
Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Monday, February 16, 2026

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Update for Monday, February 16, 2026



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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.



PFAS and Our Inland Lakes: Sources, Impacts, and Protection Resources

by

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Background

With the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, pollution has become an ever-growing issue. Many synthetic chemicals that were created for the ease of business and industry have been discovered over the past fifty years to have negative impacts on the environment, wildlife, and human health. One current class of synthetic chemicals that has been found to cause irreparable damage are what are known as "forever chemicals" or PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). PFAS refers to an organic chemical with a fluoride atom attached to a carbon atom chain and is one of the strongest bonds in organic chemistry. This leads to its popular use in industry for repelling water and oil, as well as resisting heat and chemical reactions. PFAS chemicals like PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) and PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate) are resistant to any kind of degradation which allows these compounds to stay and build up in the environment indefinitely. With the inability to break down, this not only leads to environmental pollution and toxicity, but also impacts human health.

Exposure

PFAS and other forever chemicals are introduced to the environment in many different ways. Water, soil, and air can become contaminated with PFAS from industrial spills from manufacturing sites, firefighting foam during training or emergencies, and leaching from landfills. PFAS can travel long distances as small traces have been found as far away as the Arctic and in all oceans, and they accumulate over time. PFAS can contaminate drinking water when products that are manufactured with forever chemicals are used or spilled into lakes and rivers. The most common exposure to PFAS is ingestion from food and drinking water. Produce, meat, eggs, and dairy can become contaminated by exposure near PFAS manufacturing sites and accumulation within crop soil for produce and feed, as well as water sources for livestock and fish. The United States has stopped producing PFAO and PFOS within the last two decades, but consumer products made with these forever chemicals are found through imported goods. PFAS manufacturing companies have switched to using other PFAS substitutes like PFBS (Per-fluoro butane sulfonic acid) and PFBA (Per-fluoro butyrate) that consist of shorter carbon chains, but there hasn't been enough data collected to know the long-term risks.

Sources of PFAS in Inland Lakes

If PFAS is detected in inland waters, the sources usually originate from industrial effluents or from chemicals that enter storm drains that empty into the water bodies. Additional sources may include usage of water repellent industrial or household chemicals that are dumped onto lawns or in drains or from some substances entering the lake from septic systems that leach through the drain fields. While PFAS may result in a whitish-colored foam, much of the time such foam is comprised of dissolved organic matter that is natural for inland lakes and not a pollutant. For this reason, it is always recommended to conduct PFAS testing to confirm the presence and concentration of PFAS.

Side Effects

Health issues from PFAS exposure can consist of pregnancy complications such as fertility issues, preeclampsia, and fetal and child development. PFAS has been classified as a carcinogen, and studies found that exposure can increase risks of testicular and kidney cancer, as well as other cancers. Other side effects from PFAS exposure are high cholesterol, liver damage, thyroid disease, and asthma. Studies have shown that most people have been exposed to low levels of PFAS due to the common use and accumulation around the world. However, these risks are associated with high concentration, duration, and frequency with exposure to PFAS and other forever chemicals.

Mitigation and Monitoring

The carbon chains in forever chemicals are so strong that current water treatment plants are unable to filter them out. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is experimenting with new ways to remove PFAS by using charcoal (granular activated carbon or GAC) absorption, ion exchange resins, and reverse osmosis through high-pressure membranes. These filters can be applied at water entry points for water treatment facilities, hospitals, individual buildings, and homes. They are available for purchase by the average consumer, but it is important to note that they do not currently meet the new requirements that EPA has established for drinking water standards. However, they are still highly recognized for reducing exposure to PFAS in drinking water. For water that is suspected to be contaminated with PFAS, samples can be sent to certified labs that use Method 573, EPA's requirement for testing for PFAS.

As for mitigating contaminated soil, switching to crops that take up less PFAS and adding protection between livestock and the soil are practices that are currently being studied to limit exposure in food.

With common consumer goods like microwave popcorn, nonstick cookware, cleaning products, take-out containers, and fast-food wrappers regularly being manufactured with PFAS, limiting use of these items and researching companies that provide PFAS-free options will help keep exposure at low levels. Using high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters and vacuuming regularly can help remove PFAS particles from the air and dust.

When working with, or in close proximity to, PFAS chemicals, it is important to wear PPE (personal protective equipment) to help minimize exposure. Blood tests can be taken to monitor PFAS levels in the body if health issues are suspected to be related to exposure.

