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Welcome to the Michigan Waterfront Alliance

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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 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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2025 Inland Lakes Awareness Day

“The Economic Value of
Michigan’s Inland Lakes”

by Scott Brown, MWA

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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"But of all the features of the landscape, lakes are the most ephemeral. As long as they remain they will continue to contribute to the service and delight of man, by affording means for that relaxation and healthful pleasure which the conditions of modern life demand." - C. D. Dryer, 1897

Michigan Invasive
Species Program





Michiganders who encounter invasive spotted lanternflies are encouraged to "See it. Squish it. Report it."

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is reminding Michiganders to be on the lookout for the [invasive spotted lanternfly](#) this summer.

"Spotted lanternfly does not pose a risk to human or animal health, but it can be a major nuisance for Michiganders who enjoy spending time on their patios, in their gardens or in the great outdoors," said MDARD Director Tim Boring. "We're asking Michiganders to help slow the spread of this unwanted pest by understanding what spotted lanternfly insects and egg masses look like,

checking for the pest after you've been out on the trails or in your garden and reporting new populations via the online [Eyes in the Field tool](#).

As of June 2026, spotted lanternfly populations have been confirmed across southeastern Michigan, including parts of Jackson County. Michigan's [Invasive Species Watch List Viewer](#) enables residents to see where spotted lanternfly has been confirmed in the state. Reports from areas without known infestations help MDARD and its partners track the spread of spotted lanternfly and prioritize monitoring efforts.

While spotted lanternfly populations are currently low in Michigan, the insect is expected to become more widespread over time. Continued monitoring, reporting and management efforts will help slow its spread and reduce its impact on Michigan communities. Spotted lanternfly generally does not kill plants, but heavy infestations can stress plants and cause localized damage.

What to do if you see spotted lanternfly

If you see spotted lanternfly in Jackson, Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland or Wayne Counties:

- Squish it! You do not need to report the sighting. MDARD is already monitoring confirmed populations of spotted lanternfly in these counties.
- Focus pest management in areas where spotted lanternfly is most abundant. Traps or insecticidal soaps and oils can be effective and limit residual effects.
- Consider contacting a [certified pesticide applicator](#) for information about appropriate treatment methods if there is a large infestation on your property.
- Be diligent if you choose to apply pesticide yourself. Always follow the instructions on the pesticide label and wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

If you see spotted lanternfly in any other Michigan county:

- Take photos. Photos are necessary to verify a report and aid in identification.
- Provide details. Note the date, time and location of the sighting.
- Report it. Submit a report of your sighting online using the [Eyes in the Field tool](#).

Spotted lanternfly has several easily recognizable life stages:

- Nymphs (juvenile spotted lanternflies) are black with white spots, then become red with black spots as they develop. Look for nymphs from May to September.

- Adults are roughly one inch long and half an inch wide. Their tan forewings have black spots at the front and are speckled towards the rear. When their wings are unfolded, their distinctive scarlet hindwings become visible. Look for adults from August to October.
- Spotted lanternfly prefers to feed on the invasive [tree-of-heaven](#) (*Ailanthus altissima*), but it also feeds on a wide range of plants including grapevines and trees such as black walnut, river birch, willow, sumac and red maple. When feeding, spotted lanternfly produces a sticky liquid called honeydew that can collect on the ground or surrounding vegetation. This results in the growth of sooty mold, which can discolor and kill plants, leave surfaces sticky and attract secondary pests such as flies and yellow jackets.
- Since the first detection of spotted lanternfly in Michigan in 2022, MDARD and its partners, including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan's Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, have monitored more than 100 locations across Michigan.
- For additional information on identifying, reporting and managing spotted lanternfly, visit the State of Michigan's spotted lanternfly web page at Michigan.gov/SpottedLanternfly. You can also learn more at USDA's spotted lanternfly website.

