



❖ Friday, November 18, 2022 ❖

Zoom links will be provided to paid registrants via email.

9:00 am Welcome and MiCorps Updates

- Jo Latimore (MSU), MiCorps Director
Introduction of MiCorps staff and their roles, resources for MiCorps volunteers and program leaders, status of MiCorps program and funding

9:45 am Awards, Volunteer Recognition, and Grantee Presentation

- **Stream grant recipients**
 - Paul Steen (Huron River Watershed Council), MiCorps Streams Program Manager
- **Presentation by 2021 VSMP Implementation Grant recipient**
 - Berrien Conservation District
Overview of program goals and accomplishments
- **Lake volunteer recognition**
 - Erick Elgin (MSU Extension), MiCorps Lake Programs Manager

10:30 am Break

10:50 am Breakout Sessions (Breakout sessions will be held concurrently. Choose one session.)

Option A:	<p>An introduction to freshwater mussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joe Rathbun, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (retired) <p>Freshwater mussels are the most endangered group of aquatic organisms in the world. This presentation will review their ecology and importance; the threats to their survival; mussel identification; and mussel sampling. Field guides and posters of the mussels of Michigan will be available.</p>
Option B:	<p>Local use of MiCorps volunteer monitoring data</p> <p>A panel of MiCorps volunteers and program managers will share examples of how they are using their monitoring data to protect Michigan waters. Short presentations followed by moderated discussion. Moderator: Tamara Lipsey (EGLE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ralph Bednarz, Rennie Lake, Grand Traverse County - Chelsea Cooper, Manistee Conservation District - Heather Smith, The Watershed Center – Grand Traverse Bay - Paul Steen, Huron River Watershed Council
Option B (cont.):	

Noon Lunch Break

1:00 pm Workshops (Workshops will be held concurrently. Choose one workshop.)

Option A:	<p>Stream macroinvertebrate identification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paul Steen (HRWC), MiCorps Stream Programs Manager, and Tamara Lipsey (EGLE), EGLE MiCorps Program Lead <p>Learn and practice macroinvertebrate identification with live specimens from a local stream. Review MiCorps macroinvertebrate scoring procedures.</p>
Option B:	<p>Lake data interpretation: Total phosphorus, Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch, and dissolved oxygen/temperature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Erick Elgin (MSU Extension), MiCorps Lake Programs Manager, and Jo Latimore (MSU), MiCorps Director <p>Learn why we collect this data and how to interpret the data for your lake, using real MiCorps reports and data sets.</p>

2:40 pm Break

3:00 pm	<p>Closing Keynote: Volunteer monitoring to protect Michigan waters – benefits, strategies, and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jake Lemon, Eastern Angler Science Coordinator, Trout Unlimited
3:50 pm	<p>Conference Wrap-up and Evaluation</p>
4:00 pm	<p>Adjournment</p>