

Welcome to our May 2018 Newsletter...

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations

Resolution of Support for the MiCorps

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program

Whereas, Michigan is graced with tens of thousands of inland lakes that make immense contributions to our state's culture, economic prosperity, and to the quality of life of our citizens; and

Whereas, Michigan's vast natural treasure of inland lakes play a quintessential role in defining our state's natural beauty and character, social and business climate, and prospects for a sustainable future; and

Whereas, the majority of inland lakes in Michigan possess high quality ecosystems that continue to provide a highly beneficial array of life enhancing services to our citizens as well as to millions of visitors to our state; and

Whereas, inland lakes in Michigan represent ecologically sensitive freshwater ecosystems that are vulnerable to long-term degradation, and gradual loss of their capacity to make vast contributions to our lives, to our economy, and to thousands of local communities; and

Whereas, the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program is a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality led collaborative partnership-based program that is dedicated to training and equipping citizen volunteers so as to enable their ability to collect reliable data, and to accurately monitor a series of water quality related

parameters that are essential to assessing the overall ecological condition of their respective inland lakes; and

Whereas, the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program is a highly successful, cost effective program that has successfully trained and equipped a large statewide constituency of citizen volunteers who continue to pro-actively engage in water quality monitoring on hundreds of Michigan's most valuable inland lakes; and

Whereas, more than 310 inland lakes widely distributed throughout fifty four (54) of Michigan's eighty three (83) counties are currently enrolled in the 2018 MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program; and

Whereas, data collected by citizen volunteers participating in the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program is effectively utilized by environmental protection and natural resource management agencies, academic institutions, lake managers, local governments, lake boards, lake associations, and lake community residents to support inland lake management plans, to help combat the spread of exotic aquatic invasive aquatic species, to manage lake nutrient levels, and to educate lakefront property owners about lake friendly waterfront living practices; and

Whereas, the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program is a key component of state and local efforts to preserve and protect Michigan's vast treasure of inland lakes for future generations; therefore be it

Resolved, that the officers, directors, staff, and membership of Michigan Lake and Stream Associations recognize that the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program represents a critical component of our

collective ability to effectively manage our natural heritage of high quality inland lakes, and therefore wholeheartedly supports continued funding and operation of this extraordinary citizen volunteer driven lake stewardship program.

Note to Readers

Although we have made progress in recent weeks educating our state Senators and Representatives about the importance of this program to our inland lakes, fiscal year 2019 budget negotiations are still on-going in Lansing, and funding for this outstanding program is not yet assured. We encourage readers of this newsletter to (again) reach out to your state Senator or Representative to express your support for this outstanding inland lakes focused program. Use the on-line resources below to find out how to contact your respective state legislator.

To find out the name and contact info
for your State Senator, [\[1\]click here](#)

To find out the name and contact info for your
State Representatives, [\[2\]click here](#)

The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) has been an important component of Michigan's inland lakes monitoring program for over 40 years, which makes it the second oldest volunteer monitoring program for lakes in the country. The primary purpose of this cooperative program is to help citizen volunteers monitor indicators of water quality in their lake and

document changes in lake quality over time.

Since 1992, the [3]Michigan Lake and Stream Associations (ML&SA) has administered the CLMP jointly with the [4]Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information about the CLMP, please visit

[5]<https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/> or contact Jean Roth at ML&SA at jroth@mlswa.org

IT'S MISIN TIME!

by Paul J. Sniadecki

ML&SA Board Director

The annual spring lake overturns have occurred, the water is clear, boats are on the water, and so... It's MISIN Time! The next few weeks provide the best and easiest opportunity to check your lake for new infestations of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). If you have your smartphone loaded with the MISIN mobile app, you can report any new AIS infestations directly from the AIS location on the water.

The Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) is a regional data aggregation effort to develop and provide an early detection and rapid response (EDRR) resource for invasive species in the Midwest region of the United States. Currently, thirteen states are active participants, and there is some data available from other parts of the country as well.

MISIN is led by researchers with the Michigan State University Department of Entomology

[6]Laboratory for Applied Spatial Ecology and Technical Services in conjunction with a growing consortium of [7]supporting partners. The goal of this regional resource is to assist both experts and citizen scientists (essentially anyone reading this article) in the detection and identification of invasive species. Data collected allows for the development and implementation of effective control strategies in the region. User selected maps can also be generated to display locations of AIS infestations.

[8]Click here to read the rest of this article...

2018 Michigan Inland Lakes Convention

Thursday & Friday

October 4th & 5th, 2018

Crowne Plaza Hotel Grand Rapids (Airport)

To learn more about the upcoming Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership Conference, [9]click here

The Michigan Waterfront Alliance, Inc. recently launched a new website in order to more effectively promote its mission of preserving and protecting the high quality of Michigan's inland waters and the riparian rights of waterfront property owners. Please take the time to view the new site!

[10]www.mwai.org

Available from ML&SA Now!

The Practical Guide to Lakefront Living:

Enjoying and Conserving Your Lake

Lake ecology, natural shorelines, swimmers itch,

fishing with conservation in mind, e-coli bacteria, dock

riparian rights, algae blooms, Michigan boating law,

watershed management, aquatic invasive species, and

Special Assessment Districts, are just a few examples

of the important topics that are covered in this unique

guidebook that was written and published by ML&SA

with Michigan's lakefront home owners in mind!

[11][Click here](#) to order the guidebook now!

Available for download by [12][clicking here](#)

The guidebook is also available in printed form from

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations

Central Office by contacting

swagner@mlswa.org

Read about the latest news, events, and programs of the

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership

by [\[13\]clicking here](#)

Learn about an exciting opportunity to qualify

your lakefront shoreline for recognition by visiting the

[\[14\]Michigan Shoreland Stewards Program website.](#)

To download the January 2018 edition of the Michigan

Natural Shoreline Partnership newsletter, [\[15\]click here](#)

Michigan Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program

Created to Help You Prevent New

Introductions

of

Exotic Aquatic Invasive Species

Always strictly adhere to the mantra

"Clean - Drain - Dry - Dispose"

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[17]www.mi-riparian.org

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Helping You Find Water Resource Organizations

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Our Collaborative Partners

[28]Michigan Waterfront Alliance

[29]Michigan Chapter,
North American Lake
Management Society

[30]Michigan Clean Water
Corps (MiCorps)

[31]MDEQ Water
Resources Division

[32]Michigan Department of
Natural Resources

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Lakes Partnership

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Preservation
Association

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Shoreline Partnership

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