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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 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.



Now Five-Year Old Debate Regarding Legislation that Would Eliminate the Capacity of Local Units of Government to Regulate Aggregate Mining Will Continue Unabated into the Next Session of the State Legislature

by Scott Brown

MWA e-Newsletter Editor

Occurring over the course of the past five years, Michigan's on-going legislative initiative for significant aggregate mining reform centers on **Senate Bills 429, 430, and 431 of 2022** and **House Bills 4526–4528 of 2023** which propose to shift sand and gravel mining, also commonly referred to as aggregate mining, permit authority from local governments to the **Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)** will continue in the next session of the state legislature.

Michigan Senate Bills 429, 430, and 431 and House Bills 4526-4528 would:

- add **Part 639 (Sand and Gravel Mining)** to the **Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA)** - creating a first ever uniform state-level permitting system for aggregate mining;
- preempt local zoning ordinances, regulations, or policies that attempt to regulate sand and gravel mining;
- specify that aggregate mining must be authorized by an MI EGLE permit;
- require applicant details, property location, environmental impact assessment, and the submission of a viable mining/reclamation plan;

As currently written, the proposed legislation would cover extraction of sand and gravel for commercial, industrial, or construction use, plus associated activities like onsite loading, transport, and processing. The legislation would exclude clay, limestone products, and certain other regulated mineral sands.

Pro-active and well-funded lobbyists representing supporters of the legislation include the **Michigan Aggregates Association**, **Michigan Chamber of Commerce** and highway construction

associated businesses and labor unions who argue that local governments often deny permits to conduct aggregate mining - based on what they consider to be illegitimate reasons that cause substantial delays and lead to sharply increased aggregate transports costs.

Opponents of the legislation include the **Michigan Townships Associations**, **Michigan Association of Counties**, **Michigan Environmental Council** and many other Michigan-based environmental and conservation focused organizations. Widespread opposition to the controversial legislation is based on a myriad of known harmful impacts which include:

- sedimentation and runoff from aggregate mining sites that increase nutrient loading in freshwater ecosystems and the risk of algal blooms, increased turbidity, and accelerated eutrophication;
- increases the potential for lowering water levels in nearby inland lakes;
- increases the risk of depleted oxygen levels and the loss of beneficial aquatic vegetation in nearby inland lakes;
- increased potential to degrade the capacity of local inland lakes to support fish, aquatic insects and amphibians;
- increases the risk of depleted groundwater levels and disruption of freshwater supplies to nearby farms and residences;
- increased risk of the complete collapse of the freshwater ecosystems of nearby lakes;
- increases the risk of groundwater becoming contaminated with toxic heavy metals;

Readers of this e-newsletter who would like to express their opinions regarding this now five-year old debate can find information for contacting the state representatives and senators by

[clicking here](#)



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Bi-Partisan Legislation Focused on Improving the Prevention and Management of Aquatic Invasive Species in U. S. Waterways Recently Introduced to the House of Representatives

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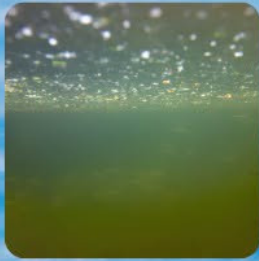
In an increasingly rare bi-partisan effort, **United States Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI)** and **Sarah Elfreth (D-MD)** have introduced the [Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Act of 2026](#). The proposed legislation seeks to modernize the capacity of federal AIS authorities by improving coordination across jurisdictions, by enhancing rapid response capabilities, and by

supporting science-based management in order to more effectively address the growing threat of aquatic invasive species to U.S. waterways, ecosystems, and economic interests by helping to ensure a proactive and collaborative approach to aquatic ecosystem conservation.

The bill seeks to amend the **Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990** to strengthen federal, state, and regional coordination in addressing aquatic invasive species (AIS) such as zebra mussels, invasive Asian carp, and sea lamprey, which cause billions of dollars in economic and ecological damage annually.

Introduced on July 14, 2026, H.R. 8876, otherwise known as the Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Act of 2026 has been **referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries** as well as the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources for further consideration.

