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Welcome to our April 2018 Newsletter...

ML&SA launches new website to find your local water resources!

by Alisha Davidson, PhD
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We know it can be difficult to find (and find contact information for) organizations such as local lake associations, drain commissioners, DEQ/DNR offices, land conservancies, and watershed councils. In an effort to assist members in finding answers to their water-related questions and concerns, and getting more involved in water resource management, ML&SA has developed the Michigan Directory of Lake Organizations. This directory allows members to search by a variety of fields, including county, lake, and type of organization.

This directory can be accessed by [clicking here](http://www.mylsa.org/organization-directory/) or by pasting the following link directly:
<http://www.mylsa.org/organization-directory/>

This directory is obviously not complete; we are almost certainly missing organizations. We are therefore asking members for their help – please search in your area and look for organizations such as lake associations we might be missing. For every organization you provide, you will be entered to win a one year subscription to The Michigan Riparian magazine. Winners will be drawn on Labor Day weekend. Please email Alisha Davidson at alishad@mlswa.org with new entries and/or feedback on the directory.



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As the Daylight Hours Become Longer, and Lake Waters Warm, Beware the Emergence of Invasive Starry stonewort

Although the emergence of Starry stonewort will likely be delayed this season by the very "unspring" like weather we have been enduring, as daylight hours become longer, and as water temperatures reach approximately 50° F, lakefront property owners should keep an eye-out for invasive Starry stonewort. The rapidly spreading macro-algae is capable of explosive rates of shallow water growth in mid-to-late spring and early summer, and is often observed completely covering areas of the substrate that would otherwise be serving as bluegill spawning areas. To read an in-depth article about Starry stonewort, [click here...](#)

Michigan Waterways Commission Takes Bold Action

By Paul J. Sniadecki
ML&SA Board Director

The Michigan Waterways Commission (WWC) is a seven-member advisory board appointed by the Michigan Governor. The WWC works with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the use of dedicated funds, provided by boaters, for the acquisition, development and maintenance of Public Harbors and Boating Access Sites (BAS) on inland lakes, as well as certain locks and dams. The main revenue available to the WWC comes from Watercraft Registration Fees and Marine Fuel Taxes.

The "bold action" occurred on February 23, 2018, when the WWC adopted Resolution No 02-2018-01, which proposed that the Michigan Legislature create the "Michigan Boating Access, Public Safety, and Economic Development Act of 2018." Element No 6 of the Resolution asks the legislature to "...Consider a separate surcharge (sticker) for invasive species control for all vessels including non-resident craft..."



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That bold step by the WWC suggests Michigan should begin to broadly fund Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control in a manner aligned with processes already in place by several other progressive states. It also seeks to place the fees on ALL watercraft that use the waters of Michigan, not just Michigan Boaters. As many riparians have concluded, the main pathway for the spread of AIS is contaminated watercraft moving between lakes/streams, and this proposal has the potential to address some of those concerns.

The precise provisions of how such a program would work are not known at this time. However, riparians are encouraged to be vigilant and be ready to support the proposed act, if the details are favorable for true AIS control. Hopefully the future language would include a spending formula that funds preventive actions (e.g. Decontamination Stations at all boating access sites), as well as funds for the annual treatment of AIS in already infested lakes/streams (e.g. matching funds for Special Assessment Districts established for AIS control).

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Score the Shore!

You can determine the quality of nearshore habitat in your lake by signing up for the Score the Shore program! Part of the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, Score the Shore teaches you how to make observations from a boat to calculate a "report card" for your lake. Score the Shore volunteers must also enroll in a minimum level of water quality monitoring for their lake. The deadline to enroll is May 5, 2018.

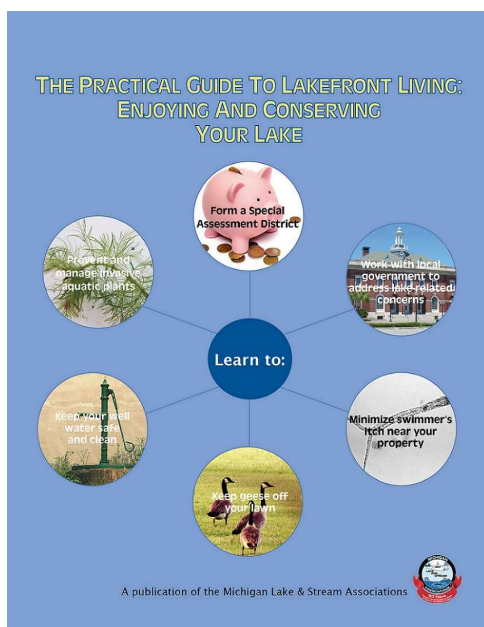
The required training (free!) takes place at the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations annual conference that is scheduled for April 20th-21st at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville.

If you are interested in Score the Shore and the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program visit the MiCorps website to find everything you need to get started.



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!

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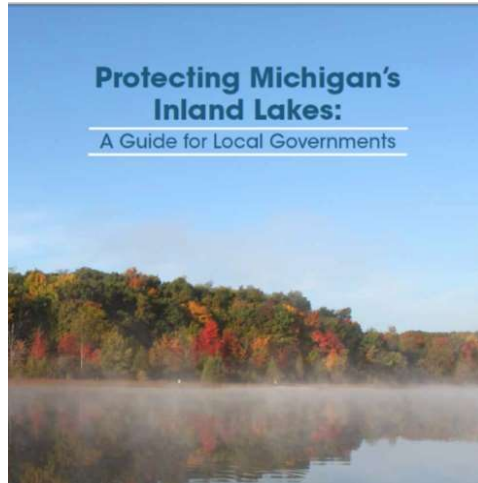
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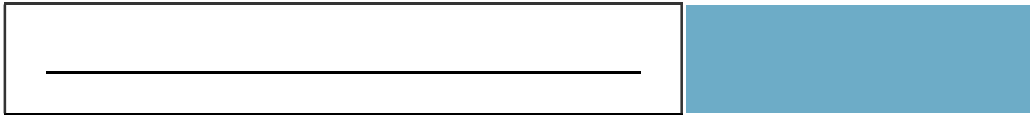
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The **Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP)** has been an important component of Michigan's inland lakes monitoring program for over 40 years, which makes it the second oldest volunteer monitoring program for lakes in the country. The primary 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 **Michigan Lake and Stream Associations (ML&SA)** has administered the CLMP jointly with the **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality**.

For more information about the CLMP, please visit <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/> or contact Jean Roth at ML&SA at jroth@mlswa.org



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