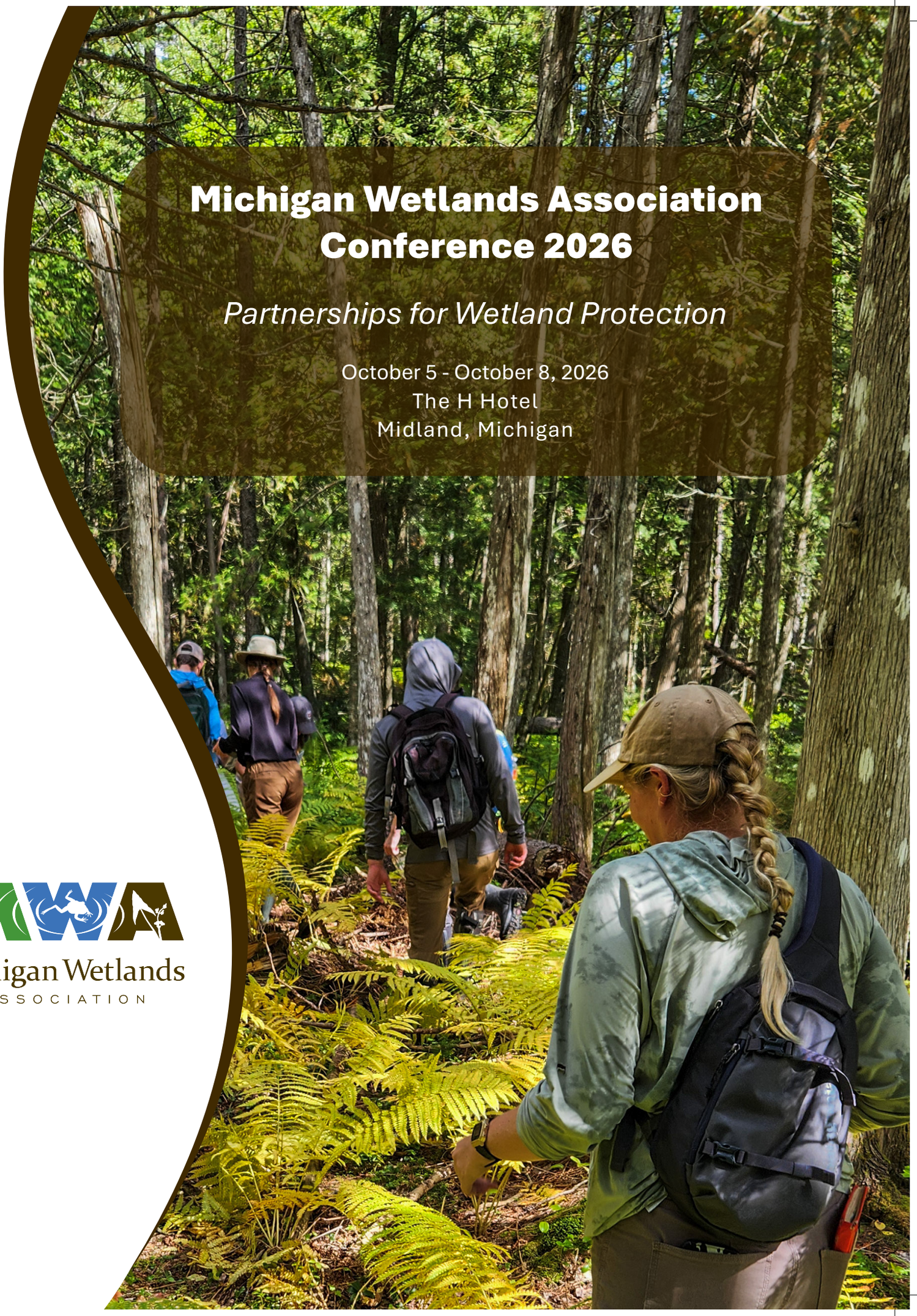


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We are very excited to offer a great array of speakers to discuss the most current topics in wetland science, protection, and management in Michigan. This conference is a great opportunity for wetland professionals and others to share information and experiences and develop partnerships for the future. There are many varieties of wetland topics that will be discussed over the next few days in great surroundings, with great food, and even better company. We hope you enjoy your time at the Conference, and that you are able to experience all the opportunities Midland has to offer.