It is important to note that the bill is now only in the early stages of the legislative process and must pass both the House and Senate in identical form before being signed into law.



WHY DO WE APPRECIATE LAKES AT CLS?

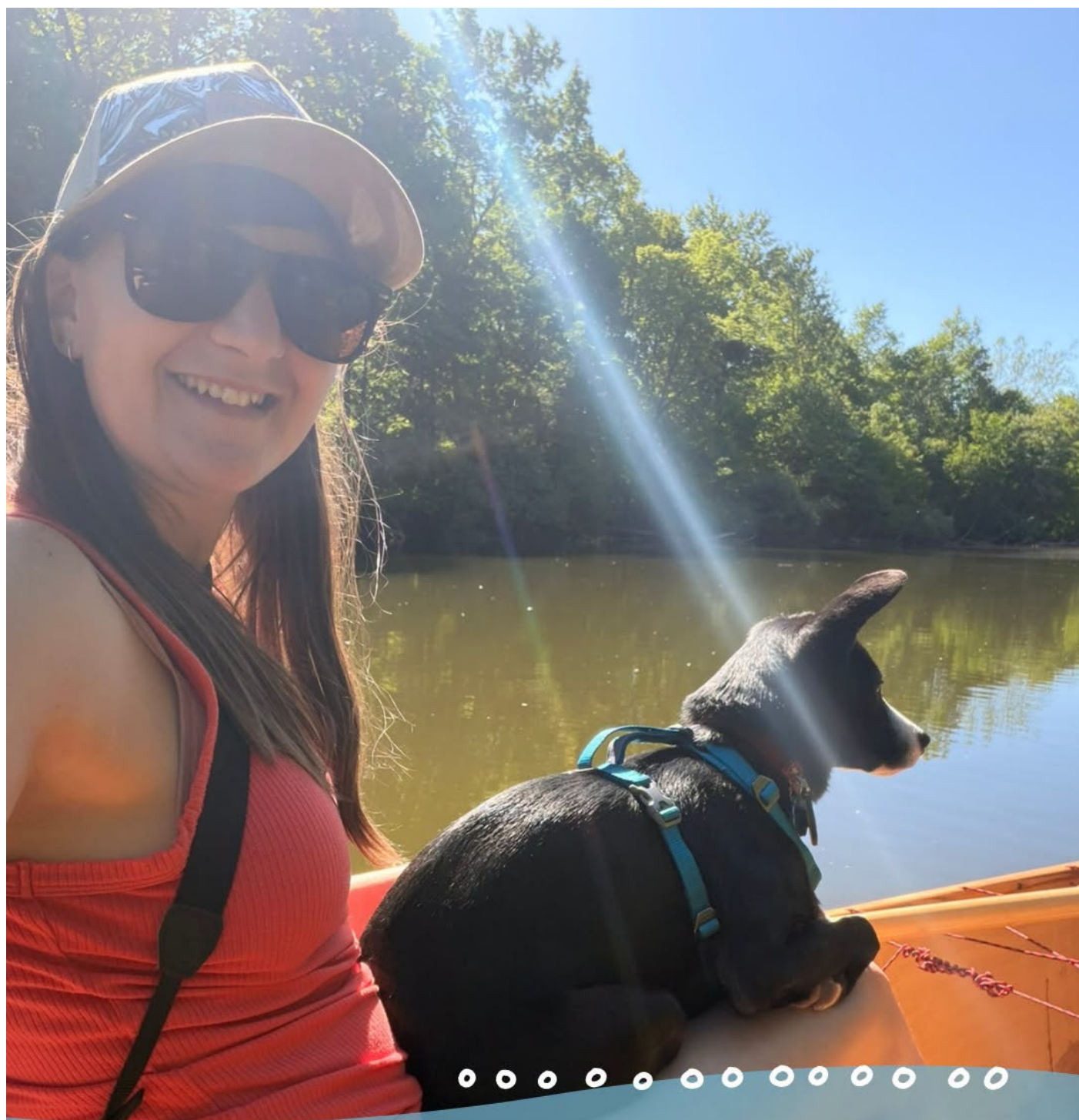


"I've been on lakes as long as I can remember. They have always been a source of happiness and peace for my family, and I love being able to share the wonders of lakes with others. There is so much beauty there, especially when you slow down and notice it." -Jo

