
Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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Photo by Scott Brown

Welcome to the Michigan Waterfront Alliance

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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 proactive 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.





Photo by MDNR

Legislation Introduced to Shore Up MDNR Fisheries Hatchery Budget

**Proposed Legislation Creates a \$5.00 Hatchery Stamp
and Raises the Cost of MI Resident Fishing Licenses by \$2.00**

by Scott Brown

In an effort to offset the long term budget eroding effects of inflation and increased operational cost driven cuts experienced by Michigan's fish stocking program, legislation has been introduced to the Michigan House of Representatives that if enacted would require the purchase of a \$5.00 hatchery stamp to fish for hatchery produced cold water species stocked by the MDNR. The language of House Bill 5093 of 2025 would also increase

the cost of a Michigan resident fishing license to fish for non-stocked warm water species by \$2.00.

Introduced by State Representatives Curtis VanderWall (District 102), Ken Borton (105 District) Doug Wozniak (District 59), and Parker Fairbairn (105 District), most of the revenue generated by the sale of \$5.00 hatchery stamps would go directly to the MDNR fisheries division to help offset the long-term effects of inflation, substantial increases in the overall cost of operating hatcheries, and the chronic failure of the state legislature to appropriate annual increases in state funding. Revenue generated by the \$2.00 increase in the cost of a Michigan resident fishing license would be dedicated to enhancing inland warm water species (i.e. largemouth bass) fishing opportunities.

Failure to enact House Bill 5093 will most likely affect operations at MDNR run hatcheries that support production of coldwater fish species such as lake trout, brook trout, splake, Chinook salmon, Atlantic salmon, and steelhead. The MDNR operates the Marquette State Fish Hatchery, the Thompson State Fish Hatchery located near Manistique, the Oden Fish Hatchery located near Petoskey, the Harrietta State Fish Hatchery, the Platte River State Fish Hatchery located near Honor, and the Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery located near Kalamazoo. The legislation is being pro-actively supported by Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Great Lakes Salmon Initiative, and many other sportfishing focused organizations. It is important to note that sport fishing in Michigan generates approximately \$2.4 billion annually in economic activity.



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EGLE Director Phil Roos on Governor Whitmer signing the FY26 budget

Today, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Director Phil Roos issued the following statement in response to Governor Whitmer signing a balanced, bipartisan fiscal year 2026 state budget into law.

“The passage of the FY26 state budget ensures that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) can continue its vital work protecting our state’s air, land, water, and energy resources. While this year’s budget reflects a modest reduction for EGLE, it maintains core funding and staffing levels necessary to deliver on our mission to protect Michigan’s natural resources and safeguard public health. We appreciate the Governor and Legislature’s continued support for environmental protection and public health.”

EGLE’s budget for FY26 includes:

- \$451 million for water infrastructure initiatives to strengthen local systems, replace lead service lines, provide safe drinking, manage stormwater, and protect Michigan’s lakes and streams, great and small.
- \$154 million for remediation and redevelopment programs and underground storage tank cleanup activities to address contaminated sites, facilitating economic development and protecting public health and the environment.
- \$129 million in support for communities that site renewable energy and energy storage projects, providing much-needed support for important public safety investments.

- \$83.3 million for water quality programs that protect the rivers, lakes, and groundwater that define Michigan.
- \$78 million for the Renew Michigan program, supporting environmental protection, contaminated site remediation and cleanup, brownfield redevelopment, waste management, recycling, and sustainability projects.
- \$40 million for drinking water and environmental health programs to ensure safe drinking water and safeguard public health.
- \$39 million for air quality programs to maintain clean air and prevent impacts on public health and the environment.
- \$32 million for materials management programs, overseeing responsible waste disposal, and cleanup, waste reduction, recycling and facilitating sustainable energy development.
- \$27 million for management of Michigan's geologic resources.
- \$5 million to increase efficiency, transparency, and public access to critical information by digitizing, indexing, and posting department documents.

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Michigan Invasive
Species Program





Apply today for a Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant!

