
Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Monday, February 2, 2026

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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.



Legislation to Establish a First Ever Statewide Septic Code Recently Introduced in the Michigan State Senate

If Passed into Law, Senate Bill 771 Would Help Protect Michigan's Fragile Inland Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Ground Water from Raw Sewage Flowing from Hundreds of Thousands of Failing Septic Systems in Michigan

**by Scott Brown
MWA E- Newsletter Editor**

Introduced by MI State Senator Sam Singh (D-28) and referred to the MI Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, if passed into law, Senate Bill 771 would establish Michigan's first-ever comprehensive framework for the oversight and on-going maintenance of septic systems (on-site wastewater treatment systems). As the only state in the United States of America without a statewide septic system code, the language of Senate Bill 771 will serve to modernize Michigan's substantially outdated approach to septic system over-sight and help protect the health of communities and the tens of thousands of freshwater resources that serve those communities.

The steadily escalating environmental and public health threat in Michigan is derived from the that fact that approximately 20%, or 280,000 of the 1.4 million septic systems that were

constructed during the residential building boom of the 1950's and 1960's throughout Michigan are now failing. The issue of failing septic systems has been exacerbated by the fact that many Michigan homes and their now antiquated and often dysfunctional septic systems were built prior to the construction of sewer systems that now serve most towns and villages. The significance of the problem in Michigan is also illustrated by the fact that between calendar years 2013 and 2014 an estimated 5.7 billion gallons of untreated (raw) sewage from failing septic systems flowed unabated into our inland lakes, river, streams, and groundwater aquifers.

The language of MI Senate Bill 771 recognizes that while properly functioning septic systems are an effective and affordable wastewater solution, failing septic systems pose a serious risk to public health, safety, and to Michigan's freshwater resource inundated environment. If passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Whitmore, Senate Bill 771 would require the MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to develop a uniform performance-based standard defined Statewide Sewage Code for both conventional and alternative septic systems within three years.

The key provisions of Senate Bill 771 as introduced are as follows:

- High-risk or older residential septic systems (20+ years and within 500 feet of any surface water or within a high-risk erosion area, critical dune, or 100-year floodplain would be evaluated first, followed by 10-year inspections and checks before any change or increase in use would be approved.
- The language of Senate Bill 771 defines a septic system "failure" and authorizes local health departments to inspect, evaluate, and enforce compliance.
- If passed into law, the legislation would require the establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of a group of highly qualified experts that will help guide MI EGLE in developing a comprehensive set of rules and performance standards.
- The establishment of a new Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Administration Fund which would provide grants to local health departments, support digitization of septic

records, fund public education campaigns, and assist low-income homeowners with inspection and/or repair costs.

- The language of Senate Bill 771 also authorizes the use of approved alternative and innovative treatment methods to meet state standards and therefore ensuring a high degree of flexibility for communities and property owners.

To download a copy of MI Senate Bill 771, [click here](#)

The logo for the Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams is displayed on a dark green rectangular background. The text is white and arranged in three lines. The first line reads "MICHIGAN STATE" in a serif font, with a horizontal line underneath. The second line reads "UNIVERSITY" in a spaced-out serif font. A vertical line separates this from the word "Extension" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The third line reads "Center for Lakes and Streams" in a sans-serif font.

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By late January, many of our inland lakes have settled into their full winter setup beneath the ice.

In most inland lakes, the water just under the ice is the coldest, and it gradually becomes a little warmer as you go deeper. The densest water settles near the bottom, so the lake forms gentle layers for much of the winter. Fish and other organisms spend the season in those deeper layers, where conditions are a bit more stable.

Because everything is already cold and fairly similar from top to bottom, there is not a lot of mixing until spring. When ice goes out and winds can once again push across open water, the whole lake can turn over, bringing fresh oxygen to deeper water and redistributing nutrients before summer layering sets up again.

Here is a great breakdown from the MSUE of what is happening in our lakes seasonally, including the dead of winter:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/michiganlakes/lake_ecology/dissolved_oxygen_and_temperature

Winter Layers in an Inland Lake



Ice lid stops wind from mixing the lake

Coldest water just under the ice

Deeper layer where many fish and invertebrates ride out the winter

Warmest and densest bottom layer settles near the lakebed until spring mixing





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/NotMiSpecies.

