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Welcome to a Michigan Waterfront Alliance

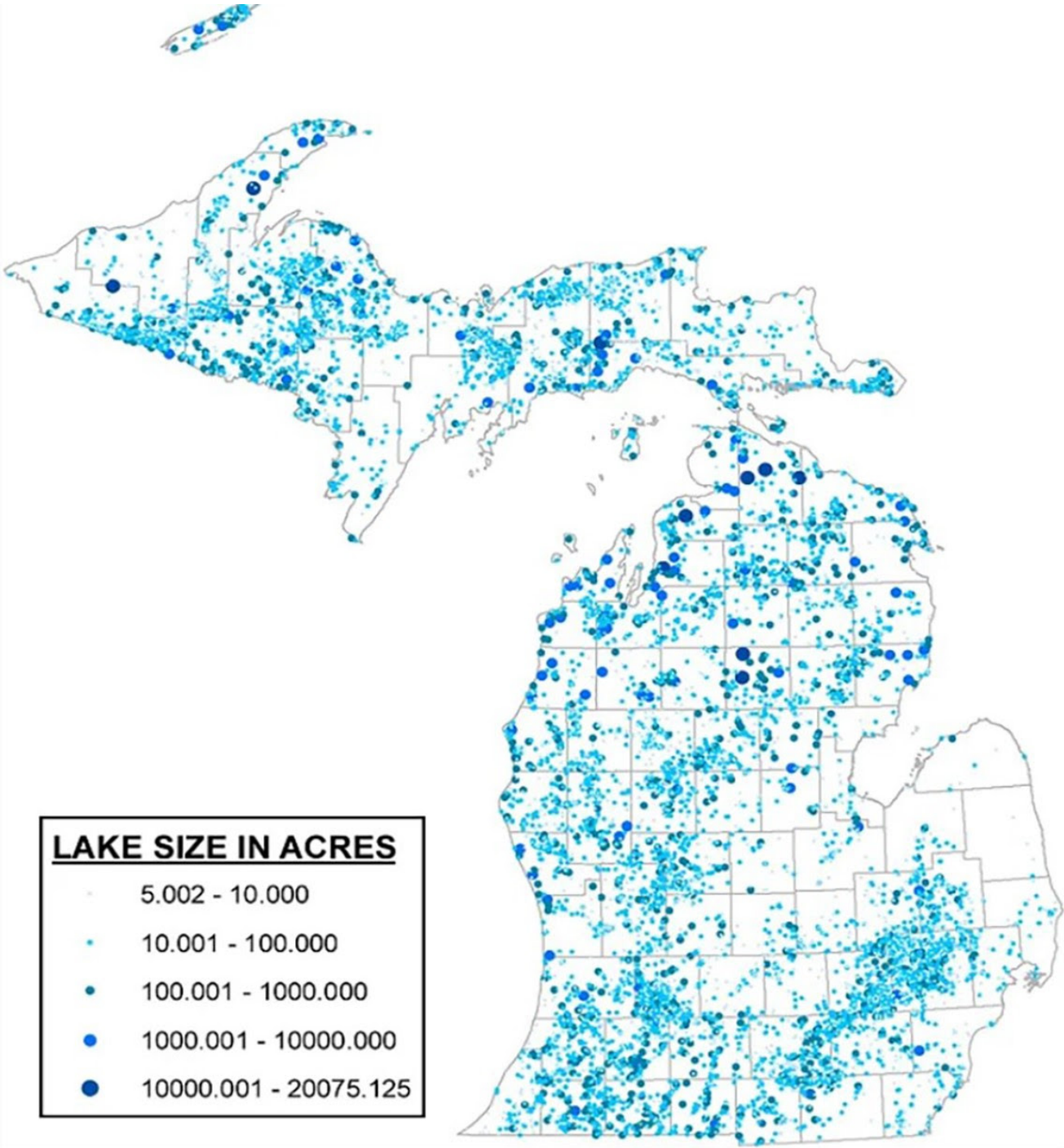
'July is Lakes Appreciation Month'

Special Update for Tuesday, July 18, 2023



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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July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

by Ralph Bednarz
North American Lake Management Society
MI Chapter, North American Lake Management Society
Michigan Waterfront Alliance

It's here! Our favorite time of year: Lakes Appreciation Month!

