

Michigan's Citizen Volunteer Partnership for Lakes

2014 Annual Summary

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I. Introduction

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Michigan Lake & Stream Associations (MLSA), the Great Lakes Commission, the Huron River Watershed Council, and Michigan State University have partnered to implement the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP).

The goals of the CLMP are to:

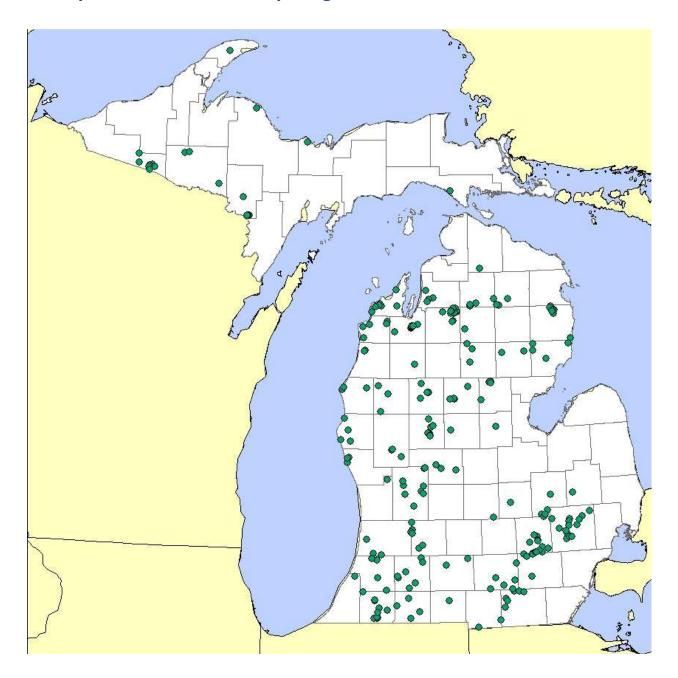
- Provide baseline information and document trends in water quality for individual lakes.
- Educate lake residents, users, and interested citizens in the collection of water quality data, lake ecology, and lake management practices.
- Build a constituency of citizens to practice sound lake management at the local level and to build public support for lake quality protection.
- Provide a cost-effective process for the DEQ to increase baseline data for lakes statewide.

This report summarizes the 2014 CLMP field season.

To learn more about the CLMP program, there are many other resources available:

- 1. The Michigan Clean Water Corps website includes a large variety of resources including the online database which contains all CLMP data. www.micorps.net
- 2. The CLMP Manual contains an overview of the program and all of the volunteer monitoring procedures: www.micorps.net/documents/CLMP Manual.pdf
- 3. Starting in 2014, each lake enrolling in the program received a report summarizing their data. http://www.micorps.net/lakereports.html
- 4. The CLMP Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is a detailed report on how the CLMP collects and maintains high quality scientific data: www.micorps.net/documents/QAPP CLMP.pdf

II. Map of 2014 CLMP Participating Lakes



III. Summary Statistics of Monitored Parameters

A. Secchi Disk Transparency

CLMP volunteers measure water transparency using a Secchi disk from late spring to the end of the summer. Ideally, 18 weekly measurements are made from mid-May through mid-September. Minimum participation requires submitting at least one measurement.

2014 Secchi Disk Transparency					
No. of sites enrolled	218				
No. of sites meeting minimum participation	196 (89.9%)				
Total no. of measurements reported	3070				
Minimum reported measurement	2.0' (multiple lakes)				
Maximum reported measurement	50.0' (Birch Lake, Cass County)				
Mean (average) measurement	12.9'				
wear (average) measurement	12.5				

B. Total Phosphorus

CLMP volunteers collect water samples for total phosphorus during spring overturn, when the lake is generally well mixed from top to bottom, and during late summer, when the lake is at maximum temperature stratification from the surface to the bottom.

2014 Total Phosphorus Monitoring					
Spring Overturn Sampling					
No. of sites enrolled	178				
No. of sites submitting samples	160 (89.9%)				
Minimum reported value	< 3 μg/L (multiple lakes)				
Maximum reported value	77 μg/L (Duncan Lake, Barry Co.)				
Mean (average) value	13.3 μg/L				
Summer Stratification Sampling					
No. of sites enrolled	197				
No. of sites submitting samples	176 (89.3%)				
Minimum reported value	< 3 μg/L (multiple lakes)				
Maximum reported value	62 μg/L (Upper Hamlin L., Mason Co.)				
Mean (average) value 13.4 μg/L					

C. Chlorophyll-a

Volunteers collect water samples for chlorophyll-a, an estimator of the amount of algae in the water column, once per month from May through September. Minimum participation requires at least one sample be submitted; at least four samples must be submitted to be considered full participation in this parameter.

2014 Chlorophyll-a Monitoring			
No. of sites enrolled	141		
No. of sites meeting minimum participation	132 (93.6%)		
No. of sites meeting full participation	122 (86.5%)		
Total no. of samples submitted	608		
Minimum reported measurement	< 1 μg/L (multiple lakes)		
Maximum reported measurement	47 μg/L (multiple lakes)		
Mean (average) measurement	3.1 μg/L		

D. Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature

CLMP volunteers measure dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles for their lakes, measured from the surface to within 3 feet of the bottom, at the deepest point in the lake. These profile measurements are made with an electronic meter, ideally every two weeks from mid-May through mid-September.

