
Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Monday, June 1, 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.



Emphasizing the Importance of Preserving and Protecting Michigan's

Treasure of Inland Lakes, State Legislator Focused 2026

Lake Awareness Day a Great Success

by Scott Brown

MWA e-Newsletter Editor

Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is proud to report that along with pro-active support from several collaborative partners it has (again) held a highly successful Lake Awareness Day event within a stone's throw of the Michigan state capitol. Beginning in May of 2023, downtown Lansing-based Lake Awareness Day has been dedicated to helping to enhance the awareness of busy state legislators about the extraordinarily valuable contributions that Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes make to Michigan's economy and culture. It is the hope of MWA and event partners that legislators will take what have learned at Lake Awareness Day and begin enacting legislation introduced to help preserve and protect the "Great Lakes" state's vast natural legacy of high-quality freshwater resources.

Held on Tuesday, May 19th within the unique Governor's room that is situated within a state owned building that is commonly referred to as the "white house", this year's at times standing room only Lake Awareness Day provided state legislators and their senior staff with a catered lunch and the opportunity to learn about the importance of defeating MI House Bill 6108 of 2024 that if passed would effectively negate the capacity of local units of government to regulate aggregate mining; Senate Bill 771 of 2026 that if enacted into law would establish a first ever statewide septic code in Michigan; and Senate Bill 812 of 2026 that if passed would restrict the operation of wake boats to areas of inland lakes a minimum of 500 feet from shore and in water depths of not less than 20 feet. In addition to a delicious lunch and the opportunity to review legislation focused informational posters, attendees were afforded ample time to interact with event organizers and sponsors.





The Officers and Directors of MWA would like to extend a hearty thank you to each of our 2026 collaborative partners whose vital contributions helped make 2026 Lake Awareness Day such a great success:

Carey Jaskowski PLC

Michigan Aquatic Managers Association

Michigan Environmental Council

Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society

PLM Lake and Land Management

Restorative Lake Sciences



DNR News

May 27, 2026

Contact: [Curt Wemple](#), 231-444-8029

DNR approves \$4.035 million in grants for recreational boating improvements and development

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today announced that seven communities throughout the state will share \$4.035 million in Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program funding to improve public access to recreational boating.

This year, projects in Benzie, Emmet, Mackinac, Marquette, Ottawa and Sanilac counties were approved for projects that include marina dredging, an engineering study and various site improvements. With each community's matching funds, these projects represent a collective investment of more than \$6.5 million.

Visit the [Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program webpage](#) to see the full list of [2026 grant awards](#).

The funding is made possible through the DNR Parks and Recreation Division's Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program, which began in 1949 with the goal of expanding the harbor system along the Great Lakes and boating access sites throughout the state.

"Michigan is home to more than 1,200 state-sponsored boating access sites, 19 state-managed harbors and 64 local state-sponsored harbors of refuge along the Great Lakes," said Kristen Kosick, DNR Parks and Recreation Division chief. "As boating remains a cornerstone of Michigan's outdoor recreation, the DNR is committed to investing in and funding these vital waterways for the benefit of all."

Local units of government and state colleges and universities are eligible to apply for grant assistance for recreational boating improvements and development at grant-in-aid harbors and public boating access sites. The Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program provides matching funds to help support quality recreational boating infrastructure. Communities are asked to match 50% of required funds.

The grants are funded through the Michigan State Waterways Fund, a restricted fund derived primarily from boat registration fees and a portion of Michigan's gas tax. These

funds support the construction, operation and maintenance of public recreational boating facilities.

Applications for the next round of Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program funding are due April 1, 2027.

Learn more about DNR grant programs at Michigan.gov/DNRGrants.

