

MICHIGAN MASS TIMBER UPDATE

Reaching New Heights



Facilitator: Sandra Lupien, Director, MassTimber@MSU

8:00 - 8:40 a.m.

Registration, Breakfast, Networking

8:45 - 9:05 a.m.

Opening

- *Welcome to the 2025 Michigan Mass Timber Update* — Sandra Lupien, Director, MassTimber@MSU
- *Welcome to the Kalamazoo Country Club* — John Fulling, Director of Grounds & Facilities, Kalamazoo Country Club
- *Mass Timber in Michigan: Reaching New Heights* — Sandra Lupien, Director, MassTimber@MSU
- *Michigan Mass Timber Catalyst Program* — Sandra Lupien, Anthony Harvey, Patrick Mohney, Kayla Snyder

9:05 - 9:25 a.m.

It Starts In the Forests

- *Michigan's State Forests* — Patrick Mohney, Senior Lands Program Manager, Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Office of Public Lands
- *Logging Workforce and Pulp Markets* — Henry Schienebeck, Executive Director, Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
- *Why Private Forests Matter to Mass Timber* — Nicole F. Frost, Executive Director, The Michigan Forest Association

9:25 - 10:00 a.m.

On the Supply Side

- *Wood Supply for Mass Timber Production in Michigan* — Raju Pokharel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, Department of Forestry
- *Element5 News and Updates* — Lee Scott, Director, Sales – North America, Element5
- *A Regional Approach to Mass Timber Manufacturing: the Structural Evaluation of Eastern White Pine CLT* — Randi Dodgson, PhD Student, Faculty, Michigan Technological University
- *Lignin-based PU Adhesive for CLT manufacturing: Fire Performance and Lignin Variation* — Manasseh Tetteh Agbedam, PhD Candidate (Green Bioproducts), Michigan State University (Department of Forestry & Department of Chemical and Material Engineering)
- *Scaling Up Lignin-Based Polyurethane Adhesives for Mass Timber Applications* — Mojgan Nejad, Associate Professor, Green Bioproducts, Michigan State University, Department of Forestry
- *Regional Supply and Real Projects Shaping Michigan* — Sidney Filippis, Director of Design, Sterling Structural

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Break

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Life in Timber - Opened in 2025

- *KRESA Career Connect Campus* — Gregory H. Monberg, AIA, MBA, ALEP, Director of Architecture, Wightman, Architecture Studio
- *Troy Pavillion* — Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director, City of Troy
- *Pioneering the Future* — Benjamin Kroll, AIA, LEED AP, Senior Partner, RDG Planning & Design
- *Doors Are Open, Come On In!* — Tori Irving, Public Lands Specialist, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- *Hardwood CLT Demonstration Structures* — Mark Rudnicki, Professor of Practice, Michigan Technological University, College of Forest Resources and Environmental Science



10:45 - 11:10 a.m**Building Capacity**

- *Mass Timber in (and out) of the Classroom* — Craig Borum, FAIA, Professor, University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
- *2025 Woodworks Update* — Anthony Harvey, Regional Director, WoodWorks
- *Mass Timber Education Updates* — George H. Berghorn, PhD, Assistant Professor, Construction Management and Research Director, MassTimber@MSU, Michigan State University
- *Capacity Through Hands-On Learning* — Luke Barnett, President, Sam Beauford Woodworking Institute
- *Michigan Mass Timber Resource Guide* — Sandra Lupien, Director, MassTimber@MSU

11:10 - 11:15 a.m.**Opportunities for Communities**

- *Community, Markets & Forests: Investing in Sustainable Growth in the U.P.* — Kelly Ryan, Senior Advisor, U.S. Endowment for Forestry & Communities

11:15 - 11:45 a.m.**Works In Progress**

- *M1 X Center KTO Garages* — Erik Knauss, Senior Project Architect, INFORM Studio
- *Golden Oaks Residency Hall* — Zac Bosma, Vice President, The Christman Company
- *Mass Timber for K-12 Projects in the AAPS* — Jason Bing, RA, CEM, LEED AP, Director, Capital Programs, Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS)
- *Kalamazoo College 2027 Residence Halls* — Susan Lindemann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, Kalamazoo College
- *Healing Spaces: Mass Timber & Biophilic Design in Supportive Housing* — Hope M. Lovell, MPH, President, LoveJoy Community Services

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. _____ **Lunch** _____**12:55 - 1:00 p.m.** _____ **Welcome Back** _____**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.****Reaching New Heights - New Codes, New Ideas, New Opportunities**

- *Michigan's New 2021 Building Code* — Ed Lisinski, Midwest Regional Director, American Wood Council
- *Student Book Store Redevelopment* — Mark Bell, CEO, Harbor Bay Ventures
- *Mass Timber: Leaning Into Opportunity in the U.P.* — Marty Fittante, CEO, InvestUP
- *Mass Timber + Community Land Trusts: Building Wealth in Emerging Neighborhoods* — Anthony Askew, Developer, City On The Rise Development
- *Bringing Industrial Automation to Mass Timber* — Alisyn Malek, CEO and Cofounder, Stage 1 Timber
- *Tall Timber Exhibition* — Sandra Lupien & Patrick Mohney

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.**Panel: Introducing the New Kalamazoo Country Club Clubhouse**

- Jason Clapp, Senior Project Architect, AIA, CSI, The H. Chambers Company
- Lee Hyden, AIA, Firmwide Principal of Architecture, The H. Chambers Company
- Ryan Eversole, PE, Manager of Structural Engineering, TowerPinkster
- Brian Beaver, Vice President, CSM Group
- Tim Lasher, West Michigan Market Segment Leader, Clark Contracting Services
- David Impson, Mass Timber / Structural Engineer, Britt, Peters and Associates
- Lee Scott, Director, Sales – North America, Element5

2:30 - 2:40 p.m. _____ **Wrap-up and Closing Remarks** _____**2:40 - 3:00 p.m.** _____ **Transition to Tours & Networking** _____**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** _____ **Tours of Mass Timber Clubhouse** _____**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** _____ **Coffee & Networking** _____**4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** _____ **Happy Hour** _____