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Concurrent Sessions:

- **Current Topics in Wetland Science –** research, monitoring and assessment, mapping, and more.
- **Protecting Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes, and Streams (Sponsored by EGLE) -** regulatory updates, mitigation, tribal perspectives, and more.
- **Wetland Restoration and Stewardship -** wetland restoration, conservation and preservation, local and regional planning, public engagement, invasive species, and more.

Networking, Socializing, and More:

- Pre-conference workshops on Monday regarding Wetland Mitigation, Evaluating Feasible and Prudent Alternatives, and Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring.
- Wetlands Under the Lights reception featuring food, drinks and conversation at the Dow Diamond on Tuesday evening (separate registration fee required).
- Wednesday evening reception at The H Hotel featuring food, drinks, and exhibits throughout the conference space, and a student poster session in the Ballroom.
- Exhibits will be open during breaks, meals, and the Wednesday evening reception.
- The Silent Auction will run throughout the conference. Items range from wetland related gear and guides, nature art and photography, native plant materials, unique items, and much more. Bidding will close at 9:00 PM on Wednesday.
- Field trips on Thursday afternoon. Registration will remain open for the field trips during the conference (separate registration fee required).

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Presenter bios and abstracts, conference events, attendee information, and many other features can be found here!

Monday Workshops Agenda

Monday, October 5			
9:00a	Workshop Registration and Breakfast Snacks		
10:00a	**Workshop:** Advances in Michigan's Wetland Mitigation Program: Tools, Technology, and Templates *Academy Dining Room*	**Workshop:** A Deep Dive into Feasible and Prudent Alternatives *Academy Classroom*	**Workshop:** Utilizing Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Monitoring Data *Platinum I, II, III*
12:00p	Lunch *(Indigo Ballroom)* Exhibitor Setup Begins		
1:00p	**Workshop:** Advances in Michigan's Wetland Mitigation Program: Tools, Technology, and Templates *Academy Dining Room*	**Workshop:** A Deep Dive into Feasible and Prudent Alternatives *Academy Classroom*	**Workshop:** Utilizing Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Monitoring Data *Platinum I, II, III*
4:00p	Adjourn		
4:30p	Michigan Wetlands Association Business Meeting (association members welcome)		
6:00p	Informal, pay-on-your-own, "happy hour" gathering at local establishment. Contact the registration desk to RSVP.		



Opening Plenary Speakers

Partnering for Clean Water Protections for Everyone

Kristine Oblock, Clean Water for All

As the Clean Water for All Campaign Director, Kristine leads the Coalition's advocacy to protect and expand clean water safeguards across the country at the state and federal level. She has more than a decade of experience in organizing and advocacy and has run a variety of campaigns from local to national, as well as field operations and voter mobilization. She is based in Denver, Colorado.

Michigan's Vernal Pool Partnership: Building a Pathway for Successful Partnerships

Yu Man Lee, Conservation Scientist, Michigan Natural Features Inventory

Yu Man has almost 30 years of experience conducting inventories, monitoring, research, and education and outreach to inform and facilitate conservation of Michigan's biodiversity, particularly rare amphibians and reptiles and their habitats, especially wetlands. She has extensive experience working with diverse partners and stakeholders. Yu Man has worked on vernal pool conservation in Michigan since 2011 and helped launch the Michigan Vernal Pools Partnership (MVPP) in 2015 in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, Michigan Nature Association, and other partners. She is currently one of the co-chairs of the MVPP. She also has helped develop and coordinate the Michigan Vernal Pool Patrol, a statewide, community science-based vernal pool mapping and monitoring program, since 2012, and is currently working with other states in the Midwest and Northeast to enhance regional vernal pool mapping and monitoring efforts.