Conclusions

Exposure to PFAS, and other forever chemicals seems to be inevitable as they are found almost everywhere due to the chemical's resilience, ability to travel, accumulation, and lack of degradation over time. However, the best way to limit exposure is to opt for products and practices that are PFAS-free, using PFAS water filters, researching local exposure in public and private waterways, and participating in and advocating for policies that regulate PFAS manufacturing and exposure. Continue to inform others and encourage more studies to be conducted on the long-term effects that PFAS and other forever chemicals have on the environment and public health.

If there is concern for PFAS water contamination, an 18-analyte test kit that uses EPA Method 537.1 can be purchased from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Drinking Water Laboratory for \$290. This kit can be ordered directly by calling 517-335-8184 and includes a return UPS shipping label.

Additionally, a Great Lakes PFAS Action Network has been created for safer fish consumption through mapping of Michigan lakes that contain PFOS. This site is regularly updated as new data is collected and can be found at <https://www.glpan.org/>



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To visit the MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and
Energy web page dedicated to providing information about **PFAS**,
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2026 Winter Newsletter,
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Registration now open!

Registration is now open for the [Great Lakes Drinking Water Conference](#), taking place at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, May 20-21. This conference, hosted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lake, and Energy (EGLE), brings together professionals from across the Great Lakes region to address today's most urgent drinking water challenges—and build practical, collaborative solutions for tomorrow.

Who Should Attend?

This conference is designed for professionals committed to drinking water protection and delivery, including:

- Community water supply personnel
- Local officials and decision-makers
- Community and nonprofit representatives
- Local, state, and federal agency partners
- Academic researchers and educators
- Consultants and service providers
- Source water protection partners

- Others working throughout the Great Lakes region

Conference Topics Include

Explore critical and emerging issues shaping the future of drinking water:

- Emerging Contaminants
- Water System Resiliency
- Policy and Regulatory Updates
- Source Water Protection
- Lead and Copper
- Community Engagement & Partnerships
- Strengthening the Future of Drinking Water

Sessions are designed to be practical, forward-looking, and applicable across systems of all sizes.

Check out the [preliminary agenda](#)

Why Attend?

- Affordable Registration – High-quality content at a significantly lower cost than other comparable events
- Up to 4 Concurrent Educational Tracks
- Plenary Keynotes from Regional and National Leaders
- Networking Breakfasts & Lunches Included Both Days
- Pre-Conference [Field Tours](#) (May 19)
- Continuing Education Credits (*pending final agenda approval*)

Set in beautiful Traverse City, this two-day conference offers timely education, meaningful networking, and real-world insights for everyone involved in protecting and delivering safe drinking water.

Registration fee:

\$265 – Full Conference (2 Days)

\$145 – Single Day

Registration deadline: May 5

Michigan.gov/EGLEevents

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CURRENT STATUS OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

by

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In July 2025, the Michigan Supreme Court, in a 3-3 split decision (*Berlin Trust v Rubin*), affirmed the Court of Appeals ruling upholding that private lake community covenants restricting property to "single-family residence purposes" can legally prohibit short-term rentals (STRs), reinforcing that such rentals are seen as commercial, not purely residential, uses in these contexts. This decision doesn't create new statewide zoning law but solidifies precedent for HOAs and private communities to enforce existing restrictive covenants against STRs, leaving lower court decisions intact.

Key Points of Ruling

Case: Melvin R. Berlin Revocable Trust et al. v Thomas C Rubin et al.

Outcome: Affirmed the Court of Appeals decision by an equal division (3-3 split).

Impact: Private communities can be existing "single-family" use restricted to ban short-term rentals.

Reasoning: The court found short-term rentals are a commercial activity, not consistent with a permanent residential purpose, even if the covenant doesn't explicitly mention STRs.

What this Means for Michigan

HOA/Condo Power: Homeowners' Associations and private communities can generally prohibit STRs if their covenants restrict use to "residential" or "single-family" purposes.

No New Statewide Law: It reinforces existing case law rather than establishing a new statewide zoning rule for all municipalities.



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**MiCorps Volunteer Stream Cleanup and Monitoring grants
available**

The Michigan Clean Water Corps ([MiCorps](#)), a volunteer monitoring program network that collects and shares surface water quality data throughout the state, is accepting 2026 funding proposals for two grant programs.

Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program: A total of \$25,000 (in increments of \$500-\$5,000) is available for grants to support local units of government in cleaning up garbage from Michigan's rivers, streams, and creeks. This program is funded by fees from the sale of Michigan's specialty water quality protection license plates, available from the [Michigan Secretary of State](#).