Celebrating its 25th year, Lakes Appreciation Month is observed annually in July. The North American Lakes Management Society (NALMS) – along with its members, partners, and lake lovers across North America – uses this time to highlight the importance of lakes, reservoirs, and all freshwater resources, along with the issues they face. Lakes Appreciation Month offers an excellent opportunity to take the time to enjoy your local freshwaters and bring attention to them – to either celebrate their values or launch an action to protect, enhance, or rejuvenate them. Read more about Lakes Appreciation Month activities on the NALMS website - <https://www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/>.

As part of Lakes Appreciation Month several States and Provinces issue Governor's proclamations highlighting the importance of lakes. Governor Whitmer recently announced a *2023 July – Lakes Appreciation Month* proclamation - <https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/news/proclamations/2023/07/01/july-2023-lakes-appreciation-month> - celebrating Michigan's vast treasure of inland lakes.



July 2023: Lakes Appreciation Month

July 01, 2023

WHEREAS, lakes are among Michigan's most valuable natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to more than 11,000 inland lakes and its 3,000 miles of shorelines are shaped by four of the five Great Lakes; and,

WHEREAS, these lakes and shorelines are critical resources to Michigan's environment and quality of life, providing sources of drinking water, irrigation, energy, commerce, recreation, scenic beauty, and habitat for fish and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, these beneficial uses have been of vital importance to Michigan's history, growth, and financial health; and,

WHEREAS, these lakes are ranked among the best in the nation in regards to water quality, biological diversity, and integrity of healthy native plant and animal communities; and,

WHEREAS, invasive species, natural shore land loss, and nutrient stressors continue to threaten the health of our lakes and shorelines, which will intensify as a result of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the Department of Natural Resources administer programs to monitor lakes, manage fisheries, permit aquatic invasive species control activities, and promote the best land management practices at the shoreline and shore lands; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Chapter of the North American Lakes Management Society engages state and local agencies, Native American Nations, outreach institutions like universities and other educational institutions, non-governmental organizations,

businesses, industries, and residents in a collaborative effort to ensure the quality, sustainability and ecological diversity of lakes with considerations of society's needs; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining the health of our lakes and shorelines is the responsibility of every resident, and through the Michigan Clean Water Corps, community volunteers have been organized and trained as lake monitors to bring education, resources and assistance to lake properties and their owners across the state; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan and the United States continue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and support efforts to sustain and enhance the quality of our nation's lakes; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan recognizes the need to protect these lakes and shorelines for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim July 2023 as Lakes Appreciation Month in Michigan.



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If not **you**, then who?
We need **you!**

Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is the only all-volunteer non-profit organization in Michigan that is dedicated to reaching out on a daily, pro-active basis to our state representatives and senators in regards to their on-going need to act now to protect our precious inland lakes, wetlands, rivers, and streams.

Please do not expect other lake associations, other individuals, and other corporations to fund MWA's efforts in Lansing.

If **you** want your voice to be heard in Lansing **you** need to be the other lake association, the other individual, and the other **corporation** to make a generous contribution to helping fund our on-going efforts in Lansing.

Please don't count on others to support the only organization in Michigan that is completely dedicated to voicing your legitimate concerns to our state legislators in Lansing.

We hire professional lobbyists - **Karoub Associates** - who understand the intricacies of dealing with state government - to reach out to our legislators. As you might imagine, the cost of hiring a professional, highly respected Lansing-based lobbying firm whose downtown Lansing office's are located within a literal stone's throw of Michigan's state capitol building is expensive - we believe, however, that to have someone in constant contact with our state senators and representatives it is more than worth the significant on-going expense.

To put it in blunt "no ifs, ands, or buts" terms, without **your** generous support we will be unable to continue our erstwhile efforts in Lansing.

Please also remember that with the exception of a few relatively minor expenses related to keeping our website updated, and on-line, and a few relatively minor costs associated with distributing our e-newsletter, **all** of our membership and donation derived income goes to paying our downtown Lansing-based lobbying firm, and our attorneys. No exorbitant employee salaries or fringe benefit packages to pay!!!!!!!!!!