Making Wetlands Visible

Steve Jessmore, Photographer, Birds Doing Stuff

Steve Jessmore is a Michigan-based bird photographer whose work documents birds, freshwater ecosystems, and vanishing habitat throughout the Great Lakes region. A former newspaper photojournalist, his recent work has appeared in National Audubon, Ducks Unlimited and the Smithsonian magazines and centers on long-term, place-based observation and conservation storytelling. He is the creator of the Birds Doing Stuff



Conference Agenda

Tuesday, October 6 - Morning	
8:30a	Registration Opens and Light Continental Breakfast – *Academy Lounge Lobby and Indigo Foyer*
9:30a	**Opening Plenary – Partnerships for Wetland Protection** *Indigo Ballroom* **Welcome –** Michael Pennington, President, Michigan Wetlands Association **Midland Welcome –** Maureen Donker, Mayor, City of Midland
10:00a **10:40a** **11:20a**	**Keynote Speakers** **Partnering for Clean Water Protections For Everyone –** Kristine Oblock, Campaign Director, Clean Water for All **Michigan's Vernal Pool Partnership: Building a Pathway for Successful Partnerships –** Yu Man Lee, Conservation Scientist, Michigan Natural Features Inventory **Making Wetlands Visible –** Steve Jessmore, Photographer, Birds Doing Stuff
12:00p	Lunch – *Indigo Ballroom*



Tuesday, October 6 - Afternoon			
	Track I: Current Topics in Wetland Science *Platinum Room*	**Track II: Protecting Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes and Streams** Sponsored by EGLE *Academy Dining Room*	**Track III: Wetland Restoration and Stewardship** *Academy Classroom*
1:30p	**Concurrent Sessions A**		
	Vernal Pool Science and Conservation: The Michigan Vernal Pool Partnership Moderator – Bryana Guevara, Marx Wetlands LLC	**What's New with Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes and Streams Program Part 1** Moderator – Jacob Riley, EGLE	**Voluntary Wetland Restoration: Partnerships at the State, Federal, and Local Level** Moderator – Nathan Ring, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
	Michigan's Vernal Pool Partnership: Celebrating Successes and Identifying Next Steps Yu Man Lee, Michigan Natural Features Inventory	**Over 40 Years of Wetland Protection: Michigan's Section 404 Program** Anne Garwood, EGLE	**Partnering in the State of Michigan's Voluntary Wetland Restoration Program** Barb Avers, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Donna Cervelli, EGLE
	Partnership Coordination & Communication: Lessons Learned Abby Pointer, Michigan Nature Association	**Federal Review and Coordination of Michigan Permit Applications** Melanie Burdick, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	**Wetland Restoration Success Through Partnerships at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge** Eric Dunton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
	Vernal Pools: Community Science and Volunteer Monitoring Courtney Oberlander, Michigan Natural Features Inventory	**Wetland Mitigation and Stream Mitigation Updates** Michael Pennington and Bethany Matousek, EGLE	**Partnering with Locals: Michigan's Areas of Concern Program** Melanie Foose, EGLE
3:00p	Break – *Indigo Foyer*		
3:30p	**Concurrent Sessions B**		
	Innovations in Mapping and Technology Moderator – Matt Carmer, Consumers Energy	**What's New with Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes and Streams Program Part 2** Moderator – Kyle Alexander, EGLE	**Wetlands Protection as Part of Local and Regional Planning** Moderator – Seth Gibson, Spicer Group, Inc.
	What's New with GIS at EGLE Chad Fizzell, EGLE	**Wetlands Program Updates** Kathryn Kirkpatrick, EGLE	**Michigan's Coastal Leadership Academy** Melissa Letosky, EGLE
	Aerial Interpretation for Wetland Site Analysis Jeremy Jones, EGLE	**Inland Lakes and Streams Program Updates** Bethany Matousek and Eric Calabro, EGLE	**Tools for Protecting Wetlands, Lakes, and Streams at the Local Level** Jennifer McKay, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council and Kathryn Kirkpatrick, EGLE
	Delineating Critical Dunes and Associated Wetlands: Recommendations for Updates to Michigan's Atlas of Critical Dunes Zachary Chamberlin, EGLE and Brian Majka, GEI Consultants of Michigan	**Program Panel and Q&A** Amy Lounds, Anne Garwood, Kathryn Kirkpatrick, Michael Pennington, Bethany Matousek, and Eric Calabro, EGLE	**Southeast Michigan GREEN Dashboard: A Tool for Wetland Planning and Conservation** Tyler Klifman, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
5:00p	Adjourn		
6:00p – 9:00p	Wetlands Under the Lights Reception at the Dow Diamond (additional registration fee)		