BREAKING NEWS

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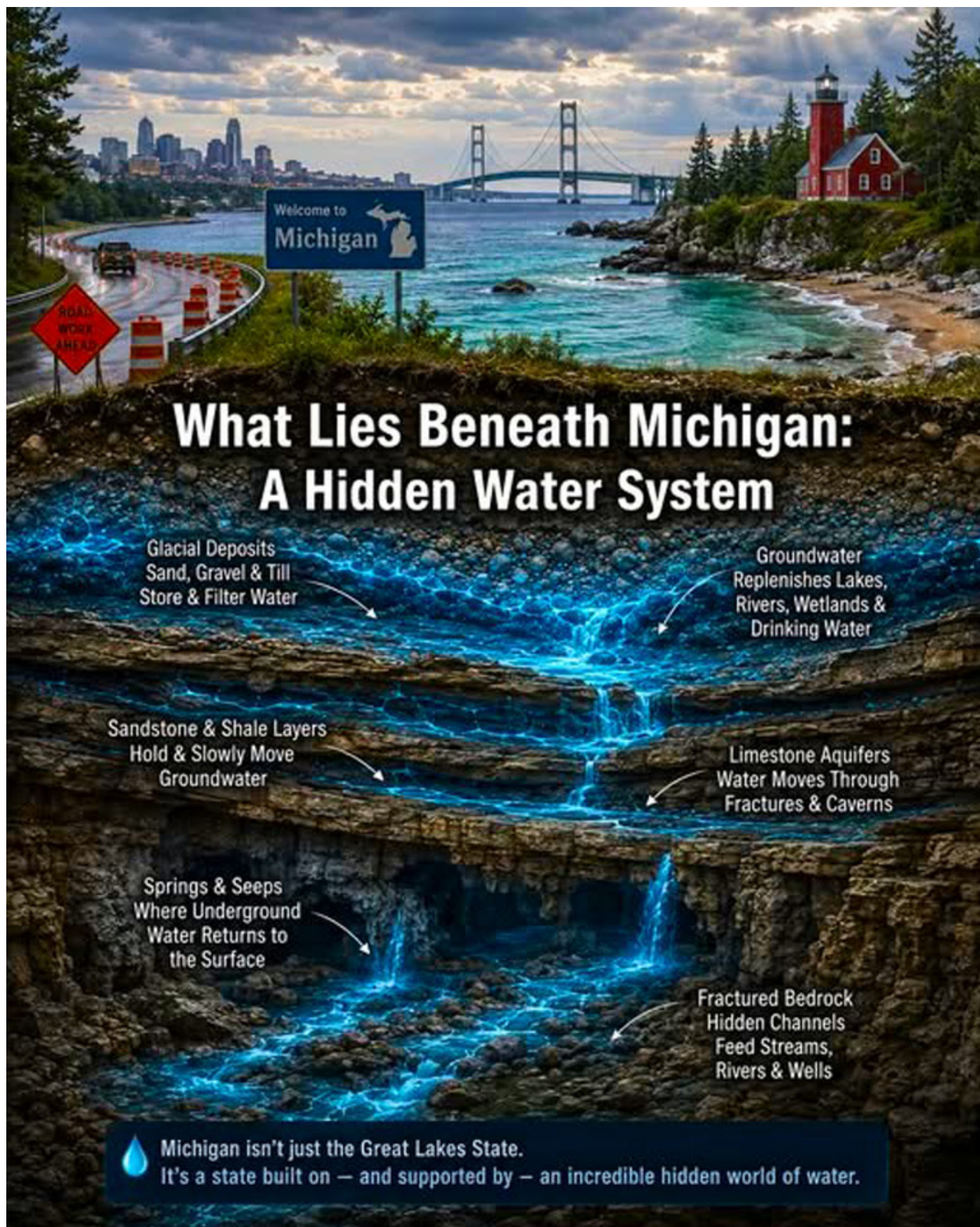
Host your own boat wash this summer!

Get ready for this invasive species season by hosting your own free, boat wash event this summer! We are once again scheduling for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters mobile boat wash program. Our crew comes with a trailered, pressure washer for boat cleaning demonstrations as well as loads of brochures and swag!



Email bockelm4@msu.edu to schedule today!

**CLEAN BOATS
CLEAN WATERS**





MDHHS recommends Michigan residents and visitors avoid foam on surface water

May 20, 2026

LANSING, Mich. – With summer approaching, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reminds residents and visitors to avoid foam on Michigan lakes, rivers, streams and other surface waters.

Foam can form on any body of water. It can be white, off-white or brown, and may have an earthy or fishy scent. It tends to pile up in bays, eddies, dams or other river barriers.

Foam can contain harmful chemicals or bacteria, including high levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are a large group of human-made chemicals that are linked to harmful health effects, including high cholesterol and liver damage.