Upcoming webinars in the series

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

[Habitat protectors: New team targets invasive species on state lands](#)

In 2024, Michigan's Invasive Species Program began assembling a team to focus on emerging populations of new invasive species and tree diseases on state lands. Today, four foresters and two wildlife biologists are hard at work detecting and managing watch list and high priority invasive species on 4.6 million acres of state forests, parks, recreation areas and game and wildlife areas. Join Michigan's Invasive Species Response Team forester Gwen Grochowski and wildlife biologist Natalie Bekins to find out how their team's efforts

to detect and manage invasives are protecting critical habitats in your favorite outdoor places.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

[Old data, new insights: Tracking invasive plant trends in Michigan's state parks](#)

Not too long ago, collecting field data involved marking paper maps and jotting notes on a clipboard, but technology has rapidly transformed the collection, visualization and analysis of invasive species data. Mike Hindy, Greg Norwood and Emily Leslie of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will share how the Parks and Recreation Division is translating legacy point data collections to uncover trends in invasive species management across Michigan's state parks. Are the infestations increasing, decreasing or remaining unchanged? Find out when you join them to learn about the challenges, considerations and future directions of Geographic Information Systems – GIS – in invasive species management.

Michigan.gov/EGLEvents

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS:

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Alana Berthold: BertholdA@michigan.gov





A Milestone for Great Lakes Fishery Research

Today we are highlighting the Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act (GLFRAA), which was signed into law on December 26, 2025. This critical bipartisan legislation provides dedicated funding for the USGS Great Lakes Science Center through fiscal year 2030.

This legislation represents a significant milestone for science-based fisheries management across the Great Lakes basin. The GLFRAA reauthorization ensures that critical research—from science to support native species restoration and invasive species control, to fish population surveys to aid fishery management—will continue for the next five years.

The health and security of our \$5.1 billion Great Lakes fisheries depend on a solid scientific foundation. The reauthorization of GLFRAA again puts that scientific understanding on a stable footing for years to come.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force and all who championed this vital legislation, protecting the integrity of the Great Lakes and our shared Great Lakes heritage.



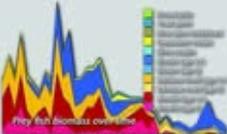
Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act of 2025

Authorizes research and monitoring conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey in support of binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin.
Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act of 2025, S. 2878, 119th Cong. (2025)

The Great Lakes support a \$5 billion fishery and are the world's largest freshwater resource. Great Lakes Science Center fishery research is necessary to support multi-jurisdictional fishery management decisions and actions.



Great Lakes Science Center fisheries science:



Fry fish biomass over time



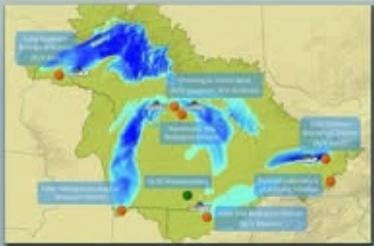
ASSESSMENTS OF LIVING RESOURCES



NATIVE SPECIES RESTORATION SCIENCE



INVASIVE SPECIES SCIENCE



GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER FACILITIES AND LARGE VESSELS

Great Lakes Science Center authorized research activities:

- Deepwater sciences
- Biological and food-web components
- Fish movement and behavior investigations
- Fish population structure
- Fish habitat investigations
- Invasive species science
- Use of existing and new technologies
- Impacts on Great Lakes fishery resources



Under this authorization, the Great Lakes Science Center works cooperatively with regional, Tribal, state, and local governments, and consults with other interested entities, including academia and relevant Canadian agencies.

Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act of 2025 poster created by the USGS Great Lakes Science Center.