Wednesday, October 7 - Morning			
8:00a	Breakfast – *Indigo Foyer*		
	Track I: Current Topics in Wetland Science *Platinum Room*	**Track II: Protecting Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes and Streams** Sponsored by EGLE *Academy Dining Room*	**Track III: Wetland Restoration and Stewardship** *Academy Classroom*
8:30a	**Concurrent Sessions C**		
	Improving the Integration of Stream and Wetland Projects Moderator – Jason DeMoss, Merjent	**The Importance of Tribal Perspectives in Wetland Protection** Moderator – Riley Walsh, EGLE	**Engaging the Public and Others in Wetlands Protection** Moderator – Christine DeVries, Land & Resource Engineering
	Hyporheic Restoration of Riparian Wetlands Rob Myllyoja, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc	**Tribal Sovereignty and Environmental Regulation** Riyaz Kanji and Chris Miller, Kanji & Katzen PLLC	**The Changing the Narrative Wetlands Campaign** Portia Osborne, National Association of Wetland Managers
	Improving Stream, Floodplain, and Riparian Wetland Function John Saltanovitz, EGLE	**Why Early Tribal Coordination and Consultation for Wetland Permits Matters** Lakota Hobia, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi	**From Science to Stewardship: Podcast Storytelling as a Tool for Wetland Engagement, Resilience, and Public Action** Lorene Carpentier, Zeuxo Productions
	Restoring Wetlands as Part of Natural Channel Design: Portage Creek, City of Kalamazoo Todd Losee, Niswander Environmental	**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wetlands Program: Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty Through Wetland Stewardship** Destine Alvarado-Seymour, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	**Engaging the Public in Species and Habitat Conservation** Martha Holzheuer, Nature Niche LLC
10:00a	Break – *Indigo Foyer*		
10:30a	**Concurrent Sessions D**		
	Monitoring and Assessment of Michigan's Wetlands Moderator – Jeff Richardson, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	**Considering Archaeological Resources in Project Planning** Moderator – Thomas Makled, EGLE	**Herpetofauna Species and Habitat Conservation** Moderator – Randall Phillips, Barr Engineering
	Assessing the Condition of Michigan's Wetlands: EGLE's Statewide Wetland Monitoring Program Kathleen Fairchild, EGLE	**EGLE Permitting and Consideration of Historic, Archaeological and Cultural Resources** Anne Garwood, EGLE	**Planning to Protection: Navigating the Third Edition of Michigan's Amphibian & Reptile Best Management Practices Manual** Melissa Sano, Herpetological Resource and Management, LLC
	Status and Trends: 15 Years of the Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program Bridget Wheelock, Central Michigan University	**Cultural Resources and Project Planning** Stacy Tchorzynski, Michigan History Center	**The Role and Importance of Biomonitors and Wildlife Clearance Associated with Construction Projects to Reduce Mortality Events for Amphibians and Reptiles** David A. Mifsud, Herpetological Resource and Management, LLC
	Using the Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program Decision Support Tool Matthew Cooper, Grand Valley State University	**Designating the Straits of Mackinac as a Traditional Cultural Property** Mae Wright, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	**The Importance of Habitat Connectivity in Blanding's Turtles and Snapping Turtles** Jeanette McGuire, Michigan State University
12:00p	Lunch - *Indigo Foyer and Indigo Ballroom*		