If you touch any foam, rinse off or bathe as soon as possible. Your skin is generally a good barrier to PFAS. However, touching foam without rinsing off or bathing can lead to accidentally swallowing foam and its contents.

“The risk of PFAS exposure through your skin is low. However, you can accidentally swallow PFAS, as well as bacteria, algae, viruses and other chemicals, if you do not rinse off or bathe after touching foam,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive.

“Rinsing off or bathing after water activities will help protect you, your family and your pets from harmful substances that may be in foam or water.”

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recommends people prevent their pets from touching or swallowing foam on bodies of water. Animals can also swallow foam residue that has built up in their fur when grooming themselves. If pets come in contact with foam, they should be rinsed off and bathed with fresh water. Pet owners with questions related to animals and foam should contact their veterinarian.

Anyone with questions about exposure to PFAS or foam can call the MDHHS Environmental Health Hotline at 800-648-6942.

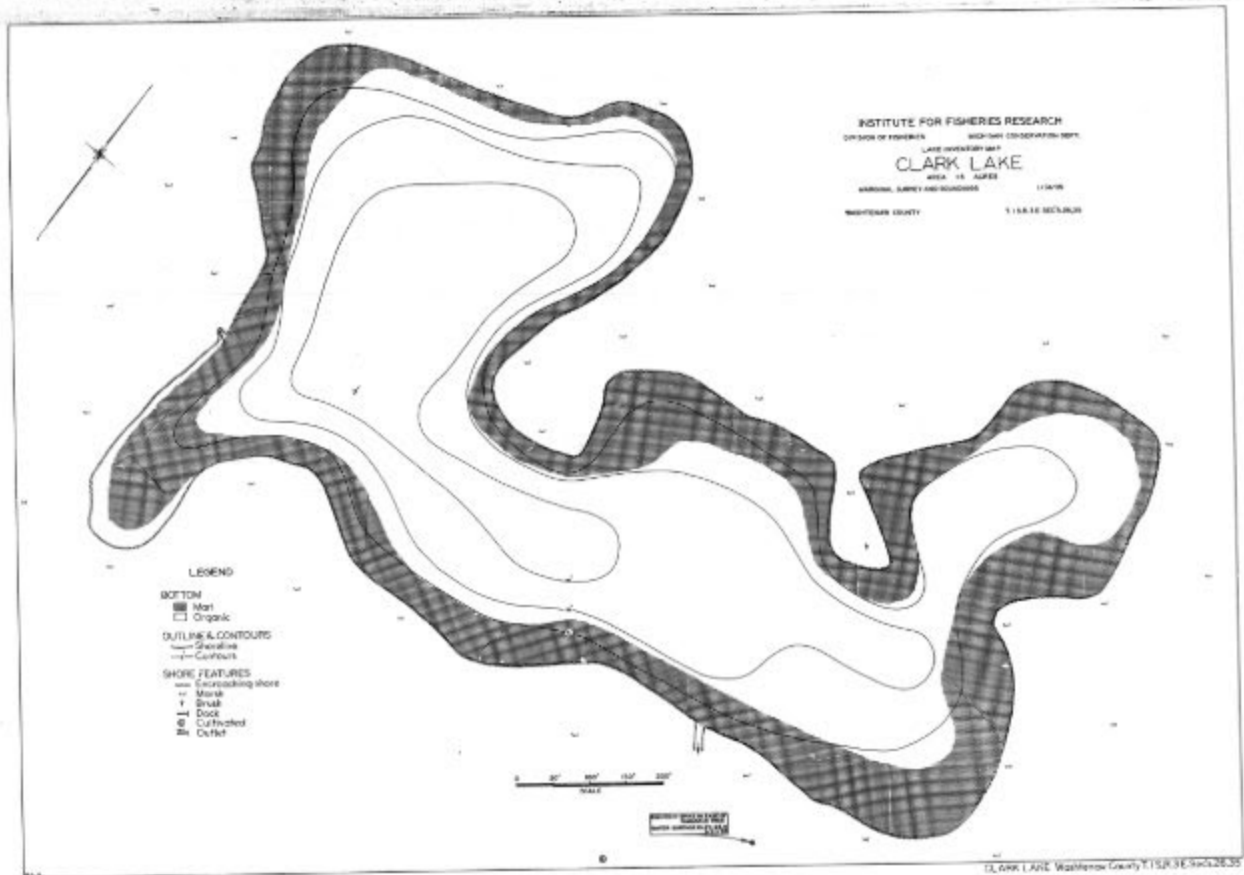
More information about PFAS in foam on surface water is available at [FAQ: PFAS foam on lakes and streams](#), including a form to report suspected PFAS foam. For more information about PFAS, visit Michigan.gov/PFAS.

