

# Michigan Wetlands Association Fall Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing, MI

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## The Future of Michigan's Wetland Protection Programs

On July 2, 2013 the Governor signed Public Act 98 of 2013 modifying Michigan's Wetland Protection program (Part 303), as well as important aspects of the Inland Lakes and Streams program (Part 301). While many of the changes were made in response to EPA and stakeholder comments and should result in clearer regulation, other changes will result in less wetland and stream protection. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently reviewing these amendments to determine whether the resulting program is consistent with the requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. If not, Michigan's continued authority to administer the Section 404 program at the state level is in jeopardy.

**This meeting will focus PA 98**, including input from the MDEQ and various other stakeholders. We will also touch on proposed federal rulemaking regarding the scope of jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act which also has a connection to the state program.

**Our fall meeting will be at Woldumar Nature Center.** While the agenda is important, the setting is informal and dress is casual. Please join us.



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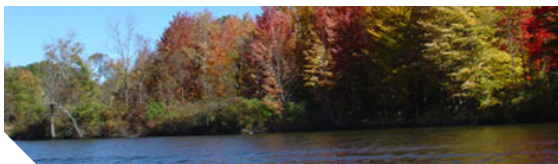
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8:00 – 9:00	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Michigan’s Wetland Resource Base: Current Status and Trends</b> Chad Fizzell (MDEQ) and Peg Bostwick (ASWM)
9:45 – 11:30	<b>Overview of Recent Changes in State Wetland Regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of Public Act State Wetland Changes – <i>Todd Losee (Niswander Environmental)</i></li><li>• Status and Implementation of Wetland Legislation Changes – <i>Kim Fish (MDEQ)</i></li><li>• Proposed General Permit for County Drains – <i>Amy Berry (MDEQ)</i></li><li>• EPA Review of Regulatory Changes – <i>Sue Elston (EPA) – invited</i></li></ul>
11:30 – 12:45	<b>Lunch and MWA Annual Business Meeting</b>
12:45 – 1:45	<b>Stakeholder Responses to Changes in State Wetland Regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Community – <i>Dennis Donohue (Warner Norcross and Judd LLP)</i></li><li>• Agricultural Interests – <i>Laura Campbell (Michigan Farm Bureau)</i></li><li>• County Drain Commissioners – <i>Stacy L. Hissong (Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC)</i></li></ul>
1:45 – 2:15	<b>Break</b>
2:15 – 3:30	<b>Stakeholder Responses to Changes in State Wetland Regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation and Environmental Interests – <i>James Clift (Michigan Environmental Council)</i></li><li>• State Legislative Perspective – <i>Sen. Rebekah Warren (legislative schedule permitting)</i></li><li>• Additional Discussions</li></ul>
3:30 – 4:00	<b>Federal Jurisdiction – Science Advisory Board Report and Proposed Rulemaking – Impact on Michigan – Anne Hokanson (MDEQ)</b>
4:00 – 5:00	<b>Adjourn formal meeting. Socializing at Woldumar.</b>



## Membership Form

**Thank you** for attending the MWA 2013 Fall Meeting. If you haven't already, please consider also becoming a member or renewing your membership through December 31, 2014 – thank you!

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