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The Michigan Inland Lakes Convention takes place every two years, and serves lake enthusiasts, researchers, managers, and educators. It is hosted by the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership, and this year we are convening in partnership with the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), our statewide volunteer lake and stream monitoring program. The theme of the Convention is “Working Together for Healthy Lakes”. Thank you for joining us to learn and share the latest innovations and ideas in lake stewardship and to connect with others who share your passion for Michigan’s water!

Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership is a collaboration of diverse organizations with a common mission to advance stewardship of Michigan’s inland lakes. The Partnership engages state and local agencies, Native American Nations, outreach institutions (universities and other educational institutions), non-governmental organizations, businesses, industries and citizens in a collaborative effort to ensure the quality, sustainability and ecological diversity of lakes, while considering society’s needs. The following organizations are the decision-making body of the Partnership: Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Aquatic Managers Association, Michigan Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University Institute of Water Research, Michigan Waterfront Alliance, and the Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society. More information about the Partnership is available at canr.msu.edu/michiganlakes.

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Agenda At-A-Glance

Wednesday, October 2

5:00 - 9:00 PM Registration

7:00 - 9:00 PM Welcome Reception (Appetizers and Beverages)

Thursday, October 3

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Registration

8:00 - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 AM Convention Welcome

9:15 - 10:15 AM Plenary: Dr. Stephen K. Hamilton

10:15 - 10:30 AM McNALMS Niles R. Kevern Lifetime Achievement Award

10:30 - 10:45 AM Break

10:45 - 12:15 PM Concurrent Sessions

12:15 - 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 PM Concurrent Sessions and Workshops

3:00 - 3:30 PM Break

3:30 - 5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions and Lightning Talks

6:00 - 8:00 PM Evening Reception (Appetizers and Beverages)

Friday, October 4

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration

8:00 - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 AM Plenary: Sheri McWhirter

9:30 - 10:00 AM Break

10:00 - 11:30 AM Concurrent Sessions and Workshop

11:30 - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 PM Concurrent Sessions and Workshop

2:30 - 3:00 PM Break


3:00 - 4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions and Workshops

4:30 PM End of Convention

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5:00 - 9:00 PM	Registration - <i>outside the Atrium</i>
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception (Appetizers and Beverages) - <i>Atrium</i> Sponsored by EutroPHIX

Thursday, October 3

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Registration - <i>outside the Atrium</i>
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast - <i>Ballroom</i>
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Convention Welcome - <i>Ballroom</i>
9:15 - 10:15 AM	 <p>Dr. Stephen K. Hamilton Reflections on my Career as a Limnologist at Michigan State University</p> <p>This talk will emphasize Dr. Hamilton's freshwater research experiences in Michigan, including various studies of wetland, stream biogeochemistry and ecology, and zebra mussels in lakes. Dr. Hamilton has also studied sustainable agriculture in Michigan, and tropical floodplain ecosystems of Brazil, Venezuela, and Australia. He currently resides in Lake Leelanau.</p> <p>Dr. Hamilton was a Professor of Ecosystem Science at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station from 1995–2022. He is also a Senior Scientist Emeritus at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.</p>
10:15 - 10:30 AM	McNALMS Niles R. Kevern Lifetime Achievement Award
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Break