We're excited to announce that for our sixth season, the Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters program has \$35,000 in grant funding available to support aquatic invasive species education across the state!

Who can apply?

This grant is open to organizations committed to protecting Michigan's waters and educating boaters about aquatic invasive species. Eligible applicants include:

- Lake associations
- Watershed groups
- Local or tribal governments
- Schools
- Nature centers
- Non-profit organizations

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas and organizations with statewide impact are strongly encouraged to support local groups in their area.

What can be funded?

Projects should focus on outreach and prevention pathways for aquatic invasive species. No local match is required. We encourage applicants to contact program staff to confirm project eligibility before applying.

Funding (up to \$3,000 per project) can be used for:

- Educational signage

- Invasive species removal tools
- Outreach materials (e.g., swag, handouts)
- Supplies for booths or presentations

Note: Ineligible expenses include invasive species eradication, mechanical boat washing stations, and indirect staffing costs (e.g., fringe benefits).

Application details

This is a competitive funding opportunity. Applications will be reviewed and ranked based on group eligibility, project significance, anticipated outcomes and target audiences. Learn more and apply on the [Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant website](#).

Deadline to apply: January 30, 2026

Questions?

Contact Kelsey Bockelman at bockelm4@msu.edu.

Learn more about this funding opportunity

Apply today! ►



HELP STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!



Avoid spreading aquatic invasive species.

Recommended Actions:

- ✓ **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment
- ✓ **DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water
- ✓ **DRY** boats and equipment
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash

IT'S THE LAW

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction. Violators may be subject to fines.

DO NOT launch or transport watercraft or trailers unless they are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

DO NOT transport a watercraft without removing all drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.

DO NOT release unused bait into the water.

Michigan.gov/InvasiveSpecies





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Great Lakes

VIRTUAL

PFAS SUMMIT

Registration now open!

2025 Virtual Great Lakes PFAS Summit

December 2-4, 2025

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is hosting the [sixth annual virtual Great Lakes PFAS Summit](#) on December 2-4, 2025. Registration is now open for exhibitors and attendees!

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) continue to present some of the biggest challenges in chemical contamination across the world. States throughout the nation, including the Great Lakes region, are finding PFAS contamination in a growing number of locations where these persistent chemicals pose a threat to human health and the environment.

The Great Lakes PFAS Summit will bring together environmental program managers, policy experts, researchers, and contractors from around the Great Lakes region to share new methods of addressing this contamination and present innovative technical solutions developed to address these “forever” chemicals. Thousands of participants from all over the globe will include local, state, and federal government officials; environmental consultants and vendors; academic researchers and students; industry managing PFAS contamination; and community organizations.

Sessions will focus on:

- Human Impacts
- Ecological Impacts
- Regulation
- Fate and Transport
- Treatment
- PFAS in Consumer Products

The Summit will be held virtually through a combination of Zoom and the event app, *Whova*. All registrants will have the ability to network, chat with peers, visit with exhibitors, and contact speakers.

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[Register today!](#)

- Get information on the most current and reliable science and policy.
- Network with thousands of professionals from around the world using our online event platform, Whova.
- Explore current and future research topics related to PFAS.
- Hear the latest from federal, state, and local officials on their challenges and innovative solutions in dealing with these "forever chemicals."
- Earn Continuing Education Hours (CEH) / Professional Development Hours (PDH). (The Summit does not provide water operator CECs.)

All of this for only \$35!

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2025

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A note from Michigan Waterfront Alliance: Let your voice be heard through this survey of your concern regarding the rampant spread of aquatic invasive plant and animal species and the lack of enforcement of Michigan's aquatic invasive species law.

All hands on deck for this quick boating survey!

We're conducting an online survey to help understand Michigan boaters and the public amenities, services and infrastructure that are most important to you.

Your answers will help guide how Waterways funds (monies raised by boat registration fees and a portion of the state gas tax) are invested for future generations.

We're asking for your input on facility upgrades, such as enhanced parking, more launch piers, convenient in-and-out services and other possible investments at boating access

sites.