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program: A total of \$75,000 is available across three grant types for volunteer benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring and habitat assessment in wadeable streams and rivers. Benthic invertebrates are small, bottom-dwelling aquatic animals such as larval insects, snails, worms, and beetles. Local units of government, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for the following:

- Startup grants for organizations that seek to learn MiCorps monitoring protocols and set themselves up to submit successful implementation grant proposals in future years. A maximum of \$5,000 per grant award is available for one-year projects.
- Implementation grants supporting volunteer training and macroinvertebrate data collection to assess water quality in support of state and local efforts to protect and manage water resources. Grants may fund a monitoring coordinator and/or buy water quality monitoring supplies. A maximum of \$20,000 per grant award is available for two-year projects.
- Maintenance grants for groups already monitoring with MiCorps procedures. A maximum of \$3,000 is available to pay for staff time, equipment, and travel to MiCorps trainings and conferences.

The request for proposals for each grant opportunity can be found at the [MiCorps Stream Monitoring and Cleanup Grants](#) webpage. All grants except startup grants require a 25% local match commitment.

Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 27, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Direct questions about the application process to Dr. Paul Steen, Huron River Watershed Council, at 734-519-0449 or PSteen@HRWC.org; or Tamara Lipsey, Water Resources Division, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), at 517-342-4372 or LipseyT@Michigan.gov.

MiCorps is sponsored by EGLE and is administered in partnership with Michigan State University Extension, the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, and the Huron River Watershed Council.

To stay up to date on other EGLE news, follow us at Michigan.gov/MIEnvironment.

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January 27, 2026

Waterways, fisheries, trails and more on the agenda for February meetings

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing Michigan residents the opportunity to share input and ideas on policy decisions, programs and other aspects of natural resource management and outdoor recreation opportunities.

One important avenue for this input is at meetings of the public bodies that advise the DNR and, in some cases, also set policies for natural and cultural resource management.

Frequently check the [DNR boards, commissions, committees and councils webpage](#) for updates.

The links below will take you to the webpage for each group, where you will find meeting details such as location and agenda (when finalized).

NOTE: Please check these pages often, as meeting details may change and sometimes meetings are canceled.

February meetings

- [Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee](#) – Thursday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m. (Contact: [Sara Claybaugh](#), 517-242-2469).
- [Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council](#) – Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m. EST (Contact: [Stacy Welling Haughey](#), 906-226-1331).
- [Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board](#) – Wednesday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. (Contact: [Jon Mayes](#), 517-284-5954).
- [Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee](#) – Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m. (Contact: [Barbara Graves](#), 517-284-6135).
- [Michigan Wildlife Council](#) – Thursday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. (Contact: [Rose Campbell-Gill](#), 517-420-9281).



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To visit the MI Department of Natural Resources website page dedicated to learning about Michigan's species, [click here](#)



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 will explore 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.

Upcoming webinars

March 25 [Old Data, New Insights: Tracking Invasive Plant Trends in Michigan's State Parks](#)



Michigan's Invasive Species Watch List

Invasive species on the watch list have been identified as posing an immediate or potential threat to Michigan's economy, environment or human health. These species either have never been confirmed in the wild in Michigan or have a limited known distribution.

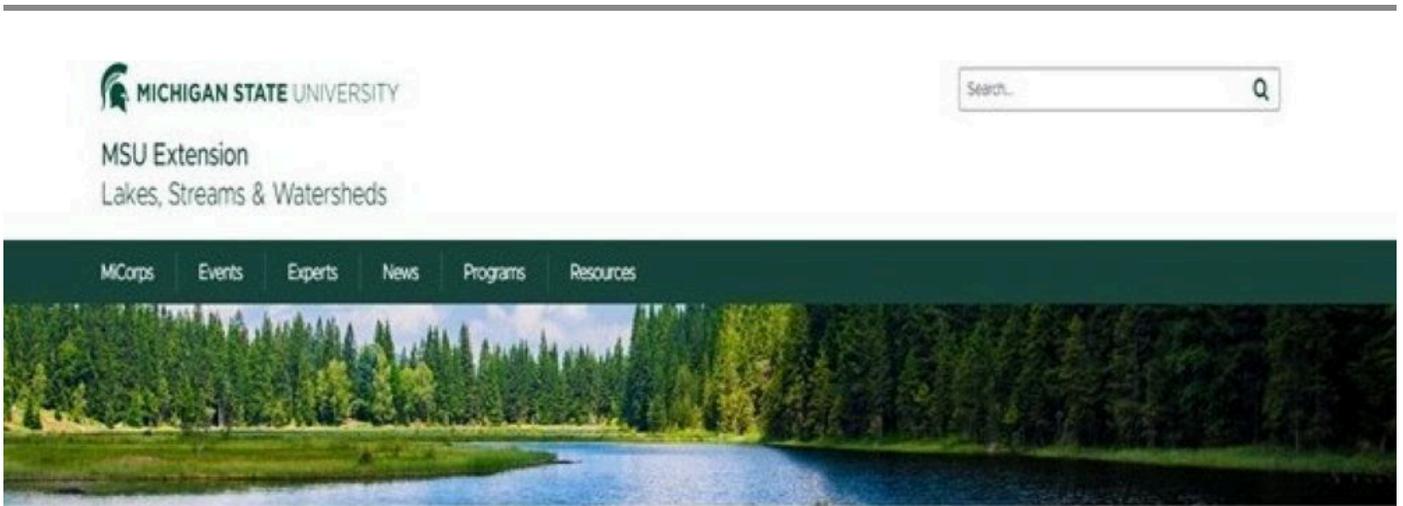
If you think you have found any of these species in Michigan, please report the occurrence via the methods given below by clicking on an individual species name.