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Thursday, October 3

	<i>Grand Centennial Ballroom</i>	<i>Cheboygan & Harbor Springs Room</i>	<i>Saugatuck & Traverse City Room</i>	<i>Petoskey & Mackinac Room</i>	<i>Rosa Parks & Grand Rapids Room</i>
	<p>MICORPS: 50 YEARS OF THE COOPERATIVE LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jo Latimore</i></p>	<p>INVASIVE SPECIES</p> <p>☆</p> <p><i>Moderator: Tom Alwin</i></p>	<p>HABS, SEPTIC SYSTEMS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH</p> <p><i>Moderator: Heather Triezenberg</i></p>	<p>DNR FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</p> <p>☆</p> <p><i>Moderator: Joe Nohner</i></p>	<p>MICORPS NETWORKING: STREAM MONITORING</p> <p><i>Moderator: Tamara Lipsey</i></p>
10:45 AM	The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program Celebrates 50 Years of Discovery - Jo Latimore	European Frog-Bit: From Collaborative to CISMAs to You - Tom Alwin	Harmful Algal Bloom Risk Perception and Community Engagement - Heather Triezenberg	DNR Assessments and Management - Matt Diana	A Facilitated Networking Discussion Between MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program Leaders - Tamara Lipsey
11:15 AM	Our Dynamic Lakes: Characteristics and Long-Term Changes in Michigan's Inland Lakes - Erick Elgin	Eradicating Yellow Floating Heart and Parrot Feather in Michigan - Billy Keiper	Measuring Michigan Lake Management Companies' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Harmful Algal Blooms - Susan Peters	Michigan DNR Sunfish Management: Sunfish Management Survey and Plan - Matt Diana	
11:45 AM	Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program Panel – Ask Us Anything! - CLMP Team	Didymo? How About Didy-Less. Collaboration and Citizen Science to Combat Rock Snot in Michigan - Jordyn Stoll	At Least 15 Reasons Why We Desperately Need a Uniform Statewide Onsite Wastewater Code in Michigan - Larry Stephens	Fish Habitat: Threats and Management Activities - Joe Nohner	
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch - <i>Ballroom</i>				

Looking for more details about a session?

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	<p>MICORPS VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING PROGRAM: OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p><i>Moderator: Paul Steen</i></p>	<p>INVASIVE SPECIES</p> <p>☆</p> <p><i>Moderator: Kevin Walters</i></p>	<p>GIS AND REMOTE SENSING FOR LAKE MANAGEMENT</p> <p><i>Moderator: Eric Calabro</i></p>	<p>WORKSHOP: FUNDING FOR LAKE CONSERVATION</p> <p><i>Moderator: Bob Frye</i></p>	<p>WORKSHOP: FRESHWATER ALGAE</p> <p>☆</p> <p><i>Moderator: Lois Wolfson</i></p>
1:30 PM	<p>Twenty Years of Stream Monitoring with the Michigan Clean Water Corps - Paul Steen</p>	<p>Addressing Data Gaps to Inform Management of Dreissenids for Protection of Native Mussels in Michigan's Inland Lakes - Michael Hilary</p>	<p>Harvesting, Building and Analyzing Lake-Specific GIS Data - Bob Goodwin</p>	<p>Lake Awareness Day Partners: Five Steps to Achieving Healthy Inland Lakes in Michigan</p> <p>1. Impacts of Inland Lakes on Michigan's Economy - Scott Brown</p>	
2:00 PM	<p>Muskegon Conservation District MiCorps Monitoring - Sabrina Huizenga</p>	<p>Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species One Boat at a Time - Kevin Walters</p>	<p>Lake Charlevoix Shoreline Inventory: Landscape Level Resource Assessment, Cumulative Impacts, and Status and Trends - Chad Fizzell</p>	<p>2. Voluntary Tax Contributions to Support Inland Lakes - Jennifer McKay</p> <p>3. The Need for a Statewide Septic Code to Address Inland Lake Issues - Megan Tinsley</p>	<p>The Good, The Bad, and The Slimy: An Introduction to the Ecology and Identification of Freshwater Algae in Michigan - Julianne Heinlein</p>
2:30 PM	<p>Gogebic Black River Watershed Stream Monitoring - Maxwell Ramsay</p>	<p>Comparison of Boat Cleaning Systems: Invasive Species Removal, Boater Engagement, and Cost - Jo Latimore</p>	<p>Satellite-Derived Lake Water Quality Data Using an Automated High-Performance Computing Environment for Michigan - Leif Olmanson</p>	<p>4. Increasing Stormwater Management Using Best Management Practices - Paul Hausler</p> <p>5. Administration Support for Michigan's Inland Lakes - Bob Frye</p>	
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break				