Make your voice heard by taking a few minutes to complete this online survey.

TAKE THE SURVEY BY CLICKING HERE



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 "All Webinar Series."

Upcoming webinars in the series

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

“Hold the invasives, please!” Certified invasive-free products are coming to Michigan

Have you’ve ever landscaped with “clean” fill or gravel and ended up with a weed patch, or purchased mulch that took on a life of its own? If so, you might be interested in Michigan’s new voluntary, invasive-free certification program. Join Vicki Sawicki, program coordinator with the Department of Natural Resources, to learn how she’s building relationships with producers of gravel, fill, mulch, compost and firewood who want to provide clean options for their customers. Invasive plants, insects and even tree diseases can be moved to new places on firewood and landscape materials. Learn more about when and where you can find certified products and how purchasing these can ensure that what you bring home is clean and invasive-free.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Holiday hitchhikers: Unpacking pests in Christmas trees

Every holiday season, millions of Christmas trees are cut and shipped around the country to become centerpieces for family celebrations – but some come with more than just festive cheer. Spongy moth and balsam woolly adelgid are two invasive Christmas tree pests on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s naughty list. MDARD’s Amber Neils and Lindsay Patrick will discuss the status of these two insects in Michigan, their biology, the risks they pose, and how the department’s Christmas Tree Inspection and Certification Program helps Michigan tree farms spread holiday cheer without the risk of spreading invasive species.

[Register for these webinars by clicking here](#)

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Introduction to Lakes Online Course

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**6 WEEK ONLINE COURSE
STARTS IN JANUARY!**

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Introduction to Lakes Online

Course Overview

Introduction to Lakes Online is designed for interested individuals, decision makers, local leaders, resource professionals, and lakefront property owners interested in gaining knowledge about inland lakes and connecting with others who have a similar interest. In this introductory course, participants increase their knowledge and understanding of the following six topics:

- Lake ecology
- Watersheds
- Shorelines
- Aquatic plant management
- Michigan water law
- Community involvement

Course instructors include Bindu Bhakta, Erick Elgin, Paige Filice, Dr. Jeremy Hartsock, Julia Kirkwood (EGLE), Dr. Jo Latimore, Brad Neumann, Mary Reilly, and Dr. Lois Wolfson (retired).

This award-winning six-week course is offered once a year and consistently draws strong interest. Since its launch in 2014, more than 2,500 people have participated, with 98% saying they would recommend it to a friend or colleague. For many, Introduction to Lakes Online is their first experience with an online course—and it's designed to be user-friendly. The course features a simple, easy-to-navigate website, clear instructional videos, and weekly reminder emails, all of which contribute to high participant satisfaction.

Questions? Contact Paige Filice at filicepa@msu.edu.

To learn more about Intro to Lakes Online and/or to register for the class that begins in January,

[click here](#)



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Wild Celery

Scientific Name: *Vallisneria americana*

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Local Leaders Webinar Series



Join the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for this free monthly webinar series, to learn how to address environmental issues in your community. Each webinar will include a presentation by EGLE staff and time for questions from attendees. All webinars will be recorded, and a link to the recordings will be shared with all registrants, after each session. More information about the series, including upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars, can be found on the [series webpage](#).

Upcoming webinars in the series

Waste Gone Wild and Local Enforcement

October 16, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Hidden dump piles, trash strewn property, abandoned buildings filled with junk - Local leaders make discoveries like these in their communities all the time. Recycling efforts that start out with good intentions and get out of hand with flat markets and poor planning are usually to blame; however local officials are often left to clean up the mess. Local leaders will want to join this webinar to learn about how to recognize and address waste gone wild situations in your community and the tools that are available to help. Attendees will hear about recycling efforts gone wild for various materials like scrap tires, electronic and other recyclable commodities, as well as how to address nuisance dumping situations.

[Register for the Waste Gone Wild And Local Enforcement Webinar](#)

Wetlands - Where are they and how are they regulated?

