

# The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership

*Promoting collaboration to  
advance stewardship of  
Michigan's inland lakes*

# History

## ➤ 2006

- MDNR, MDEQ, MSUE and a few NGOs discuss a possible partnership for the management of Michigan's lakes.
- Visit from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

# History

## ➤ 2007

- MSUE facilitates meetings with many NGOs, local governmental agencies and Native American Nations
- All agreed to a 3-year trial partnership

# History

## ➤ 2008

- First regular meeting
- Governing Document drafted
  - Coordinating Council formed
- Strategic Plan drafted

# History

## ➤ 2009

- Partners work together toward meeting strategic objectives.
- First public Open Forum to introduce the Partnership and its successes so far, invite participation, and gather input from the public.
  - Supported by the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership

# Membership

- The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership is open to any federal, tribal, state, or local government agency, institution, or nongovernmental organization (NGO) interested in advancing stewardship of Michigan's inland lakes.
  - Lake associations and citizens are typically represented by a larger body, such as MLSA.

# MILP Coordinating Council

- The decision-making body of the Partnership. The purpose of the Council is to set goals and objectives as well as direct and facilitate the participation of all partners. The Council currently meets four times per year.
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners
- Michigan Aquatic Managers Association
- Michigan Boating Industries Association
- Michigan Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society
- Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Water Bureau
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Land and Water Management Division
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division
- Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc.
- Michigan State University Extension
- Michigan Townships Association
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs
- Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly
- The Nature Conservancy

# Additional Partners

- Additional organizations may serve as Partners outside of the Coordinating Council. They are kept informed of MILP activities and are encouraged to collaborate on MILP projects.
- Great Lakes Water Studies Institute
- Huron Potawatomi, Inc.
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council



# Current Projects

- Invasive Species Management
  - Improve availability of information
  - Promote monitoring
  - Identify barriers to early detection and rapid response

# Current Projects

- Sustainable Lake Ecosystem Management
  - Promote standardized monitoring and information sharing



# Current Projects

- Watershed-based Pollution Control
  - Promote natural shoreline protection and restoration



# Current Projects

- Community and Citizen Education
  - Introduce and promote the Partnership
  - Promote training of community leaders and local government officials
  - Develop an educational web site focused on Michigan's inland lakes



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## Our Mission

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### Announcements

#### Open Forum Agenda Now Available!

The agenda for the First Annual MILP Open Forum is [here!](#) Make plans to join us Thursday, September 24, at the East Lansing Public Library from 1-4 p.m.! RSVP by clicking [here](#) or calling 517-432-1491.  
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#### Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership Open Forum

Save the Date for The First Annual Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership Open Forum Thursday, September 24, 2009  
1 P.M. – 4 P.M.  
East Lansing Public Library Meeting Room  
950 Abbot Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
RSVP with Jo Latimore at [latimor1@msu.edu](mailto:latimor1@msu.edu) or (517) 432-1491.  
[read more ...](#)

#### UPCOMING CONFERENCE TO HIGHLIGHT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARDS

**Taking Charge: Special Assessment Districts for Lake Improvements**  
Friday, October 16th, 2009  
Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan  
The purpose of the conference is to create a greater awareness of collaborative lake management options such as lake improvement boards and township public works projects and to provide a networking opportunity for those interested in collaborative lake

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