Wednesday, October 7 - Afternoon			
	Concurrent Sessions E		
	Track I: Current Topics in Wetland Science *Platinum Room*	**Track II: Protecting Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes and Streams** Sponsored by EGLE *Academy Dining Room*	**Track III: Wetland Restoration and Stewardship** *Academy Classroom*
	Advancing our Understanding of Climate Change Impacts Moderator – Tonya Hunter, ITC Holdings	**Tips for Navigating EGLE's Permitting Process** Moderator – Jeff Pierce, EGLE	**Nearshore Habitat Protection and Restoration** Moderator – Alexis DeGabriele, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1:30p	**Climate vulnerability of wetland communities and wetland species in Michigan** Chris Hoving, Michigan Department of Natural Resources	**Utilizing the Wetland Identification Program Effectively** Keto Gyekis, EGLE	**Mapping and Restoring Littoral Wetlands on Inland Lakes** Erick Elgin, Michigan State University
	Are We Building Climate-Ready Wetlands? Assessing Adaptation in Midwest Restoration Practice Angela Burrow, Michigan State University	**Screening for Rare Species and Communities** Kathryn Kirkpatrick, EGLE	**Planning, Prioritizing, and Funding Wetland Conservation for Inland Lakes** Joe Nohner, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
	The effects of wet meadow plant community change on wetland functions, invertebrate communities, and anuran diets Hannah Bey, Michigan State University	**Best Practices for Complex Projects** Riley Walsh, EGLE	**Regulations and Considerations Surrounding Inland Lake Littoral Zones and Wetlands** Eric Calabro, EGLE
	Concurrent Sessions F		
	Legal Science: Natural Resources and Jurisprudence Moderator – Echo Aloe, Michigan Department of Attorney General	**Advancing Stream Restoration and Mitigation** Moderator – Dianne Martin, ASTI Environmental	**Preserving Michigan's Rare and Imperiled Wetlands** Moderator – Jeremie Wilson, Michigan Department of Transportation
3:30p	**The Public Trust Doctrine: From Ancient Rome to Line 5** Dan Bock, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes	**Michigan Stream Quantification Tool 2.1** Bethany Matousek, EGLE and Cidney Jones, Ecosystem Planning & Restoration	**Protecting What Can't Be Recreated: Preservation as Wetland Mitigation** Michael Pennington, EGLE
	Michigan's Case Law Relating to Wetlands Protection Rebecca Smith, Michigan Department of Attorney General	**Michigan's Updated Regional Reference Curves for Streams** Mike Geenen, Green Watershed Restoration	**Preservation Highlight: Sawmill Creek and Bear Creek** Tyler Smith and Nicole Stewart, Niswander Environmental
		Facilitating Permitting of Dam Removal Projects Luke Trumble, EGLE	**Preservation Highlight: Grand River Fen Preserve** Kim Steinberger, The Nature Conservancy
5:00p	Adjourn		
6:00p – 9:00p	Reception at H Hotel Join us for food and drinks and poster session in the exhibit and conference area (included in conference registration)		