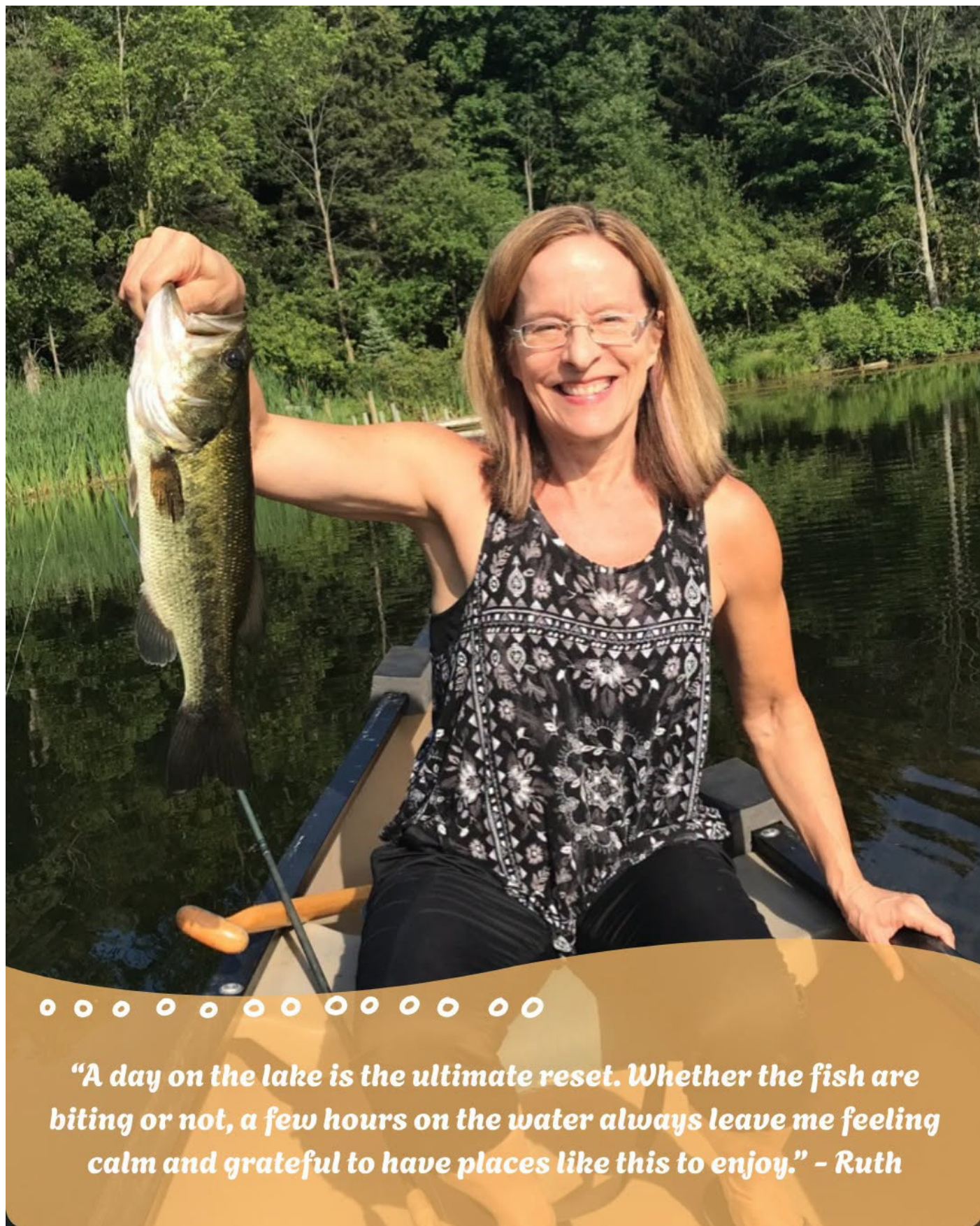




"Give me a lake, a zooplankton net, an aquatic plant rake, and a snorkel, and I'm in my happy place." - Erick