2014 Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Monitoring				
59				
52 (88.1%)				
318				
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E. Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch

Volunteers in the newest CLMP monitoring program survey their lakes for invasive aquatic plants of special concern for Michigan lakes: curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, Hydrilla, and starry stonewort.

2014 Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch			
No. of sites enrolled	32		
No. of sites submitting report	20 (62.5%)		

F. Aquatic Plant Identification and Mapping

This program is the most labor-intensive volunteer activity within the CLMP. Typically, a team of volunteers from each enrolled lake is involved, with assistance from a MiCorps biologist. The end result is a plant distribution map and abundance report for all types of plants growing in the lake, including both native and, if found, invasive species.

2014 Aquatic Plant Identification and Mapping

Lakes Conducting Surveys

Crystal Lake Montcalm County
South Bar Lake Leelanau County

Lakes Continuing Survey Efforts from Previous Years

Earl Lake Livingston County
Park Lake Clinton County
Pleasant Lake Washtenaw County
White Lake Muskegon County

IV. DEQ Side-by-Side Data Verification

DEQ staff monitor several lakes a year alongside the CLMP volunteers for phosphorus and chlorophyll. The DEQ uses its standard operating procedures to collect the data, which differ slightly from the volunteers' monitoring procedures. However, the correlation between DEQ samples and volunteers' samples has proven to be very high through many years of these side-by-side tests.

A. 2014 Total Phosphorus Side-by-side samples

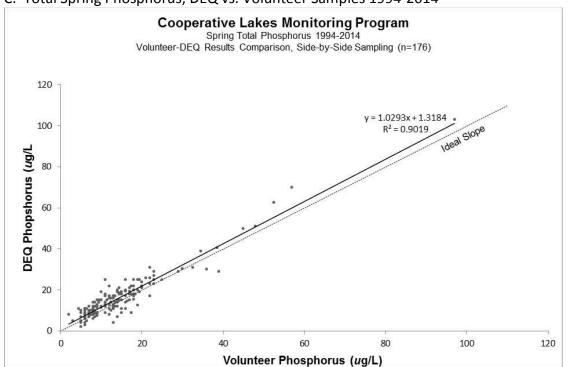
					Phosphorus (μg/L)		
Date	Parameter	Lake	Lake ID	County	Vol	Rep	DEQ
4/28/2014	Spring TP	Big Kelsey	140195	Cass	6		26*
9/19/2014	Summer TP	Fenton	250241	Genesee	12		10
9/25/2014	Summer TP	Barlow	80176	Barry	7		11

^{*}Sampled during high winds; water quite disturbed; suspended solids visible in water; small lake, sampled not far from shore; recent heavy inundating rains prompted algae bloom last seen day prior to sampling. In general, high variability in the collection of the samples means that this sample comparison will be considered to be an outlier.

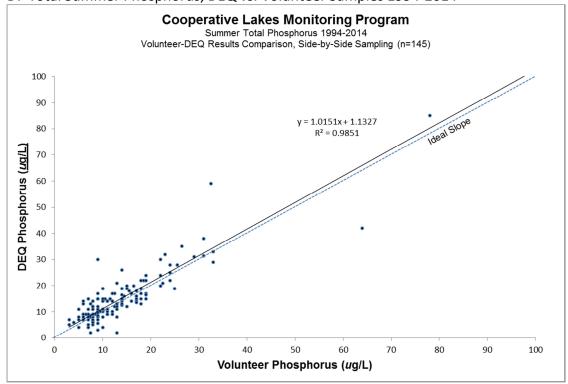
B. 2014 Chlorophyll Side-by-side samples

					Chlorophyll (µg/L)		
Date	Parameter	Lake	Lake ID	County	Vol	Rep	DEQ
6/16/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Hubbard	010106	Alcona	1.0		2.0
7/10/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Big Pine Island	410437	Kent	6.6	4.9	7.3
7/17/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Strawberry	470213	Livingston	3.9		3.8
7/17/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Pleasant	810266	Washtenaw	2.6		5.6
8/13/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Higgins (North)	720026	Roscommon	<1		<1
8/13/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Higgins (South)	720028	Roscommon	<1		<1
8/13/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Island	280164	Grand Traverse	2.7		4.2
8/20/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Hicks	670062	Osceola	13	16	18
9/25/2014	Chlorophyll-a	Barlow	080176	Barry	3.2		3.1

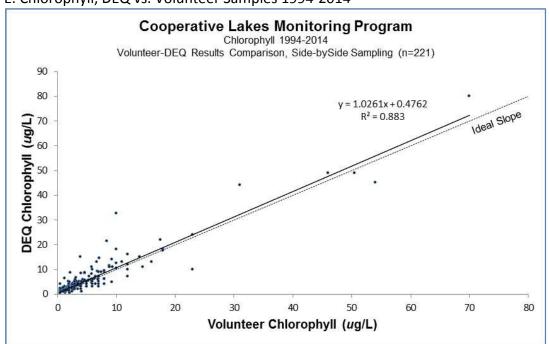
C. Total Spring Phosphorus, DEQ vs. Volunteer Samples 1994-2014



D. Total Summer Phosphorus, DEQ vs. Volunteer Samples 1994-2014



E. Chlorophyll, DEQ vs. Volunteer Samples 1994-2014



V. Thank you, CLMP Volunteers!

In 2014, over 419 volunteers participated in Michigan's Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program.

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