! Rules, regulations, and best practices for controlling aquatic invasive species in Michigan's inland lakes. Presented by Eric Calabro, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. [More details](#).

November 14-17: North American Lake Management Society's 42nd International Symposium. [Learn about online participation options.](#) \$

April 24-28, 2023: 13th National Monitoring Conference. (*hybrid conference with limited virtual format*) Host: National Water Quality Monitoring Council. [More details.](#) \$



ATTENTION READERS!!!

In order to add your friends, neighbors, and/or fellow lake or watershed conservation focused association member e-mails to our growing list of water resource conservation minded people who would like to receive this Michigan freshwater resources focused twice monthly newsletter, contact Editor Scott Brown at scottb1952@gmail.com



>> 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
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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!!!



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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