“I like lakes because they remind us to slow down, be curious, and find wonder in the natural world.” - Paige



“A day on the lake is the ultimate reset. Whether the fish are biting or not, a few hours on the water always leave me feeling calm and grateful to have places like this to enjoy.” - Ruth



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"I like lakes because they are another world within our own. There is so much we can study and understand, but they always hold onto their mystery." - CHelsea

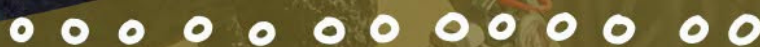
“For me, I’ve always been drawn to lakes of all shapes and sizes. So, you could say I’m a big fan of lakes. They’re a place of learning, healing, and recreation for so many. And there truly isn’t a lake I wouldn’t dip my toes into once.” - Kelsey

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"For almost my entire life, I have been surrounded by the over 1,400 lakes spread across Oakland County but had no idea until I graduated from college. I enjoy being out on lakes as a passenger, which allows me the opportunity to sit back, relax, and peacefully observe the intricacies of the many breathtaking lakes around me without having to worry about the stress of navigation." - Bindu





“To me, being on a lake feels like living in a Jimmy Buffett song. My dog is the first mate; the aquatic plants are the hidden treasure, and every year A Pirate Looks at Forty feels a little less like a song and a little bit more like a biography.” - Jeremy

To learn more about the mission of **MSU Extension's Center for Lakes and Streams**, [click here](#)

Michigan Invasive
Species Program



Invasive mile-a-minute weed confirmed in Jackson County

July 29, 2026

Mile-a-minute weed, a highly invasive vine that can smother trees and vegetation, has been confirmed in Jackson County following a landowner's report to the Michigan Invasive Species Program through the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network's online reporting system.

The report was verified following a site visit by staff members from the Jackson, Lenawee, Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, who found several established patches of the plant on the property.

Mile-a-minute weed was first detected in Michigan in 2020 at Albion College's Whitehouse Nature Center in Calhoun County. Since then, the Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area has been conducting outreach, surveys and treatment of infested properties in the vicinity of Albion and Homer in eastern Calhoun County.

The new detection in Jackson County is in Concord Township, approximately 4 miles from the Whitehouse Nature Center and less than 2 miles from the nearest known mile-a-minute weed site in Calhoun County.

The vine's dense growth and ability to climb tall trees make traditional herbicide treatment difficult. Though it is an annual vine, its numerous berries reseed infested areas and are spread by birds, other wildlife and human movement to new locations.

[Mile-a-minute weed](#) can be removed by hand, but seeds can persist in the soil for up to six years, so infested sites need to be monitored regularly for regrowth. New shoots can be mowed or tilled in the spring or early summer before fruiting, as even immature, green fruits can carry viable seeds and create new plants.

What is mile-a-minute weed?

Mile-a-minute weed (*Persicaria perfoliata*) is an annual vine that gets its name from its ability to grow up to 6 inches per day, or 25 feet in six to eight weeks. Its light green leaves are shaped like equilateral triangles, and both the stems and leaf blades are lined with small, recurved barbs that help it climb over other vegetation.

Small, inconspicuous white flowers appear in spring, developing into spikes of pea-sized, blue fruits in mid-summer. Unusual circular leaves called ocreae clasp the stems below the fruits.

Mile-a-minute weed thrives in full sun and wet soils, but it can grow in a variety of conditions. Like many invasive plants, it takes advantage of open space and disturbed areas including roadsides, stream banks, forest edges and fence lines.

Why is it a problem?

The vine's fast growth and climbing habits allow it to overtake native and landscape vegetation, eventually smothering plants and trees under dense, prickly thickets.