Thursday, October 8 - Morning			
8:00a	Breakfast – *Indigo Foyer*		
	Track I: Current Topics in Wetland Science *Platinum Room*	**Track II: Protecting Michigan's Wetlands, Lakes and Streams** Sponsored by EGLE *Academy Dining Room*	**Track III: Wetland Restoration and Stewardship** *Academy Classroom*
8:30a	**Concurrent Sessions G**		
	Current Topics in Wetlands, Lakes and Streams Research Moderator – Jeremy Hartsock, Michigan State University	**Sediment Testing and Disposal for Dredging Projects** Moderator – Maddie Orler, EGLE	**Invasive Species Management** Moderator – Sherry Slocum, Holland Engineering
	Integration of Acoustical Telemetry and the GLATOS System to Assess Northern Mudpuppy Habitat Use in the Detroit River David A. Mifsud and Kotaro Seguchi, Herpetological Resource and Management, LLC	**EGLE Sediment Testing and Disposal for Dredging Projects** Matt Smar, EGLE	**Progress Toward New Treatment Options for Invasive Phragmites and European Frog-bit** Kurt Kowalski, U.S. Geological Survey - Great Lakes Science Center
	The Impact of Winter on Zooplankton and Macroinvertebrate Communities in Lake Huron Coastal and Riverine Wetlands Taylor Dick, Central Michigan University	**Sediment Characterization Requirements for Dredging Projects** Sam Noffke, EGLE	**Synthesizing 15 years of large-scale hybrid cattail wetland restoration research and on-site invasive feedstock biochar production in the Great Lakes Region** Brian Ohsowski, Loyola University
	Assessing Aquatic Vegetation Across Michigan Inland Lake Littoral Zones: Lessons Learned After Five Years Jeremy Hartsock, Michigan State University	**State of Michigan Disposal Guidelines** Abhi Muduganti, EGLE	**NotMISpecies Outreach and Decontamination** Christina Baugher, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
10:00a	Break – Indigo Foyer		
10:30a	**Closing Plenary – The Future of Wetland Conservation, Science, and Stewardship - Indigo Ballroom** Moderator – Anne Garwood, EGLE **The Path Forward for Michigan's Wetland Protection Program –** Jerrod Sanders, Division Director, Water Resources Division, EGLE **The Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program: Over 25 Years of Collaboration –** Don Uzarski, Ph.D., Institute for Great Lakes Research, Central Michigan University **Rooted in Resilience –** Conan Smith, President and CEO, Michigan Environmental Council		

Thursday, October 8 - Afternoon (additional registration fee)				
12:00p	Pre-Ordered Box Lunches Afternoon Field Trips – Meet at Registration Area at 12:30			
12:30p	Four Lakes Dam Disaster and Rebuild Tour	Mosses with Jeremy	Exploring Michigan's Rare Wetlands – Floodplain Forests	Bats in the Bark: Finding Potential Bat Roost Trees

Closing Plenary Speakers

The Path Forward for Michigan's Wetland Protection Program

Jerrod Sanders, Division Director, Water Resources Division, EGLE

Jerrod Sanders became the Director of EGLE's Water Resources Division (WRD) in January 2025. He has spent all 22 years of his career as a public servant in EGLE's water protection programs. A proud lifelong Michigander, Jerrod also received degrees from two great in-state universities, Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University. His diverse set of responsibilities within the WRD include overseeing the implementation of 40 combined regulatory and non-regulatory programs and supporting the exceptional staff that make up the WRD Team.

The Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program: Over 25 Years of Collaboration

Don Uzarski, Ph.D., Institute for Great Lakes Research, Central Michigan University

Dr. Donald G. Uzarski is the Founding Director of the Central Michigan University's Institute for Great Lakes Research and is a Professor of Biology. He is a limnologist and aquatic ecologist with a focus on measures of ecosystem condition in aquatic environments, especially Great Lakes coastal wetlands. His research focuses on human impacts on waterways, indicators of ecosystem condition, pollution and runoff and the overall health of the Great Lakes. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts on that topic. Those manuscripts have been cited over 4000 times. Uzarski has led over 55 grants totaling over 50 million dollars.

Rooted in Resilience

Conan Smith, President and CEO, Michigan Environmental Council

Conan Smith serves as President & CEO of the Michigan Environmental Council, where he leads a powerful team that drives forward a mission to protect the air we breathe, our water and the places we love. He became the Council's first BIPOC leader in 2019 following 12 years as Executive Director for Metro Matters. He's served as an elected county commissioner and continues to serve on numerous public and private boards across the state. Conan holds a master's degree in dispute resolution from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in creative writing and English literature from the University of Michigan. The Ann Arbor resident loves to explore. Among his many favorite Michigan stops are the Pigeon River Country, the South Branch of the Au Sable River, Lake of the Clouds, his mother's farm at sunset, and Kuzzo's Chicken & Waffles in Detroit.