January 27, 2026

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

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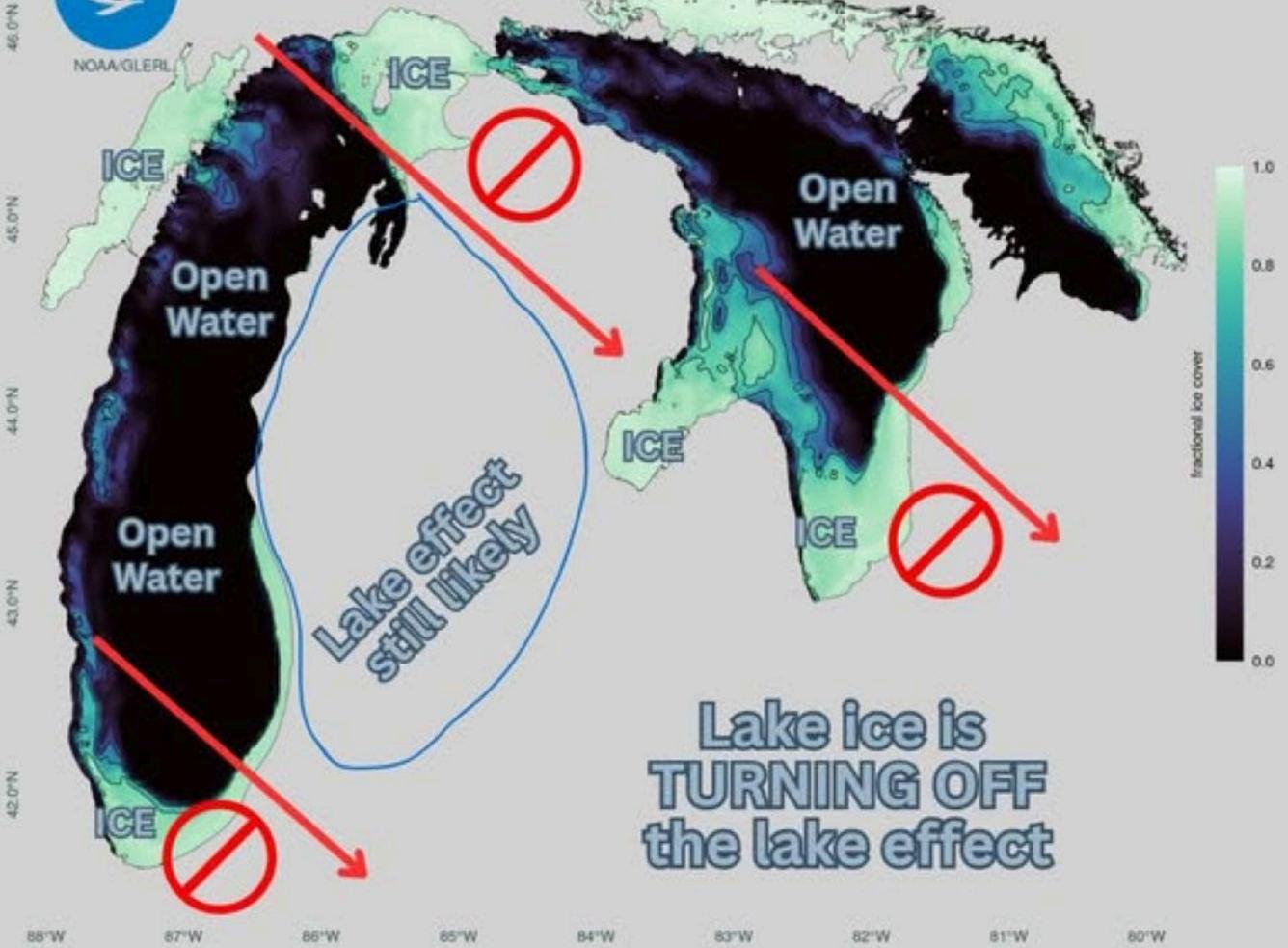
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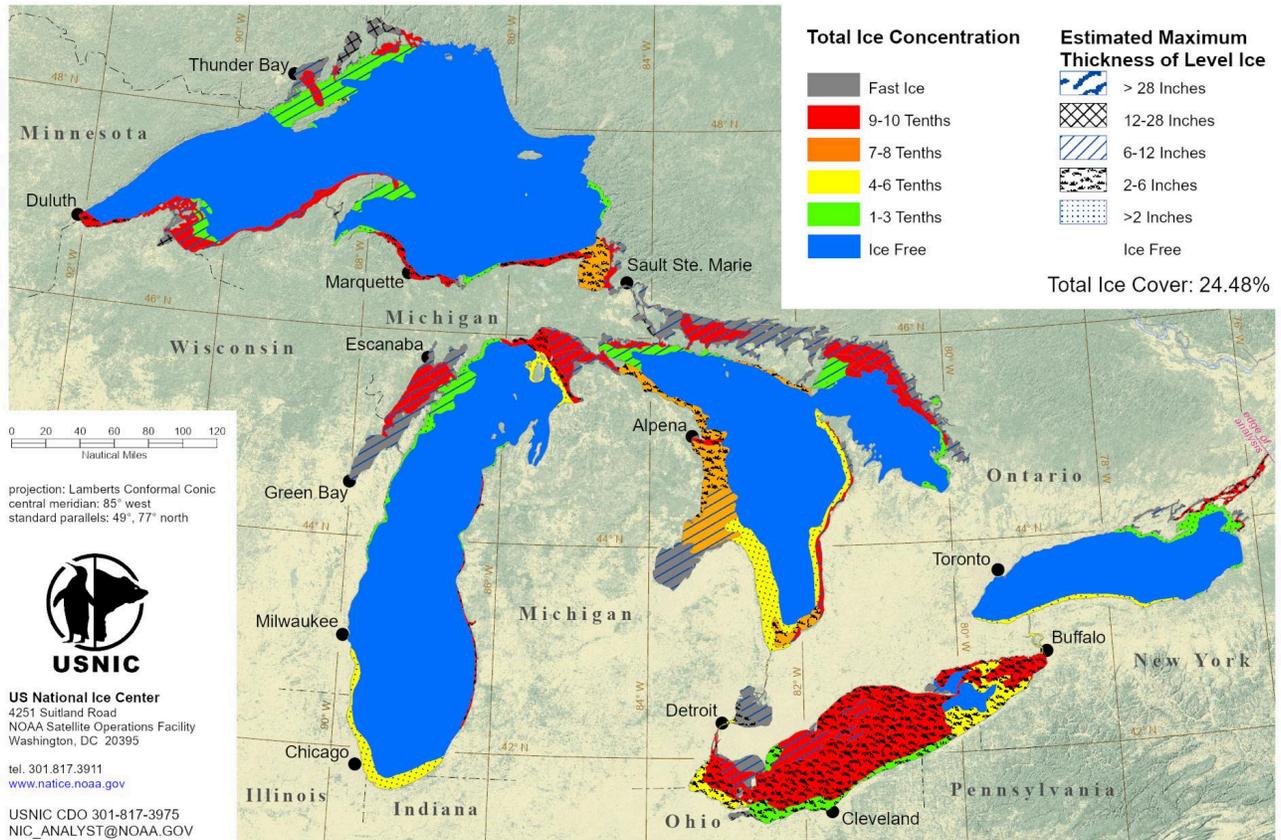