"Mile-a-minute weed can displace native plants, disrupt the food web and alter forest regeneration after harvest or natural disturbance," said Katie Grzesiak, terrestrial invasive species coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Because of the risk to Michigan's agriculture and habitats and the plant's limited distribution, mile-a-minute weed is on the state's [invasive species watch list](#).

What is being done?

JLW Cisma has joined forces with BCK Cisma to encourage landowners around the infested area to request mile-a-minute weed surveys. Since the new detection, the two Cismas have worked together to survey approximately 3,000 acres in Jackson County and an additional 2,600 acres in Calhoun County. No additional infestations have been found in Jackson County.

Herbicide treatment was initiated on the Jackson site shortly after the detection was confirmed. Cisma staff will continue to monitor the site and work with the landowner to conduct follow-up treatment.

The two Cismas are able to provide treatment assistance and free survey services through support from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program and other grant funds.

Earlier this year, the BCK Cisma, in collaboration with Grand Valley State University, initiated a [trial release of the mile-a-minute weevil](#) (*Rhinoncomimus latipes*) in four test plots in Calhoun County as a biological control agent to reduce populations of the invasive vine. Study of the weevil's feeding activity and survival rates is ongoing.

How can people help?

Anyone encountering a vine that could be mile-a-minute weed should visit [Michigan.gov/Invasives](#) to review identification information. If the plant appears to be mile-a-minute weed, take photos, note the location and report the find using one of these methods:

- Use the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network [online reporting tool](#).
- Download the [MISIN smartphone app](#) and report from your phone.

For more information on mile-a-minute weed and other invasive species of concern in Michigan, visit [Michigan.gov/Invasives](#). Use the [Invasive Species Watch List Viewer](#) to see a map of infested areas.

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



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YELLOW WATER LILY

Scientific Name: *Nuphar lutea*



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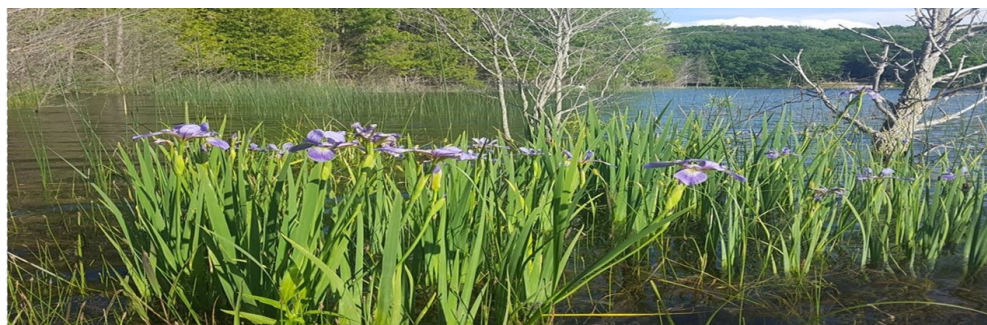
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Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

Events Listing

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

August 19, 10:00 AM: [What local leaders need to know about wastewater treatment in your community.](#) Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

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.

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.

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.

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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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](#)



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.