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	MICORPS VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING	HYDRILLA IN MICHIGAN 	LAKE MANAGEMENT	IMPACTS ON WATER QUALITY
	<i>Moderator: Paul Steen</i>	<i>Moderator: Billy Keiper</i>	<i>Moderator: Paul Hausler</i>	<i>Moderator: Lois Wolfson</i>
3:30 PM	Adopt A Stream: Retaining and Recruiting Long Term and Episodic Volunteers - Heather Smith	Early Detection and Rapid Delimitation Surveys for Hydrilla in Southwest Michigan - Alex Florian	Reduction of Nutrients and Solids to an Inland Lake with the Use of Biochar: A Promising Lake Restoration Tool - Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones	Salinization of Our Inland Lakes: A Potential Ticking Time Bomb - Al Steinman
4:00 PM	The Healthy Lakes Initiative - Kate Laramie	Designing a Robust Outreach Response to New Invasive Discoveries - Paige Filice	Climate Change: Effects on our Inland Lake Fisheries and Strategies for Adaptation - Joe Nohner	Some Recent Patterns of Recreational Water Quality in Michigan's Inland Lakes - James Mcnair
4:30 PM	Collaboration in Community Science: Win-Win Partnerships for Watersheds - Erin Pavloski	An Update on Hydrilla Response Efforts in Michigan - Billy Keiper	Outreach and Innovative Best Management Practices in Mill Creek - Matt Bain	5 Minute Lightning Talks <i>See list of talks below</i>
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Break			
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Evening Reception (Appetizers and Beverages) - <i>Atrium</i> Sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams			

5 Minute Lightning Talks

- Tell Your Story in the Michigan Riparian Magazine!
- Melissa DeSimone
- Growing Appreciation for Lakes Through the MSU Extension Introduction to Lakes Online Course
- Paige Filice
- Using Sentinel-3 OLCI Imagery to Quantify Methane Emissions from Michigan's Estuaries
- Jillian Greene
- Incorporating Certified Cleaning/Personal Care Products into Lake Management Systems
- Lisa Henderson
- Winning the War with Invasive Species
- Wayne Hodges
- Finding Natural Shoreline Resources
- Julia Kirkwood

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8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration - <i>outside the Atrium</i>				
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast - <i>Ballroom</i>				
8:30 - 9:30 AM			<p>Sheri McWhirter The Public Does Care About Science News</p> <p>Attention spans are short and news cycles move fast. But it turns out that people do care about environmental and science news. You simply need the right equation.</p> <p>Sheri McWhirter is a climate reporter for MLive Media Group who has covered environmental issues for most of her more than 20-year career. Her recent work is focused on climate change and biodiversity loss, and the energy transition to renewable sources.</p>		
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Break				
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	WATERSHED CONSERVATION	ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS	COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP	WAKE BOATS	WORKSHOP: AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION
	<i>Moderator: Julia Kirkwood</i>	<i>Moderator: Paul Hausler</i>	<i>Moderator: Paige Filice</i>	<i>Moderator: Melissa DeSimone</i>	<i>Moderator: Erick Elgin</i>
10:00 AM	Getting Your Feet Wet: An Overview of the Why, How and Who for Watershed Management - Julia Kirkwood	Data Review to Objectively Characterize Changes in Water Quality Trends Related to Zebra Mussel Infestation - Paul Hausler	Lake Leelanau Shoreline Ambassadors - Helping Improve the Shoreline One Property at a Time - Annalise Povolo	A Literature Review of Wake Boat Effects on Aquatic Habitat - Joe Nohner	 Watch List Aquatic Plant Hands On Training - Billy Keiper
10:30 AM	Dive into the Details: Methods for Identifying Sources and Problems - Jack Cotrone	Do Dreissenids Influence Lake Trophic Status Metrics? - Mark Luttenton	How to Get Your Neighbor to Build a Rain Garden - Behavior Change for the Social Good - Susan Bryan	The Property Owner Perspective and Actions to Take - David Maturen and Cliff Bloom	
11:00 AM	Setting Sail: Putting Your Approved Watershed Plan to Work - Teresa Salveta			Guided Discussion on Wake Boat Issues - Melissa DeSimone	
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch - <i>Ballroom</i>				