Field Trip Descriptions

Four Lakes Dam Disaster and Rebuild Tour

In May 2020, a historic rainfall event led to the catastrophic failure of the Edenville and Sanford Dams in Midland and Gladwin Counties. In response to the disaster, the Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) undertook the long-term effort to rebuild the Secord, Smallwood, Edenville, and Sanford Dams and restore the four lakes. This tour provides a firsthand look at how a major dam failure reshapes ecological systems, landscapes, and communities – and how large-scale restoration efforts are unfolding across the Four Lakes region.

Mosses with Jeremy

Mosses and liverworts – collectively referred to as "bryophytes" – are small but fascinating plants that occur in nearly all ecosystems – sometimes in great abundance. Despite their high species diversity, they are frequently overlooked, even by skilled botanists because many diagnostic features require magnification to see. This welcoming, hands-on, in-classroom workshop is geared toward educators, botanically inclined amateur naturalists, and natural resource professionals curious to learn more about common bryophytes. Participants will learn how to use hand lenses and microscopes to recognize some of the most common moss and liverwort genera found in Michigan wetlands, as well as a few upland species too.

Exploring Michigan's Rare Wetlands – Floodplain Forests

Step into Michigan's Floodplain Forests, where the ground squishes, the trees lean, and every log looks like it has a story to tell. This guided field trip takes you into one of the state's most dynamic natural communities—places shaped by rivers that rise, fall, and wander. Floodplain Forests are dynamic, river-influenced ecosystems that play a vital role in Michigan's ecological landscape. Through guided instruction, learners explore the defining features of Floodplain Forests. This field-based experience is designed for all skill levels and offers an engaging, on-the-ground look at one of Michigan's most important wetland natural communities.

Bats in the Bark: Finding Potential Bat Roost Trees

Join bat experts from Michigan Natural Features Inventory and other agency staff for a guided hike through the forests of the Chippewa Nature Center to learn how to identify potential summer bat roost trees in both floodplain and upland forests. Participants will look for key roost characteristics such as loose or peeling bark, cavities, cracks, and broken tops, and discuss how tree species, size, decay, sunlight, canopy cover, and proximity to water influence bat use. The group will practice scanning and documenting potential roosts while exploring how forest management and disturbance affect habitat quality.



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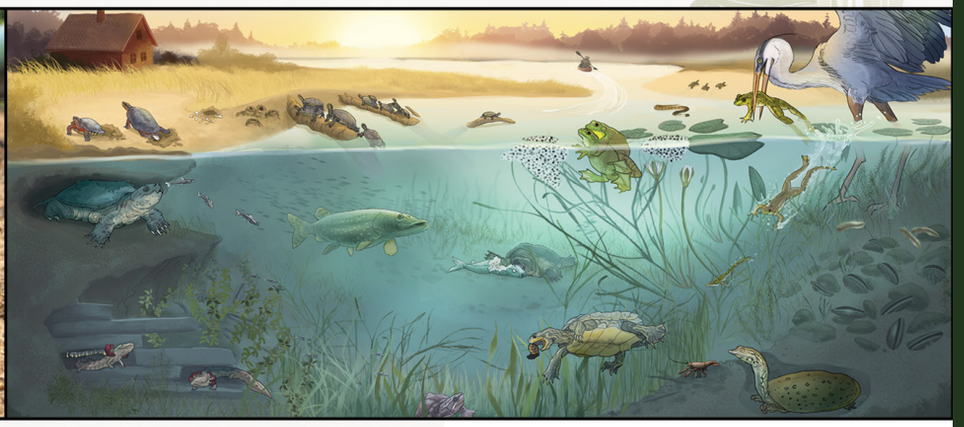