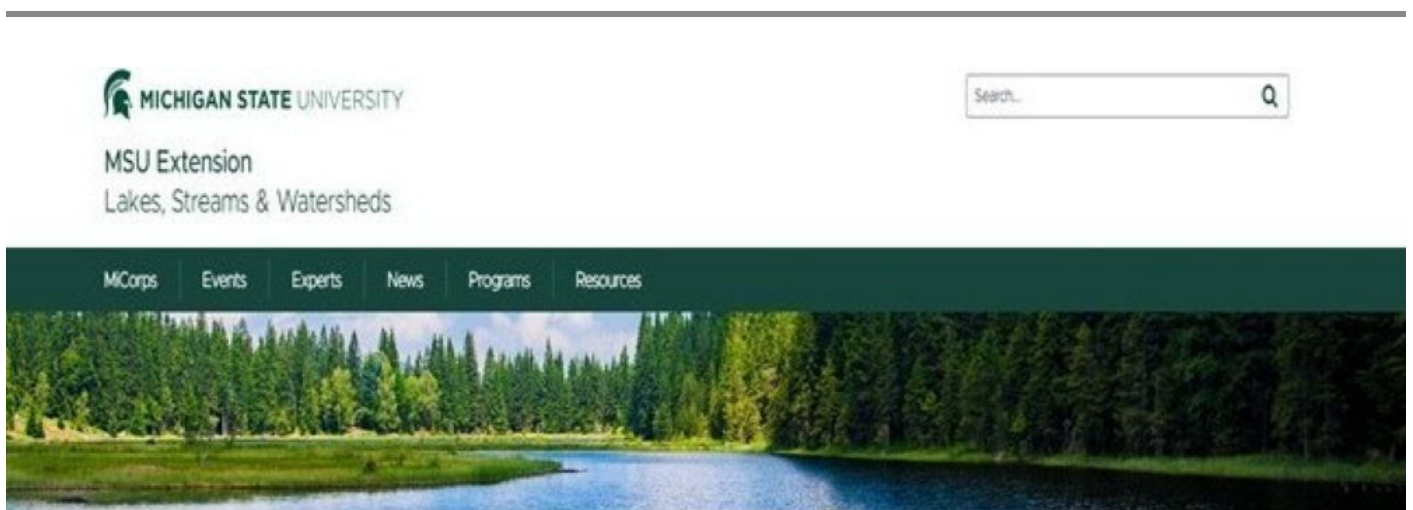
If you think you have found any of these species in Michigan, please report the occurrence via the methods given below by clicking on an individual species name.

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.



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.

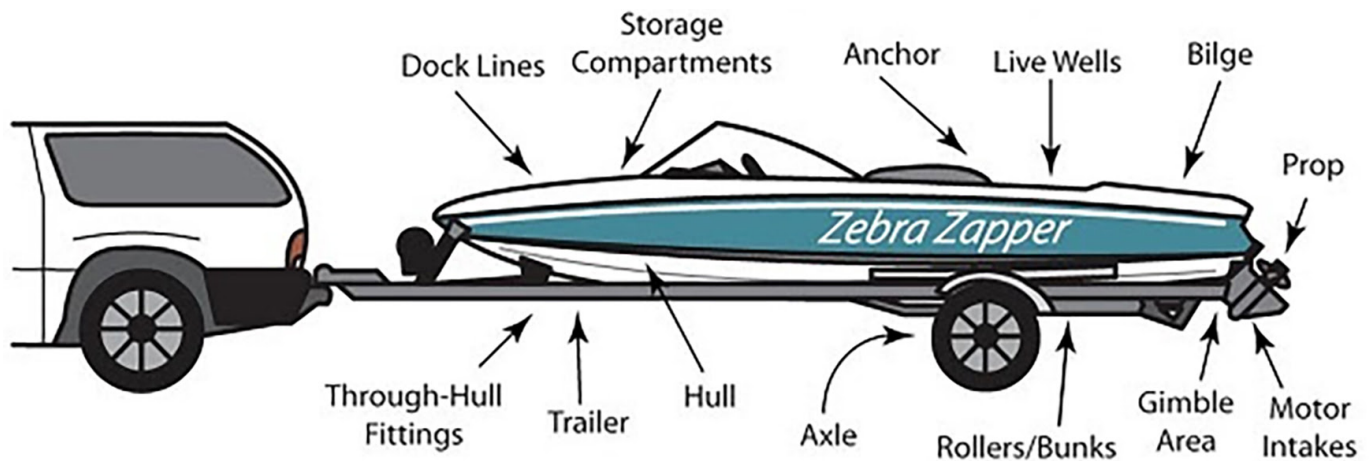
- Michigan Waterfront Alliance is one of just a few non-profit organizations that is permitted by law to influence our state's legislative process in regards to the enactment of state laws, regulations, or policies whose implementation and enforcement ultimately have a direct impact on Michigan's vast 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.

[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 CONTROL WAKE BOATS ARE DAMAGING OUR LAKES,
AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL SEPTIC
SYSTEMS ARE DEGRADING OUR LAKES, RIVERS,
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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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