

Inland Lake and Wetland Protection Tools for Local Governments

Convention workshop at
Michigan Inland Lakes Convention - Partnering to Protect Michigan's Inland Lakes
Boyne Mountain Resort, Boyne Falls, Michigan
May 1, 2014, 9:00am – 4:30pm

Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes that attract people to live and play along their shorelines. These inland lakes and their adjacent wetlands provide functions and values that are vital to the health, livelihood, and safety of our communities. This workshop offers local government officials, professionals, and others interested in the protection of inland lakes and wetlands, information on the gaps of in-state and federal protection of these resources, and tools for local protection to help address these gaps.



Draft Workshop Agenda

Why are wetlands and inland lakes important, and why should local governments protect them?

- Inland Lakes Types, Functions and Values
- Wetland Identification, Mapping, Functions and Values
- Why Local Protection?

What is the existing legal framework for protecting wetlands and inland lakes and how can local governments fill the gaps in that protection?

- Michigan's Wetland Program and Part 303
- Inland Lakes and Streams Regulations and Part 301

Options for Local Protection

- Local Wetland and Inland Lake Ordinances
- Site Planning
- Other Regulatory Tools
- Inland Lake Toolkit for Local Governments – Participant Feedback
- Inland Lake and Wetland Climate Change Adaptation Strategies for Local Governments

There is NO FEE for this workshop

To register for this workshop, contact Jennifer Van Port Fleet at vanportfleetj@michigan.gov. Lunch for this workshop will be on your own (available through [Boyne Mountain](#)).

This workshop is part of the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership Convention held May 1-3, 2014, at the Boyne Mountain Resort, and we encourage workshop participants to attend the full convention. Fees apply for participation in other Michigan Inland Lakes Convention events, sessions, lodging, and meals. For more information on the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention, visit <http://michiganlakes.msue.msu.edu/convention>.