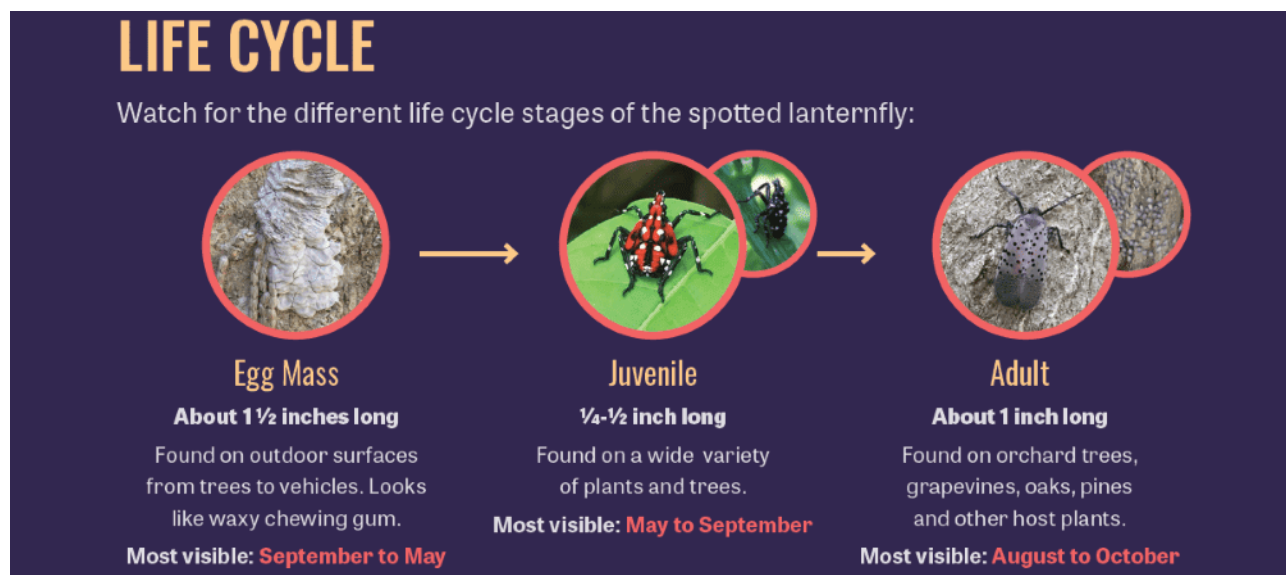




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Common Bladderwort

Scientific Name: *Utricularia macrorhiza*



Michigan has 11K inland lakes. Here are three that EGLE staffers love

July 01, 2026

With 11,000 inland lakes and more freshwater shoreline than any other state in the nation, Michigan has plenty of water bodies to choose from.

Yet some inland lakes stand out in people's minds – a meaningful place connected to a family tradition or an enjoyable hidden gem visited time and time again.

As part of [Lakes Appreciation Month](#), we asked staffers at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to let readers know about their favorite lakes. Here are three responses.

Lake Missaukee, located near Lake City



Lake Missaukee, submitted by Ashley McElmurry, Water Resources Division

"My family has been going to Lake Missaukee for over 20 years. We love all the seasons on the lake.

In the summer there is a great beach for lying out, reading a good book, playing ball with the dogs, bonfires, swimming or even just wading out and jumping waves and, of course, all the water activity fun.

In the fall we love walking along the shore and enjoying the sunsets.

Winter is a whole lot of snow and seeing all the shanties for ice fishing.

Spring has all the little ducklings following their mamas and the return of loons.

My favorite part about this lake is the early morning calm and that there aren't a lot of seawalls so the wave action doesn't get overwhelming."