November 18, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Michigan's wetlands law recognizes the important benefits provided by wetlands and their vital role in recreation, tourism, and the economy. Residents who plan to construct in a wetland or alter a wetland should be aware of the restrictions and permit requirements associated with those activities BEFORE they begin. It's important that local leaders are familiar with these regulations as these are common questions that come up in community forums, board and planning meetings, and one-on-one conversations with residents. This webinar will provide an overview of resources available to identify wetlands in your

community and discuss the requirements associated with construction/modifications in a wetland.

[Register for the Wetlands Webinar](#)

Michigan.gov/EGLEevents

Program Questions:

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Registration Questions:

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Common Snapping Turtle

Scientific Name: *Chelydra serpentina*



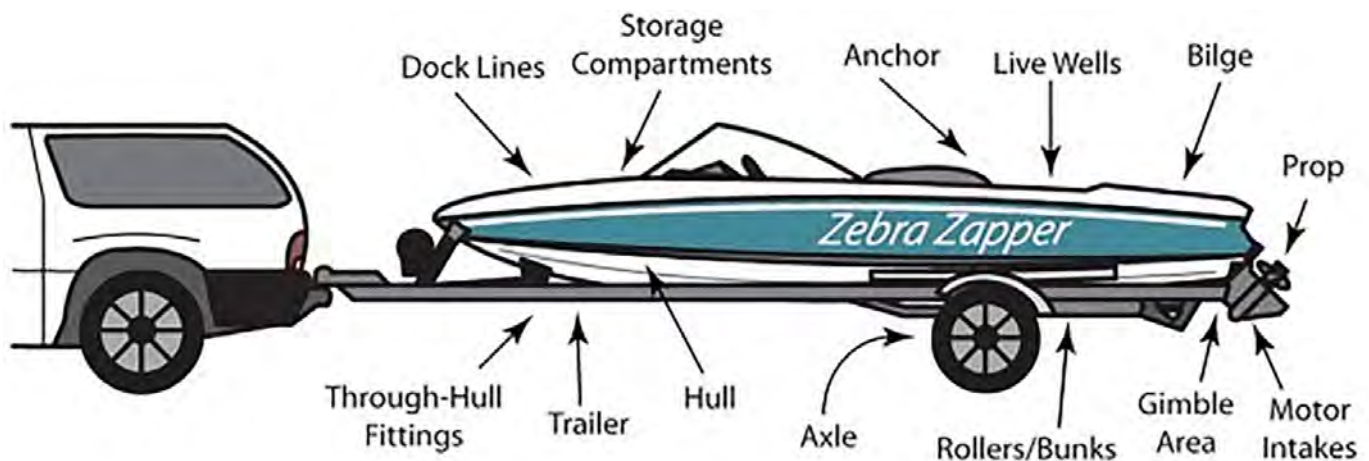
What We Would Like Readers of this Newsletter to Know about Michigan Waterfront Alliance

Our Mission:

Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation formed to protect, preserve, and promote wise use of the inland waters of the State of Michigan. Our mission will be accomplished by active participation in the legislative process, court cases, and/or direct involvement with related state agencies or departments. This membership-enabled corporation maintains the ability to influence legislation through lobbying, an action that is not permitted by 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.