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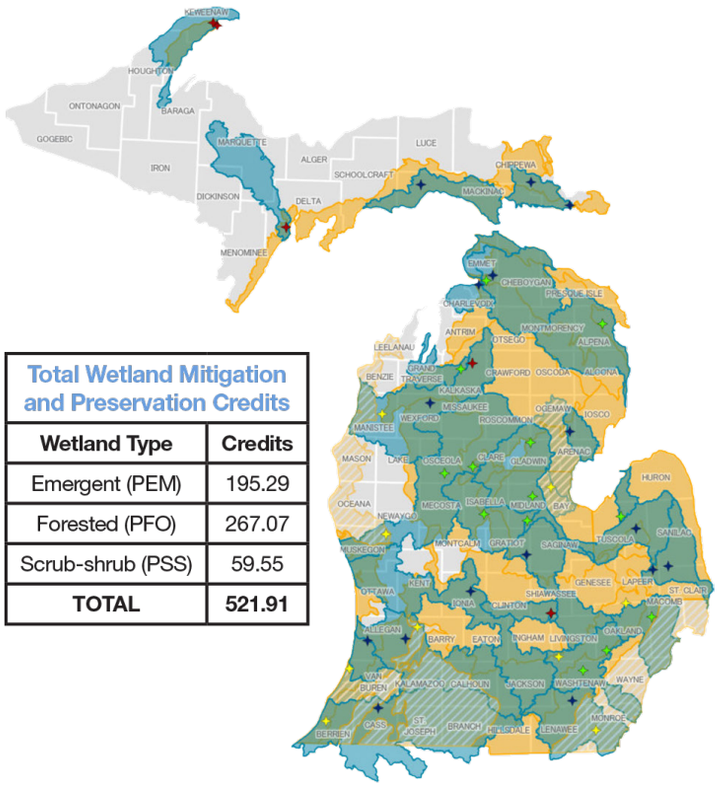
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Wetland Type	**Credits**
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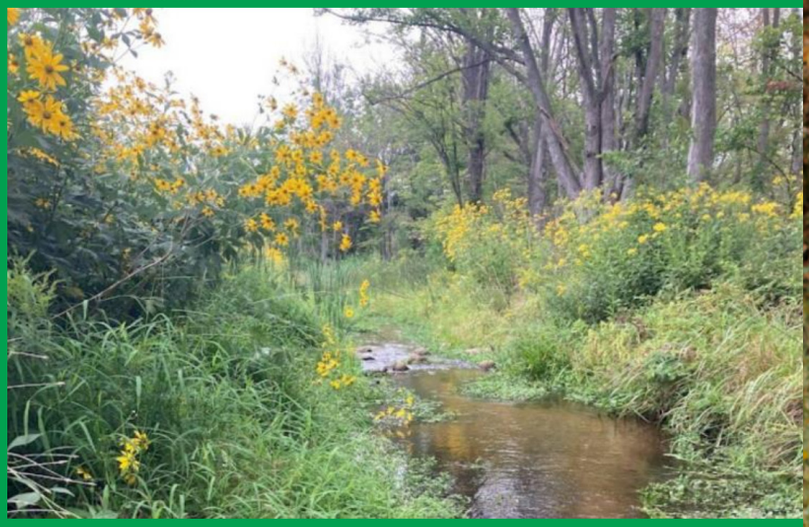
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Sincerely,
Michigan Wetlands Association Board of Directors



In Memory of Celeste

We lost our friend and graphic artist, Celeste Pollman, this year in February. Celeste has been with the Michigan Wetlands Association since our founding in 2010, creating our graphic identity by developing the MWA logo and developing all our conference graphics and brochures. She continued to be a creative resource to MWA for the past 16 years.

Celeste Pollman was born in 1957 and grew up in Sterling Heights. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in graphic design from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit. She spent 43 years as a graphic designer for Kelly Services in Troy before retiring in 2020. All her life, Celeste was involved with environmental and social justice efforts; sharing her gifts with MWA was a perfect fit with this passion.

We miss Celeste - her creativity, her friendly and cheerful presence, and her curiosity about the world - and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

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