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To visit the United States National Ice Center
 website [click here](#)



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To visit the MI Department of Natural Resources website page dedicated to fishing, [click here](#)



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Jan. 9, 2026

MDARD media contact: [Lynsey Mukomel](#), 517-290-1734

Request for comments: Proposed additions to Michigan's invasive plant lists

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is inviting Michigan stakeholders to provide comments on proposed additions to the invasive plant species regulated in the [Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act \(NREPA\) \(1994\) Part 413](#). MDARD is proposing these additions based on rigorous, scientific Weed

Risk Assessments that indicated six invasive plant species could harm Michigan's environmental, economic, and/or human health. Preventing the spread of invasive species is important to help safeguard the quality of Michigan ecosystems, the strength of Michigan's economy, and the health of people in Michigan.

- [Read the proposed order.](#)
- Read Weed Risk Assessments for each of the proposed species:
- [Common buckthorn.](#)
- [Glossy buckthorn.](#)
- [Callery pear.](#)
- [Japanese barberry.](#)
- [Water hyacinth.](#)
- [Water lettuce.](#)

Stakeholders can provide comments through an [online survey](#). All comments must be submitted by 11:59 pm EST on Monday, February 9, 2026.

Why is MDARD proposing these additions?

MDARD used Weed Risk Assessments (WRAs) to determine these plant species will potentially cause harm to Michigan's environment, economy and/or human health. The WRAs are supported by MDARD and stakeholder groups as the most scientific way to assess whether a plant species is invasive due to their use of scientific and other primary literature, verified plant locations, climate data, and more to determine a plant's potential to cause harm (invasive potential) and whether a plant would survive in Michigan (as well as North America as a whole).

MDARD is charged under NREPA Part 413 with the regulation of invasive plant species, in consultation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. An invasive species is defined in law as a species that is not native and causes or is likely to cause harm to the environment, economy, and/or human health. Regulating invasive species can reduce their spread in Michigan by ending introduction through sales and trading/sharing, minimizing movement of seeds and sprouts contaminating other materials, and increasing public

awareness of the harm done by a species. Fewer introductions of a species means less of the species in the wild, which makes management efforts more effective and less costly.

What will happen if MDARD adds these plants to the invasive plant lists?

If the proposed species are added to the NREPA Part 413 Restricted and Prohibited lists, then it will be illegal to introduce, import, transplant, sell, or intentionally possess them in Michigan. However, a person isn't considered to be in violation of the rules if they unknowingly have invasive species established on their lands or in waterways.

Please use the [online survey](#) to provide comments on the proposed additions to the Restricted and Prohibited lists by 11:59 pm EST on Monday, February 9, 2026. Your input is important and will help ensure that any regulatory changes are well-informed and appropriate. After the public comment period, MDARD will review all feedback and determine if any changes need to be made to this proposal. All changes will be presented to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development.

For additional information on identifying, reporting, and managing invasive species, visit [MDARD's invasive plants web page](#).





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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Scientific Name:
Dreissena polymorpha





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

Our Mission:

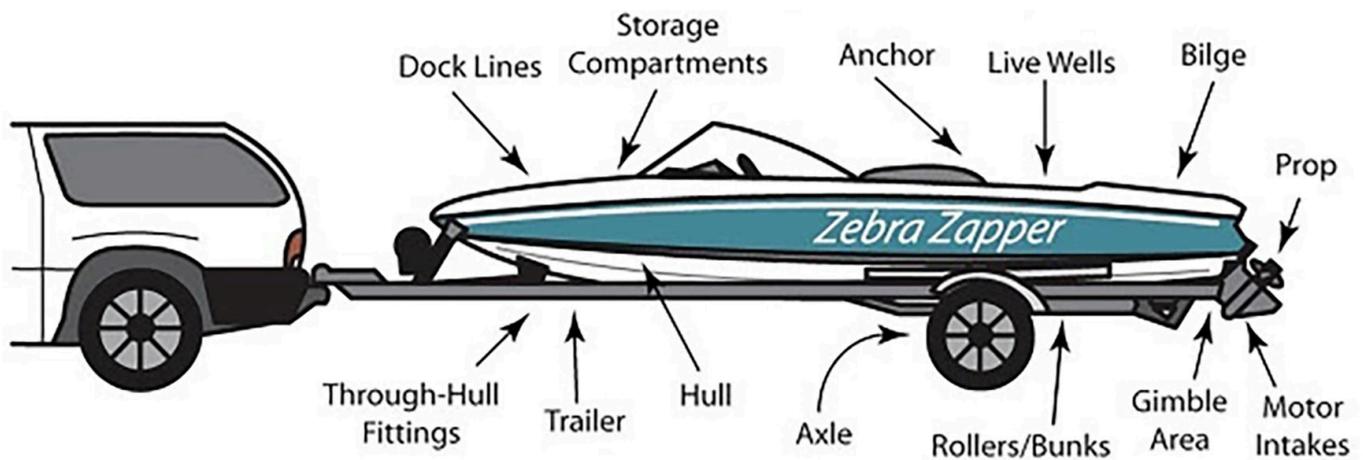
Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation formed to protect, preserve, and promote wise use of the inland waters of the State of Michigan. Our mission will be accomplished by active participation in the legislative process, court cases, and/or direct involvement with related 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: [2026 Invasive Species Forum](#). Host: Invasive Species Centre.

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](#)



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

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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
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STREAMS,
AND GROUNDWATER!!!**

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

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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 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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