It is also important to note that last year **Michigan Waterfront Alliance** lawyers took a case all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court in order to get the State of Michigan to do it's job in protecting our lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands.

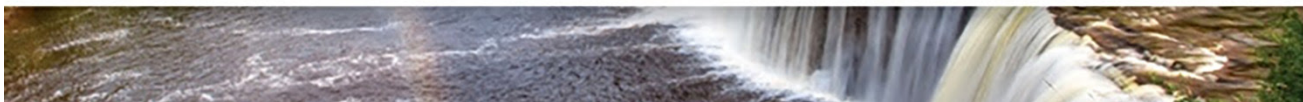
Thank you for reading and considering this hopefully convincing appeal for donations - **no amount is considered too small** - all donations of money are happily received and acknowledged within the context of the generous spirit that prompted them!!!!!!!!!!

Click here to become a dues paying member of MWA

Click here to make a generous donation to MWA



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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY



July 11, 2023

Contact: [Joanne Foreman](#), 517-243-6450

It's not Barbie Land: Learn from real people tackling invasive species issues in upcoming NotMISpecies webinars

It's perfectly OK if you're eagerly awaiting the release of the live action "Barbie" movie this summer, where we anticipate she and Ken will get a taste of the less-than-perfect real world the rest of us call home. In the meantime, the NotMISpecies webinar series offers a chance to meet real researchers working to improve Michigan's environment by better understanding invasive species, climate change and human behavior.

The hourlong programs are free – just register online to watch live and participate in the question-and-answer session, or watch the recorded version at your leisure – with popcorn optional.

August

Boaters and anglers, primarily those who travel between waterways without cleaning their equipment, continue to spread aquatic invasive species. Why aren't people cleaning when we know the risks of spread? Join Daniel Hayes from the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife for ["Why, Oh Why Won't They Clean, Drain and Dry? Understanding Impediments to Boater and Angler Behavior Change"](#) (9:00 AM. Thursday, August 10).

Hayes and his students interviewed a thousand boaters and anglers to find the answers. He will share what they've learned about motivations and barriers to equipment cleaning, perceptions of invasive species spread and other interesting results.

October

Ash, elm and chestnut trees once were as common in cities as the streets that bear their names. Our tree canopy today is much less diverse due to insects, disease, invasive species and poor species selection. Lawrence Sobson, Department of Natural Resources urban forester and partnership coordinator, explores the issue in ["Where the Sidewalk Ends: Choosing Resilient Trees for Tomorrow's Urban Environments"](#) (9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3). Sobson will offer examples of ideal tree species, explain how to assess urban sites and provide information to ensure the trees you choose can live for the next hundred years.

November

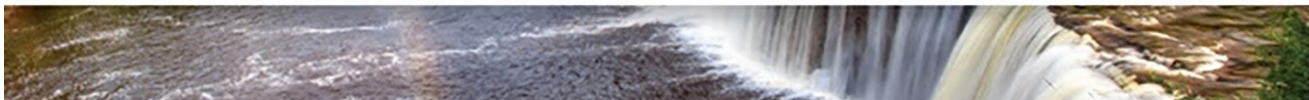
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The series will take breaks in September and December, leaving ample time to catch up on episodes you might have missed. Find recordings of all the past NotMISpecies webinars or register for new ones at Michigan.gov/EGLE/Outreach/Not-MI-Species-Webinar-Series.

Michigan's Invasive Species Program, a collaborative effort of the departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development, coordinates and supports invasive species initiatives across the state and provides support through the [Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program](#).



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 28, 2023

EGLE Media Office, EGLE-Assist@Michigan.gov, 517-284-9278

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EGLE seeks grant applications for water conservation best practices

*Project will focus on identifying innovations and
tech advancements to support sustainability*

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is announcing [a request for proposals \(RFP\)](#) for a project to identify innovations and technological advancements in water conservation best practices that can benefit Michigan's water sectors and support long-term sustainability of Michigan's water resources. The project also will advance Michigan's goals under the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#) to protect public health and the environment and develop new clean energy jobs by making Michigan's economy 100% carbon-neutral by 2050.

The project will inform Michigan's [Water Use and Water Conservation and Efficiency programs](#) and further the state's water conservation and efficiency goals and objectives established under the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers' [Great Lakes Agreement and Compact](#).