- Michigan Waterfront Alliance is one of just a few non-profit organizations that is permitted by law to influence our state's legislative process in regards to the enactment of state laws, regulations, or policies whose implementation and enforcement ultimately have a direct impact on Michigan's vast natural legacy of high quality freshwater resources by lobbying. Lobbying is defined as the act of attempting to influence decisions made by government officials. Enabled through direct communication and pro-active advocacy, lobbying involves various activities aimed at persuading policymakers, especially state legislators, to support or oppose specific legislation, regulations, and/or other government actions.
- The vast majority of the revenue derived through membership or by donations to Michigan Waterfront Alliance is utilized to compensate our Lansing-based lobbyist - Michigan's longest serving multi-client lobbying firm, Karoub Associates.
- Not a single person who works for Michigan Waterfront Alliance, including the Officers and Directors of our Board of Directors, receive any form of monetary compensation.
- Those who work to enable the day-to-day operation of Michigan Waterfront Alliance are motivated by the desire to contribute in some modest way to the conservation of Michigan's extraordinary valuable natural legacy of high quality inland lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands.
- It is important for our readers to understand that most of the revenue we receive through the payment of individual, association, or corporate dues as well as donations to Michigan Waterfront Alliance go directly to support our Karoub Associates enabled Lansing-based lobbying efforts that occur on behalf of our freshwater resources, associations, and lakefront property owners (riparians). A small percentage (about 10%) of our total revenue goes to fund the payment of non-discretionary administrative expenses.
- The fact is, only a small fraction of the thousands of readers of this newsletter have thus far chosen to become individual, association, or corporate members, and/or to donate to Michigan Waterfront Alliance.
- In order for Michigan Waterfront Alliance to sustain our commitment to working on behalf of the preservation of our precious inland lakes, rivers,

streams, and wetlands, and the protection of the riparian rights of lakefront property owners, we desperately need many more of our readers to make the wise decision to become Individual, Association, or Corporate members, and/ or to make a generous donation to our efforts by becoming a Bronze, Silver, or Gold MI Healthy Lakes Champion today!!!



Bringing a boat

When a watercraft is part of your fishing routine, remember to “Clean, Drain and Dry” boats, trailers and all equipment and gear after each use on any lake, river or stream. State law requires:

- Making sure watercraft and trailers are free of all aquatic organisms and plants before transporting or launching.

- Removing drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells before transporting watercraft over land.

Drying boats, trailers and gear is an important step to ensure live organisms, like hard-to-see zebra mussel larvae, plant fragments and didymo cells, don't travel to the next fishing spot. Between sites, do one of the following:

- When possible, dry boats, trailers and gear in the sun for five to seven days.
- Wash boats and trailers with a pressure washer.
- Apply a chemical disinfectant like those listed above.
- Dry surfaces with a towel.

Preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species is the responsibility of everyone who uses Michigan's valuable fresh-water resources. For more information on invasive species and prevention methods, visit Michigan.gov/Invasives.

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





2025 MGLP Lake Conservation Webinars

We are excited to announce our 2025 Lake Conservation Webinars, which start next week!

These free webinars address a diverse range of lake and fish habitat management issues such as aquatic plants, algal blooms, national lake water quality mapping, conservation planning, practices for managing farm drainage and runoff, fish habitat structures, Walleye spawning and stocking, and disproportionate monitoring relative to communities of color.

Check out our lineup below and register using the links provided. You can view the full list of webinars plus recordings of past webinars on our [Lake Conservation Webinars webpage](#).

Smart maps, stronger conservation: Targeting land protection with GIS

Annie Knight, Ally Mazurek, Mitch Brinks, and Paul Radomski

October 21, 2025 at 1 PM Central

[Register for webinar](#)

Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLT) will be presenting on their MGLP-funded project, which developed an interactive GIS mapping tool to identify and prioritize land protection projects within the watersheds of Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance. In collaboration with a Minnesota DNR researcher, a GIS specialist, and NWLT staff, each parcel within these sensitive watersheds was systematically scored to determine conservation priority. Join this session to learn exactly what metrics were used to evaluate parcels, how the data were integrated into GIS, and how NWLT applies this tool to enhance targeted outreach. This innovative approach has led to a higher volume of landowner applications, increased the quality of land protection projects, and strengthened NWLT's ability to secure funding for

future conservation efforts. Discover how scientific methodology and strategic mapping are shaping the future of land conservation in northern Minnesota.



*Our long term vision is to address Michigan's most pressing lake, stream,
and watershed conservation and stewardship challenges and provide
research-based, timely support to clientele and partners.*

The Center for Lakes and Streams streamlines lake and stream research, engagement, and education activities at the university and highlights the many programs MSU Extension and its partners offer throughout the state. The MSU Extension Center for Lakes and Streams is not a physical center with a brick-and-mortar headquarters. It is a team of Extension

educators and outreach faculty based throughout Michigan with a shared mission of advancing the conservation and stewardship of Michigan's inland lakes and streams.