Lake Lansing, located in Haslett

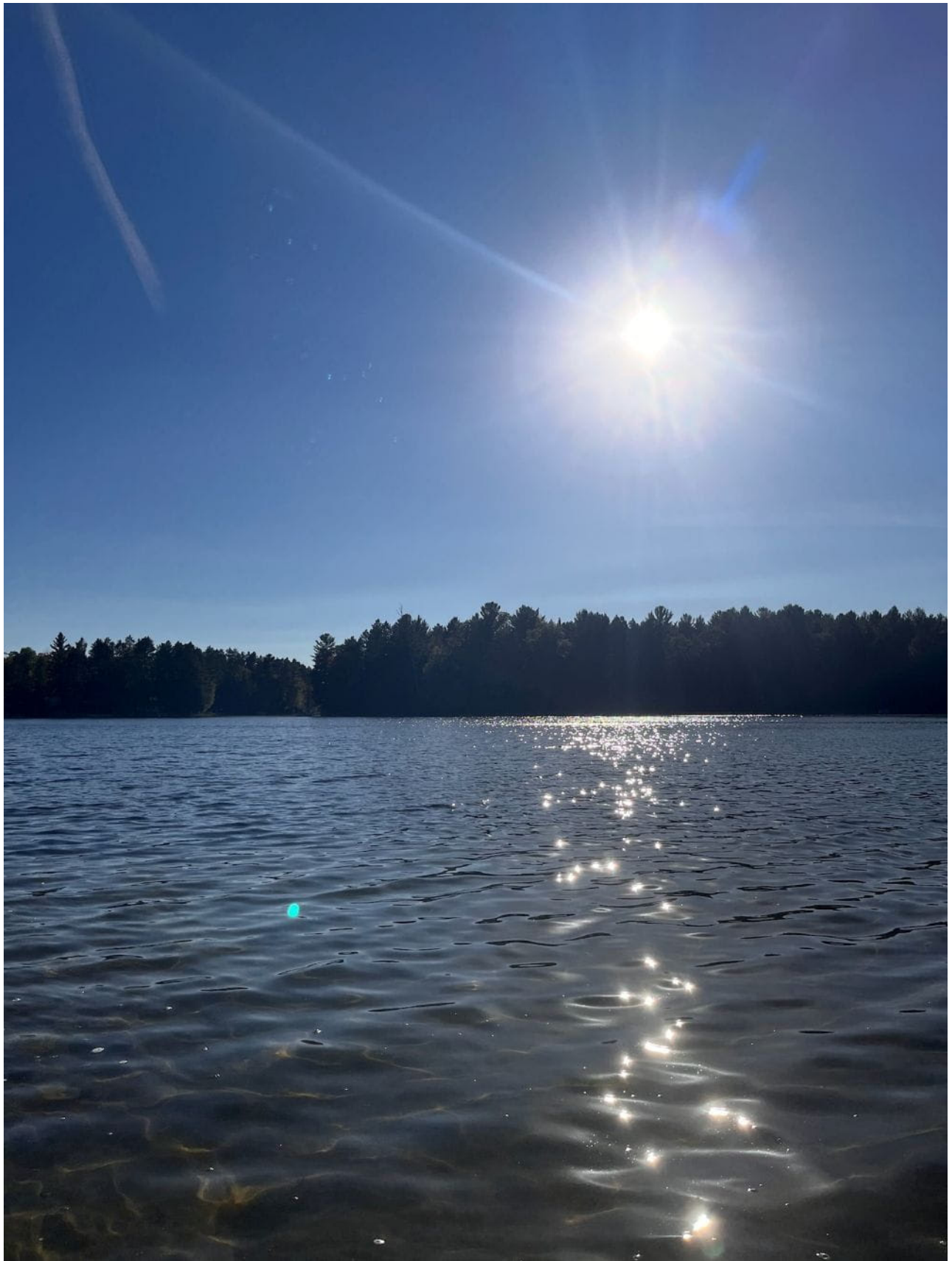


Lake Lansing, submitted by Elizabeth Worden, Finance Division. Photo credit: Cheri Riemer.

"One of my favorite lakes is Lake Lansing. Back in the day, it was not a county park like it is now. When I was a kid, it also had an amusement park with lots of rides. We would have a blast, and the Lansing School District Safety Patrol picnic was held there just before the rides were taken down.

In the summertime, they now have live concerts scheduled with local bands. When I left the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to come to work at EGLE, that's where we had my picnic going away party. I have lots of great memories at this lake."

Perry Lake, located north of Fairview



Perry Lake, submitted by Kris Lauckner, Environmental Support Division

"One of my favorite places is Perry Lake, north of Fairview, in Oscoda County (Northeastern Michigan). I grew up 3 miles away and frequently rode my horse there to swim and hang out or

ride the nearby trails. It's a nice lake to kayak, and usually three families of loons call it home. It is also known as a great fishing lake, but like many Northern Michigan lakes, much of it is a bit mucky for swimming. Perry Lake consists of two lakes connected by a channel; it's not big enough for power boats, and so it's usually very peaceful.

Fun fact: back in the 1940's, my dad, who was a teenager, and his friends would camp by the lake. There weren't any homes around it back then—just a few cabins. Northeastern Michigan was very hard hit by the Great Depression (it still has the lowest income per capita in the Lower Peninsula). Someone would bring a loaf of homemade bread, and they would catch fish to eat. One of the farmers grazed his cows around the lake, and the boys (being farm boys) would catch one of the cows and milk it to have milk with their meals."



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Whitestem Pondweed

Scientific Name: *Potamogeton praelongus*



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Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

Events Listing

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

July 8, 2:00 PM: [Genomic surveillance of zebra mussel populations using genotyping by sequencing](#). Presented by Daryl Gohl, University of Minnesota. Host: University of Minnesota AIS Detectors.

August 27-28: [Water Commons Virtual Conference](#). Host: Indiana University.

