

Monthly List Serve

MICHIGAN GREAT LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Lt. Governor John D. Cherry launched the Michigan Great Lakes Protection and Restoration Initiative on June 4, 2008 at the State Capital at an event with various representatives of state government and numerous stakeholders. The Michigan Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) is leading an effort to prepare and begin implementation of an action agenda to protect, remediate, and restore the Great Lakes. On October 8, 2008, the Lt. Governor and OGL announced the release of a draft plan to protect and restore Michigan's Great Lakes titled [MI Great Lakes Plan: Our Path to Protect and Restore Michigan's Natural Treasures \(MI Great Lakes Plan\)](#). The MI Great Lakes Plan will provide specific direction within Michigan to address the recommendations of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC) and to take further steps to address the specific needs within the state.

The State is seeking public input on specific questions regarding the DRAFT MI Great Lakes Plan: Our Path to Protect and Restore Michigan's Natural Treasures. Written comments may be submitted to:

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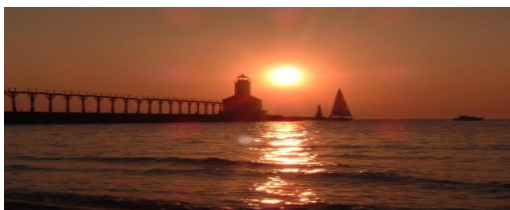
As part of this process, local watershed groups will be hosting eight public meetings across Michigan to provide an opportunity for Michigan residents to participate in helping to identify the most important Great Lakes protection and restoration efforts that are needed across the state.

Friday, October 17 - 7 p.m.
Grayling Township Hall
2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
Contact: Brad Jensen, Huron Pines RC & D - 989-344-0753

Tuesday, October 21 - 7 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, Annis Water Resources Institute, Grand Valley State University
740 W. Shoreline Dr. Muskegon, MI 49441
Contact: Al Steinman, GVSU - 231-728-3601

Monday, October 27 - 7 p.m.
Library/Conference Center 1 & 2, North Central Michigan College
1515 Howard St., Petoskey, MI 49770
Contact: Grenetta Thomassey, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - 231-347-1181

Wednesday, November 19 - 7 p.m.
Kalamazoo Nature Center
7000 North Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Contact: Sara Reding, Kalamazoo Nature Center - 269-381-1574 ext. 17



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