To achieve this vision, the Center will welcome affiliated faculty from various departments at MSU and will invite external stakeholder input. Affiliates and stakeholders will support the work of the Center by identifying emerging issues and assisting with the prioritization of research and education activities. The Center will welcome stakeholder input from diverse perspectives, including state agencies, tribal partners, other Michigan universities, local and regional decision makers, agricultural producers, and nonprofit, community and riparian organizations.

Want to learn more?

Reach out to the Center for Lakes and Streams Director

Dr. Jo Latimore at latimor1@msu.edu.



Events Listing

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

October 21, 2:00 PM: Smart maps, stronger conservation: Targeting land protection with GIS. Presented by Annie Knight and Ally Mazurek, Northern Waters Land Trust; Mitch Brinks, GIS specialist; and Paul Radomski, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

October 22: Great Lakes Microplastics Summit (*virtual event*). Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

October 28, 10:00 AM: How Michigan's glaciation and glacial history formed our many wetlands. Presented by Randy Schaetzl, Michigan State University. Host: Michigan Wetlands Association. \$

November 6, 1:00 PM: [Mystery snail impacts on lake ecosystems](#). Presented by Sarah Kingsbury, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Host: Itasca Waters.

December 2-4: [2025 Great Lakes Virtual PFAS Summit](#). Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

December 4, 1:00 PM: [Water wishes for the holidays](#). Presented by John Downing, Hilarie Sorensen, Sawyer Lorentz, and Holly Ristau, Minnesota Sea Grant. Host: Itasca Waters.

December 5: [2025 Annual MiCorps Conference](#) (*Michigan's volunteer lake and stream monitoring program*). Host: Michigan Clean Water Corps.

January - March, 2026: [Introduction to Lakes Online course](#). (6 week course. *Enroll by January 27.*) Host: Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams. \$

February 17-19, 2026: [2026 Invasive Species Forum](#). Host: Invasive Species Centre.

You may also wish to explore these websites for additional events, recordings of past events, and more:

[Michigan Inland Lakes Convention presentation recordings](#)

[Michigan Lakes and Streams Association](#)

[Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams](#)

[Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership](#)

[North American Lake Management Society](#)



Please join Michigan Waterfront Alliance!

**We Need the Support of People Like You Who Care about
Preserving and Protecting our Extraordinarily Valuable
Freshwater Resources for Future Generations Now!!!**

- . 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 owned and operated 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.

[Click here](#) to join Michigan Waterfront Alliance today !!!



---The Problem is Real---

***The loss of natural shorelines is the biggest threat
to the overall health of Michigan lakes***

National Lakes Assessment

Shoreland development is impacting Michigan's lakes causing issues such as poor water quality, erosion, and loss of fish and wildlife habitat. Taking action on your property now can help reverse these effects and protect the health of your lake.

To learn more about the mission, goals, and unique educational opportunities provided by the

Michigan **N**atural **S**horeline **P**artnership

[Click here](#)



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ALLIANCE MI HEALTHY LAKES CHAMPION TODAY!!!

**YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 WILL
AMPLIFY OUR CAPACITY TO LOBBY FOR THE PASSAGE
OF COMMON SENSE LEGISLATION THAT IS PENDING IN
LANSING IN REGARDS TO REGULATING WAKE BOATS AND
SEPTIC TANKS!!! AS OUR READERS ARE WELL AWARE,
OUT
OF CONTROL WAKE BOATS ARE DAMAGING OUR LAKES,
AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL SEPTIC
SYSTEMS ARE DEGRADING OUR LAKES, RIVERS,
STREAMS,
AND GROUNDWATER!!!**

**TO BECOME AN MWA MI HEALTHY LAKES CHAMPION
[CLICK HERE](#)**



Please Consider Donating, and/or Becoming a Dues Paying Member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance Today

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 is 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.





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 about 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.

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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