September 1, 2:00 PM: [MGLP Lake Conservation Grant](#). Presented by Joe Nohner, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

NEW September 2, 9:00 AM: [New game, new game plan: Building teams to tackle watch list invasive plants](#). Presented by Katie Grzesiak and Drew Rayner, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Host: Michigan Invasive Species Program.

September 9, 2:00 PM: [Restoring our underwater forests: Can native revegetation enhance invasive resistance in lakes?](#) Presented by Abha Panda, University of Minnesota. Host: University of Minnesota AIS Detectors.

September 16, 11:00 AM: [Growing aquaculture in the Great Lakes: Aligning regional action with national trends.](#) Presented by Lauren Stigers, Michigan Sea Grant. Host: Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research (CIGLR).

October 7-8: 2026 [Great Lakes Microplastics Summit](#). Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

October 13, 2:00 PM: [Disentangling the historical impacts of warming and fishing on exploited freshwater fish populations.](#) Presented by Luoliang Xu, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

October 20, 2:00 PM: [Lake weeds or plant communities? Some thoughts on Eurasian watermilfoil management, control prioritization, and new work to nurture care and appreciation.](#) Presented by Alison Mikulyuk and Katie Hein, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

NEW October 21, 9:00 AM: [How'd that get there? The invasive species regulation process in Michigan.](#) Presented by Susie Iott, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; and Katie Grzesiak, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Host: Michigan Invasive Species Program.

October 27, 2:00 PM: [Protecting land for water quality: Watershed-based land conservation strategies.](#) Presented by Steve Epting, US Environmental Protection Agency. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

NEW November 17, 9:00 AM: [Where did you come from, where did you go? Standardizing boater data in the Great Lakes region.](#) Presented by Theresa Gruninger and Taaja Tucker-Silva, Great Lakes Commission. Host: Michigan Invasive Species Program.

November 17, 2:00 PM: [Walleye stocking success in the Midwestern USA.](#) Presented by Robert Davis, Young Harris College; and Daniel Isermann, US Geological Survey/University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes 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](#)

To have your live webinar or virtual event included here, [contact us](#).



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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.

To visit the MI DNR web page dedicated to Boards,
Commissions, Committees and Councils, [click here](#)



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.



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*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.



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

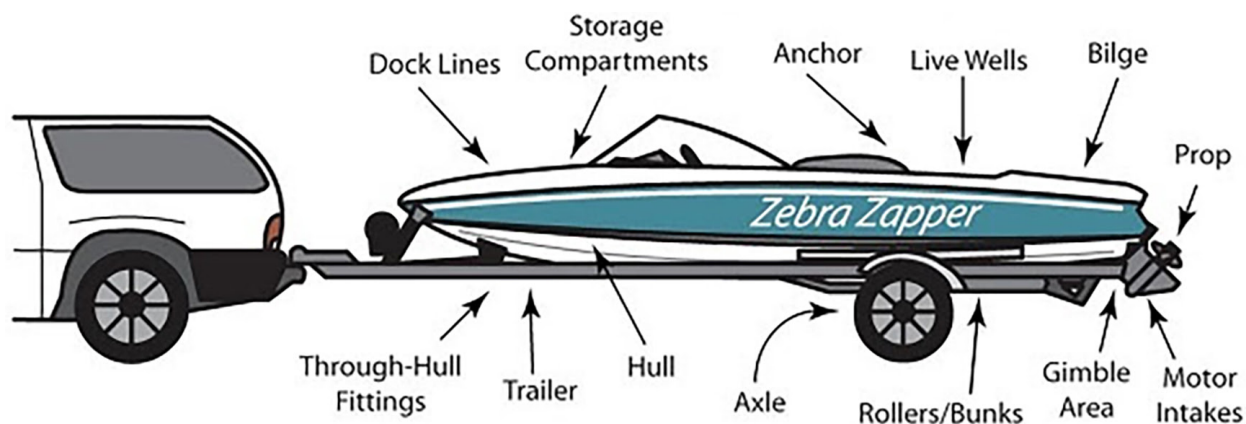
Our Mission:

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!!!**



Michigan Invasive Species Program



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.



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
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**OF COMMON SENSE LEGISLATION THAT IS PENDING IN
LANSING IN REGARDS TO REGULATING WAKE BOATS AND
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OUT
OF CONTROL WAKE BOATS ARE DAMAGING OUR LAKES,
AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL SEPTIC
SYSTEMS ARE DEGRADING OUR LAKES, RIVERS,
STREAMS,
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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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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