View the watch list as a printable PDF - [InvasiveSpecies-WatchList](#)

[Invasive Species Watch List Viewer](#)

Use this mapping tool to find out where watch list invasive species have been confirmed in Michigan and where they have been successfully eradicated.

[Invasive Species Watch List Viewer](#)



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 Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams stream lines 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.



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Painted Turtle

Scientific Name: *Chrysemys Picta*



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

Our Mission:

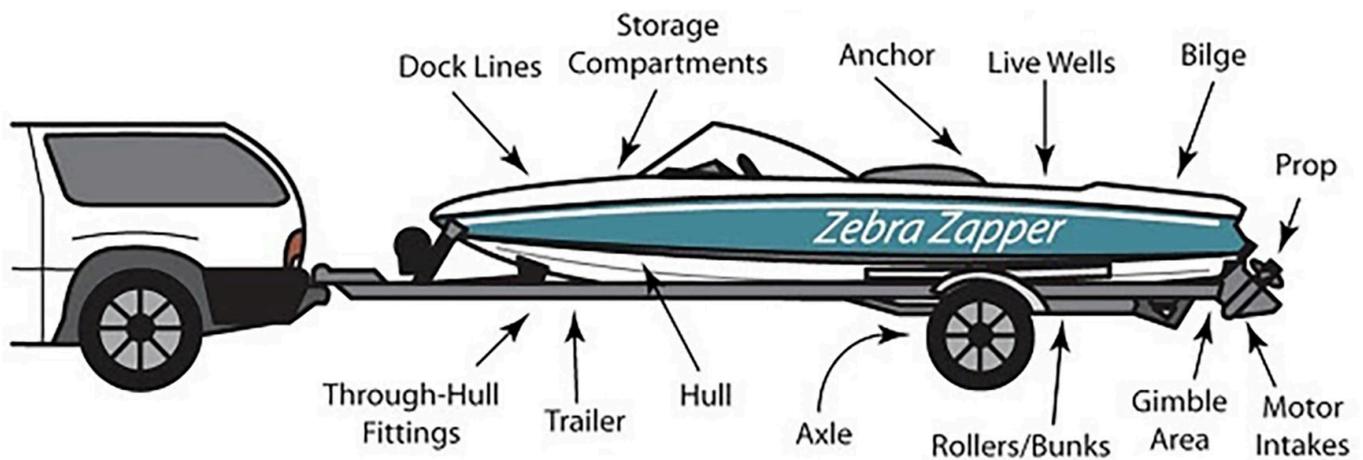
Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation formed to protect, preserve, and promote wise use of the inland waters of the State of Michigan. Our mission will be accomplished by active participation in the legislative process, court cases, and/or direct involvement with related 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.





Events Listing

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

February 17-19: 2026 Invasive Species Forum. Host: Invasive Species Centre.

February 24, Noon: Honoring water, culture, and community through education. Presented by Amanda Weinert, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa. Host: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

March 10, 1:00 PM: Integrating groundwater resource awareness into planning. Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

March 11, Noon: From barriers to brookies: What dam removal means for Maple River trout. Presented by Amy Schrank, Minnesota Sea Grant. Host: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

April 8, Noon: [Septic system ordinances in Northern Michigan](#). Presented by Abbie Hawley, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. Host: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

April 15-17: 2026 [Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention](#). (*In-person conference with virtual attendance option*). Host: Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Partnership. \$

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](#)



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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.

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---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

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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!!!!!!!!!!

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