

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 Partnership Hosts Fifth **Inland Lakes Convention September 14-16**

Lake enthusiasts are invited to join scientists and professionals for the 2022 virtual Convention

The virtual Michigan Inland Lakes Convention: Protecting Lakes Today for Tomorrow will take place September 14-16, 2022. This virtual convention is hosted by the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership and brings together lake scientists, government agencies, industry professionals, lakeshore residents, policy makers, and conservationists to spark new ideas and inspire stewardship of inland lakes. Convention workshops and presentations are designed to engage, educate, and empower. The three-day event includes 45 concurrent sessions on issues such as lake protection and governance, algal blooms, aquatic plants, native freshwater mussels, communications, policy and law, invasive species, lake restoration, fish management, landscaping near shorelines, and much more.

The event will also include two keynote addresses from professionals who are regionally recognized for their contribution to the field of lake science and conservation. Wednesday will kick-off with a keynote address from Roger LaBine of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Native Wild Rice Coalition. Thursday's keynote address will be presented by Emily Stanley, Professor in the Department of Integrative Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In addition to presentations, attendees will also have an opportunity to attend interactive workshops. Those wishing to brush up on their communications skills should consider attending the "Water Words That Work" workshop organized by Eric Eckl, communications expert and founder of Water Words That Work. Back by popular demand is an aquatic plant identification workshop hosted by Michigan State University Extension and the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. New this year is a workshop focused solely on the economic value of inland lakes hosted by the Michigan Waterfront Alliance.

Agenda details and registration information is available on the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/michiganlakes/convention/. The registration fee is \$60 and is all-inclusive for three days. The cost for students is \$15. The deadline to register is September 11. Attendees can receive up to 14 Pesticide Applicator Recertification credits from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The credits can be used for either Commercial Core or Category 5 (aquatic).



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

Mark your calendars! The Michigan Inland Lakes Convention:

Protecting Lakes Today for Tomorrow

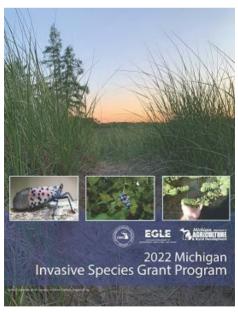
will be held on-line on

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

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

REGISTER HERE





Sept. 1, 2022

Contact: Joanne Foreman, 517-284-5814 or Erin Campbell, 269-300-9698

\$3.6 million in grants available to target invasive species in Michigan

Proposals accepted through Nov. 1

Michigan's Invasive Species Grant Program is now accepting proposals for the 2022 funding cycle, with an anticipated \$3.6 million available to applicants.

The program – a joint effort of the Michigan departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development – is part of a statewide initiative launched in 2014 to help prevent, detect and control invasive species in Michigan.

An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes harm, or is likely to cause harm, to Michigan's environment, economy or human health.

"Michigan is home to some truly world-class outdoor recreation opportunities," said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. "Unchecked, invasive species pose serious threats to those resources and the outdoor economy. Michigan's Invasive Species Grant Program is a valuable tool that allows us to work with community partners around the state to better fight and contain these land and water pests."

Program handbook, webinar

The 2022 grant program handbook outlines program priorities and application quidelines. Applicants also can take advantage of a webinar Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m., to learn more about general grant information, the application process and 2022 priorities.

Both the handbook and webinar registration information are available at Michigan.gov/MISGP. A recorded version of the webinar will be available on this webpage after Sept. 7.

2022 priorities

The program supports projects that will prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species by engaging the public in prevention practices and reducing the risk of moving invasive species into high-risk areas.

Proposals aiding early detection and response efforts for species on Michigan's Watch List and proposals increasing regional or statewide response preparedness for new or emerging invasive species are also requested.

To manage invasive species already established in Michigan, the program targets proposals for novel and efficient control techniques and projects that improve detection and control methods through increased understanding of species biology and ecology.

Proposals to develop or improve tools, such as risk assessments and prioritization models, to inform management and control decisions also are encouraged.



Training and Outreach

Register today for the Michigan Invasive **Species Grant Program Webinar!**

September 7, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

A request for proposals under the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP) was recently released with applications due on Nov. 1, 2022. The 2022 MISGP program will provide up to \$3.6 million in grant funding in priority areas and CISMA support. The purpose of the MISGP is to provide funding and technical assistance to prevent, detect, eradicate, manage, and control terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

Staff from the Michigan departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development will explain program goals, 2022 priorities, applicant eligibility, and the application process with opportunities for questions from potential applicants. This webinar will provide overall grant program information as well as details and application information for MISGP Priorities 1-3.

Michigan.gov/EGLEevents

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>> 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!!!



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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