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Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes. For about 2,700 of these, we have [inland lake maps available](#). Click on a county for a list of available lake maps in that county. While we make every effort to provide useful and accurate information, these maps may not be completely representative of current conditions.

Please note, [some lakes have special rules for boating](#), such as where motorboats and high-speed boating are allowed.

[Click here](#) the to view the MI DNR [Inland lake maps](#) web page.



Michigan Invasive Species Program

For immediate release: May 21, 2026

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

Six species added to Michigan's invasive plant lists following MI Commission of Ag & Rural Development vote

LANSING, Mich. – On May 20, the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approved the addition of six species to Michigan's invasive plant lists under [Part 413 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act \(NREPA\)](#).

The Commission's decision was informed by public comments and a rigorous, scientific review process led by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). MDARD received more than 2,000 public comments on this proposal, more than 90 percent of which were in favor of adding these plants to Michigan's invasive species lists .

Pursuant to the Commission's decision, the following four plant species will be added to the restricted species list. Effective January 1, 2028, it will be unlawful to introduce, import, sell, possess with intent to distribute, or intentionally propagate these species in Michigan:

- [Common buckthorn](#)
- [Glossy buckthorn](#)
- [Callery pear](#)
- [Japanese barberry](#)

The following two plant species will be added to the prohibited species list. Effective June 19, 2026, it will be unlawful to introduce, import, sell, possess with intent to distribute, or intentionally propagate these species in Michigan:

- [Water hyacinth](#)
- [Water lettuce](#)

Under Part 413 of NREPA, invasive species are defined as species that are not native to Michigan and that cause, or are likely to cause, harm to the environment, economy, and/or human health. Regulating invasive species helps limit their introduction and spread through sale, trade, transport, and intentional propagation. Prohibited species are not widely distributed in the state and pose a significant risk to human health or natural, agricultural, or forest resources, with limited effective management techniques available. Restricted species are already more widely established in Michigan but still pose risks to human health or natural, agricultural, or forest resources.

Property owners are not considered in violation if these invasive species are already established on their property or in adjacent waterways. Individuals who seek alternatives to the newly restricted and prohibited plant species are encouraged to review resources such as those compiled by the [Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network](#).

MDARD first proposed to add common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, Callery pear, Japanese barberry, water hyacinth and water lettuce to Michigan's invasive species lists in November 2025 after conducting comprehensive Weed Risk Assessments. During those assessments, MDARD experts evaluated the latest scientific literature, verified plant distribution data and climate modeling, and reviewed other evidence-based criteria. Based on those actions, MDARD determined that the six species pose a risk to Michigan's environment, economy, and/or public health.

In January and February 2026, MDARD collected public comments from stakeholders, industry representatives, environmental organizations, local governments and Michigan residents. The Department evaluated the public comments and presented its findings to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development at its March 2026 meeting. The

Commission voted to add all six proposed plant species to Michigan's prohibited and restricted plant lists at its meeting on May 20, 2026. [Read the Commission's order.](#)

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



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Michigan's invasive species watch list

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[View Michigan's invasive species watch list](#)

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Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

Events Listing

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

June 17, 2:00 PM: [Starry Trek: Mobilizing volunteers for early detection of aquatic invasive species](#). Presented by Megan Weber, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center/University of Minnesota Extension. Host: North American Invasive Species Management Association.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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](#).



**PASSING MUCH NEEDED WAKE BOAT AND SEPTIC CODE RELATED
LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE YOU TO WEIGH IN WITH YOUR STATE
LEGISLATORS**

The passage of Senate Bill 771 which would establish Michigan's first-ever comprehensive framework for the oversight and on-going maintenance of septic systems (on-site wastewater treatment systems); and Senate Bill 812 which would prohibit the operation of vessels operating in "wake sport mode" in waters of this state where the water depth is less than 20 feet and to a distance of not less than 500 feet from the shoreline or a dock, a raft, a buoyed or occupied bathing area, or a vessel moored or at anchor are well written, reasonable pieces

of legislation that, if enacted, will make important contributions to helping preserve and protect Michigan's wealth of inland lakes, rivers, and streams.