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	WATERSHED CONSERVATION	AQUATIC PLANTS AND WILD RICE	LOCAL CONSERVATION	LAKE MANAGEMENT TOOLS	WORKSHOP: AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES
	<i>Moderator: Joe Nohner</i>	<i>Moderator: Jo Latimore</i>	<i>Moderator: Melissa DeSimone</i>	<i>Moderator: Eric Calabro</i>	<i>Moderator: Paige Filice</i>
1:00 PM	Conservation Easements: Protecting our Rivers and Lakes - Julia Kirkwood	Point Intercept Sampling for Aquatic Macrophytes in Northern Michigan Inland Lakes - Jeremy Hartsock	Working with Local Government to Protect and Improve Inland Lakes - Amanda Knutson	A Practical Guide for Genetic Surveys in Eurasian Watermilfoil Management and Initial Insights on Rapid Herbicide Assays - Ryan Thum	Conservation and Best Management of Amphibians and Reptiles in Inland Lake Systems - David Mifsud
1:30 PM	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Conservation Planner: A Tool to Understand Your Lake's Watershed - Joe Nohner	The Relationship Between Manoomin and the Anishinaabe - Roger Labine	Cleaning the Boardman River Required a Doctor - Steve Largent	Inland Lake Shoreline Assessment Tool and Best Management Practices in Michigan - Eric Calabro	
2:00 PM	Lake Watershed Management for Climate Resilient Fishes - Joe Nohner	The Michigan Wild Rice Initiative and the Recently Passed Manoomin Bill - Roger Labine	Regional Meetings 2.0: Bringing Back Local Networking! - Melissa DeSimone		
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Break				

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	WATERSHED CONSERVATION	PEOPLE AND LAKES 	RIPARIAN LAW AND RIGHTS	WORKSHOP: MACROINVERTEBRATE IDENTIFICATION	WORKSHOP: AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES
	<i>Moderator: Joe Nohner</i>	<i>Moderator: Lois Wolfson</i>	<i>Moderator: Bob Frye</i>	<i>Moderator: Tamara Lipsey</i>	<i>Moderator: Paige Filice</i>
3:00 PM	Forest to MI Faucet Program - Mike Smalligan	Getting to Know Pickerel Lake: Multi-Media Exploration of a Small Aquatic Plant Dominated Inland Lake - William Brown			
3:30 PM	Lake Boards and Other Mechanisms for Locally-driven Conservation: Examples from Newaygo County - Dale Twing	Shallow Lakes Don't Stink - Colleen Gleason	Michigan Riparian and Littoral Boundaries and Access Rights - William and Dane Carey	Introduction to Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy and R.A.I.L. Project App Support for Identification - Keith Piccard	(con't) Conservation and Best Management of Amphibians and Reptiles in Inland Lake Systems - David Mifsud
4:00 PM	Project Clarity: Restoring a Watershed Through Community Collaboration - Travis Williams				
4:30 PM	End of the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention -- We hope to see you in 2026!				

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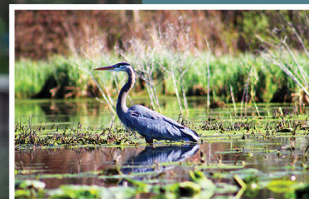