Eligible to apply are for-profit and nonprofit entities; educational institutions; and federal, state, tribal, and local units of government. Individuals are not eligible. One chosen applicant will receive a maximum of \$100,000. The grant is co-funded by the [Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund](#) (MGLPF) and funding appropriated by the Michigan Legislature to the [Michigan Water Use Advisory Council](#) (WUAC) through the federal American Rescue Plan Act. It will be administered by EGLE's [Office of the Great Lakes](#) (OGL).

The anticipated project award period is December 2023 to November 2024. Applications will be evaluated on project readiness and feasibility for completion within the 12-month time frame. Project tasks include:

1. Develop and implement an engagement and dissemination strategy to involve Michigan water sectors in the project to maximize the benefits of the project results and findings.
2. Summarize existing Michigan water sectors' processes to review and/or change water conservation best management practices (BMP).
3. Research innovation and technological advancements in water sector water conservation BMPs and their impacts within the business and industry sectors in other Great Lakes states and provinces and other innovative jurisdictions.
4. Summarize findings that will advance Michigan water sectors' water conservation BMPs within the business and industry sectors to help contribute to Michigan's water

conservation and efficiency program goals as well as practices that may also contribute toward achieving Michigan’s climate and carbon neutrality goals.

- 5. Present project results and findings to the Water Use Advisory Council (WUAC), the council’s Water Conservation and Efficiency Committee, and business and industry sectors to inform and advance innovation in their sectors’ water conservation and efficiency practices and contribute toward achieving Michigan’s climate and carbon neutrality goals.

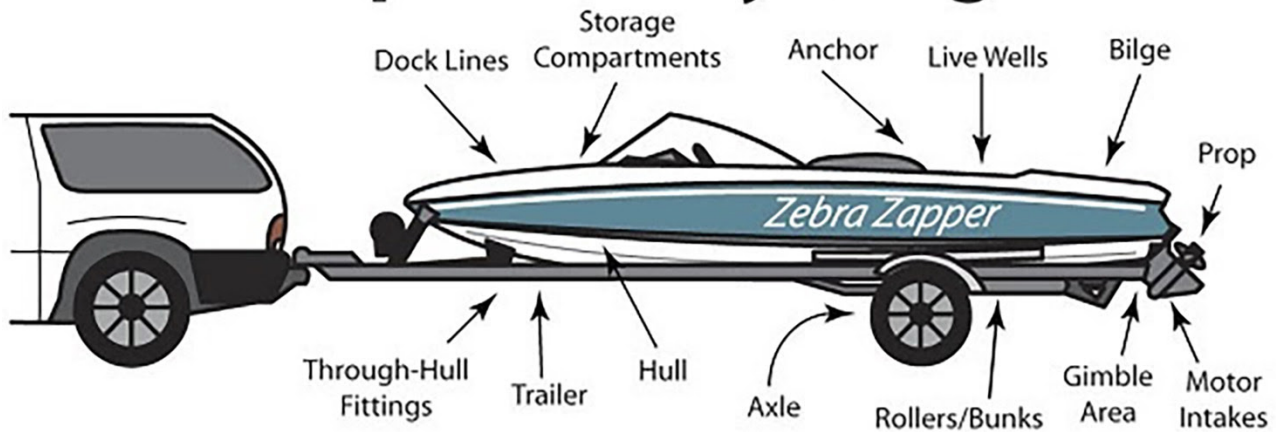
A webinar will be held Tuesday, July 25, at 2:00 PM to explain this funding opportunity. EGLE staff will present details of the RFP, the application process, and answer questions from the audience. The webinar is free, [but registration is required](#).

Complete applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, Monday, August 28, 2023. Email Kimber Frantz, FrantzK@Michigan.gov, with the subject line “Water Conservation BMP Application” and the application attached as a PDF file. Maximum attachment size is 10 megabytes. Applicants unable to submit by email should contact Kimber Frantz by email or phone, 517-275-0829.

Questions or comments regarding the program or application process may be directed to OGL’s Great Lakes Senior Advisor and Strategist Emily Finnell, FinnellE@Michigan.gov or 517-599-1330; or Great Lakes Policy Specialist Simon Bélisle, BelisleS@Michigan.gov or 517-331-6390.