It is important to note, however, that Senate Bill 812 and Senate Bill 771 represent only the most recent attempts to enact common sense state law - past attempts to rein in out-of-control wake boat operators and at least begin to repair the 330,000 failing residential septic systems that pour billions of gallons of raw, e-coli inundated sewage into our lakes, rivers, and stream each year have failed in the past due to the well-funded efforts of professional lobbyists that seem to lurk around in every corner of our state capitol. We also know that the well-funded efforts of state lobbyists in preventing the passage of legislation that does not meet the needs of their profit driven employers is made much easier due to the fact that only a tiny fraction of Michigan voters ever attempts to communicate with their respective state senators or representatives.

The readers of this newsletter need to know that the latest straight forward, scientific evidence-based attempts to rein in out of control wake boat operators (Senate Bill 812); and establish a first ever statewide septic code (Senate Bill 771) will again each meet with failure in the next few months if those of us concerned about preserving the quality of our incredibly valuable inland lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater do not devote the relatively small amount of time and effort that is necessary to write, call, message, or e-mail their state senators and representatives in the very near future.

To identify your MI State Senator and their contact information

[click here](#)

To identify your MI Representatives and their contact information

[click here](#)

Michigan Invasive
Species Program



MI Landowner's Guide to Aquatic Invasive Species Management Available for Download Here

An Introduction to this Guide

This guide is designed to help Michigan property owners and managers identify, report, prevent and control aquatic invasive species (AIS). For the most up to date information about invasive species in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/invasives.

Contents:

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To download a free copy of MI Landowners Guide to Aquatic
Invasive Species Management, [click here](#)



To download a copy of the MWA

2026 Winter Newsletter,
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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](#)



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Michigan's Invasive Species Watch List

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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

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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:

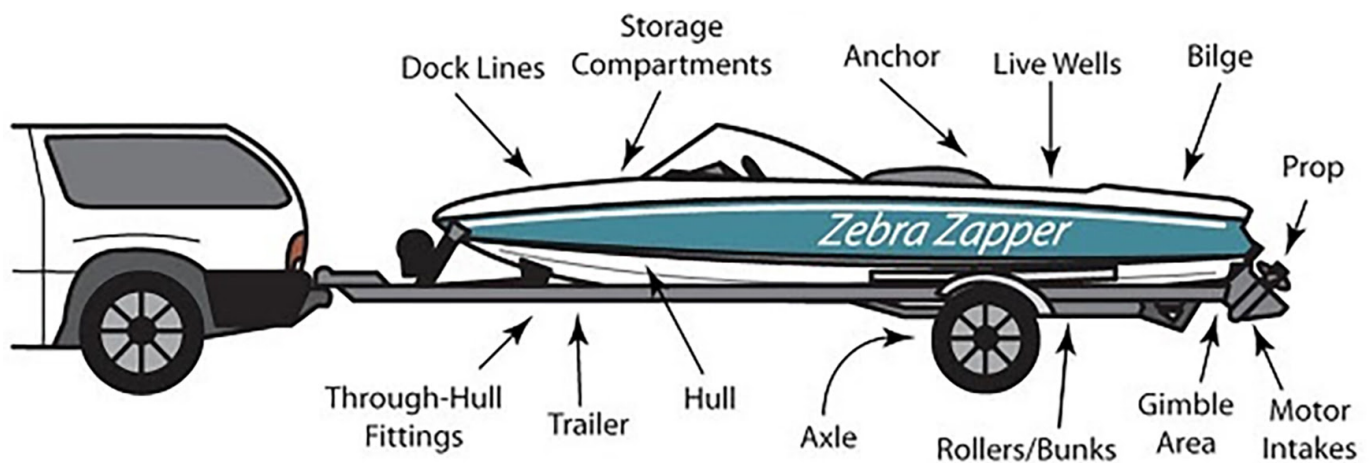
Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation formed to protect, preserve, and promote wise use of the inland waters of the State of Michigan. Our mission will be accomplished by active participation in the legislative process, court cases, and/or direct involvement with related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



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.

[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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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