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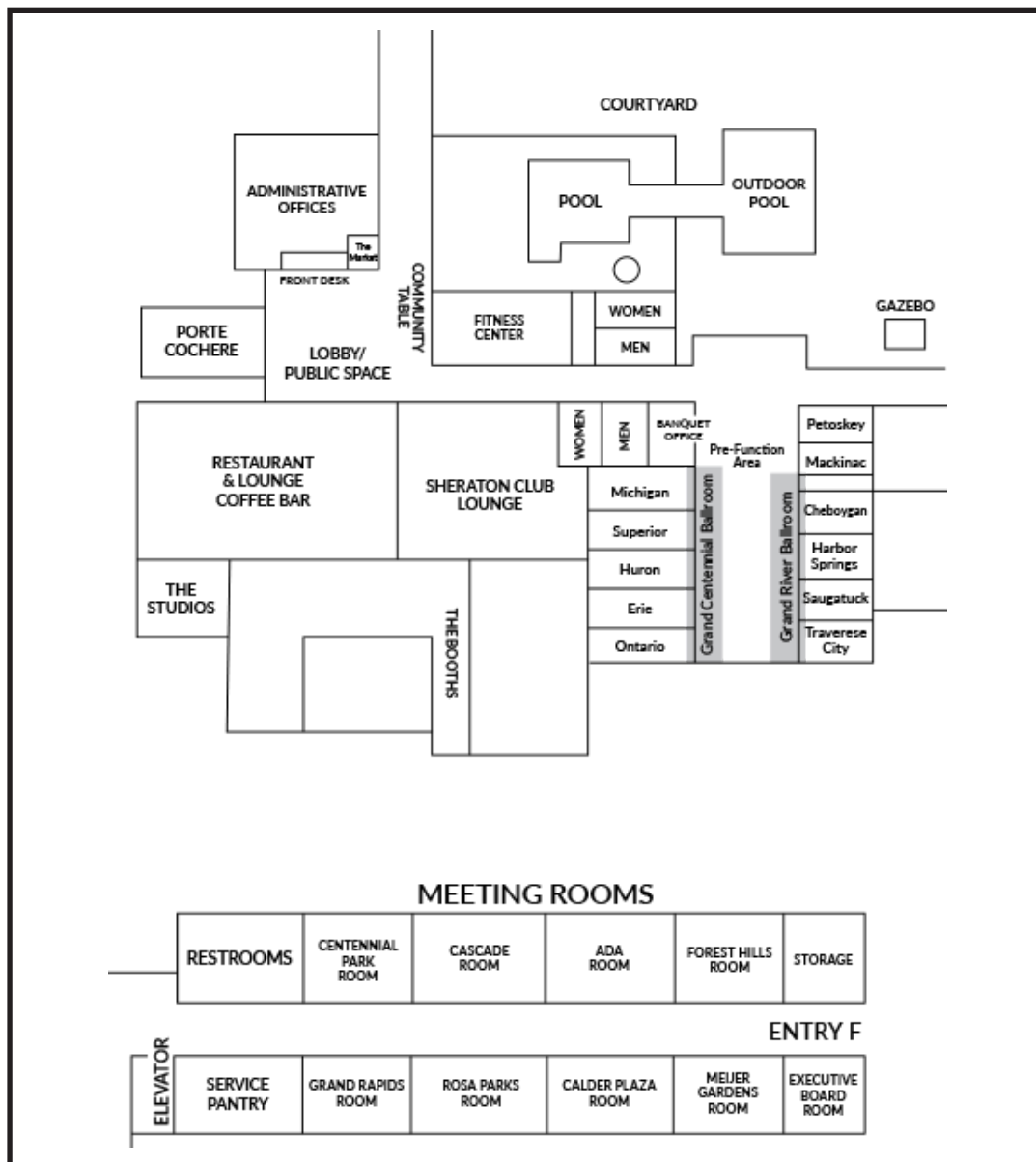
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The following individuals served on the organizing committee for the 2024 Michigan Inland Lakes Convention: Ralph Bednarz (MDEQ, retired; Rennie Lake Association), Kelsey Bockelman (MSU Extension), Jason Broekstra (PLM Lake and Land Management Corp.), Scott Brown (Michigan Waterfront Alliance), Eric Calabro (EGLE), Melissa DeSimone (Michigan Lakes and Streams Association), Erick Elgin (MSU Extension), Paige Filice (MSU Extension), Paul Hausler (Progressive Companies), Megghan Honke Seidel (MSU Extension), Julia Kirkwood (Co-chair, EGLE), Jo Latimore (Co-chair, MSU), Tamara Lipsey (EGLE), Joe Nohner (DNR), Greg Peter (Michigan United Conservation Clubs), Renae Siler (MSU Extension), Kevin Walters (EGLE), and Lois Wolfson (MSU).