Before leaving and before launching...
inspect everything!





NotMISpecies Webinar Series

Invasive species pose a threat to Michigan's environment, economy, and sometimes even human health. What is at stake? What is being done? [This webinar series](#) explores how agencies, universities, and locally led organizations are working together to protect Michigan's natural resources through the Michigan Invasive Species Program. If you are concerned about the impacts of invasive species or interested in the techniques used to control them, join us as we examine species-specific actions, innovations in research and technology, and programs designed to help communities prevent and manage harmful invasive species. A question-and-answer period will follow each presentation. Recorded versions of all previous [NotMISpecies webinars](#) are available at Michigan.gov/EGLE/Outreach under "Featured Webinar Series."

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Join McNALMS

If you share an interest in protecting and restoring Michigan lakes, we invite you to join the Michigan Chapter, North American Lake Management Society (McNALMS) and add your voice to our growing and active effort. With membership, you receive our informative newsletter; access to our parent organization's newsletter (national NALMS); reduced registration to our biennial Lunch and Learn meeting; eligibility to apply to our Student Grants and other financial assistance programs; information on other grants, courses, fact sheets, and announcements; and becoming a part of a network of individuals and corporations interested in lake conservation.

[Click here](#) to join McNALMS

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Events Listing

All times Eastern. "\$" indicates there may be a cost to participate.

July 25, 1:00 PM: Landscaping over septic systems. Presented by Beth Clawson, Michigan State University Extension. Host: Michigan State University Extension. [More details.](#)

July 25, 2:00 PM: Aquatic invasive species in commerce - July summit. Host: Aquatic Invasive Species in Commerce. [More details.](#)

August 17, 1:00 PM: Conservation planning in municipalities: Case studies of urban wetlands and waterways. Presented by Ronda Burnett, Missouri Department of Conservation. Host: Society of Wetland Scientists. [More details.](#)

August 20-24: 153rd American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, Michigan (*hybrid event: virtual and in-person options*). Host: American Fisheries Society. [More details.](#) \$

September 6: Understanding algal blooms: State of the science conference (*hybrid event: virtual and in-person options*). Host: Ohio Sea Grant. [More details.](#) \$

September 18, 9:00 AM: Knowing your septic system - SepticSmart 2023. Presented by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Onsite Wastewater Program. Host: Michigan EGLE. [More details.](#)



>>> We Need Your Help!!! <<<

**Why You Should Join
Michigan Waterfront Alliance today?**

Do you care about your favorite lake, river, or stream?

Do you care enough to contact your state senator or representative about issues that may affect the quality of your waterbody?

Do you keep track of the bills that are important to your lake, river, or stream that may have been introduced in the Michigan House or Senate?

The good news is that Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is doing this for you.

And while we're at it - we will remind you that the activities and efforts of the Michigan Waterfront Alliance are conducted entirely by passionate volunteers who donate their own time and personal resources to helping preserve and protect Michigan's extraordinary freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, stream and wetlands.

Did you know that not a single person who works directly on behalf of our non-profit organization receives compensation of any sort - financial or otherwise?

Did you know that with the exception of paying our attorneys to represent your interests, and the best interests of preserving our freshwater resources in court, that the majority of the relatively modest amount of revenue we generate from memberships is entirely dedicated to paying

our Lansing-based lobbyist to work on your behalf and on behalf of protecting Michigan's water resources in our state capitol??

Did you know that Michigan Waterfront Alliance is a pro-active member of the collaborative lake conservation focused organization known as the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership???

Did you know that Michigan Waterfront Alliance was a 'platinum' level sponsor of the 2022 Michigan Inland Lakes Convention??

Did you know that Michigan Waterfront Alliance is a founding member of the Michigan Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force, a collaborative effort that is comprised of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and several statewide non-profit organizations that is dedicated to stopping the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic invasive plants and animals??

Did you know that our volunteers often reach out to elected members of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and to the United States Environmental Protection Agency in regards to resolving federal government level issues that pertain to protecting Michigan's freshwater resources??

Why not become a pro-active part of our efforts to help preserve and protect Michigan's incredible freshwater resources for future generations by becoming a member today??

Please remember that we rely entirely upon 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!!!



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



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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