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- **Join** hundreds of dedicated volunteers statewide.
- **Contribute** to the conservation of Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes and 36,000 miles of streams.
- **Benefit** from extensive long-term water quality and habitat data.



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Monitoring Michigan's Water Quality

Long-term monitoring of Michigan's waters is essential to understand, protect, and restore our abundant lakes and streams.

The Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) is the State of Michigan's volunteer water monitoring program. Our goals are to collect high-quality data, educate and inform the public, and foster water stewardship.

Data collected by volunteers are used by state and federal agencies, university researchers, and lake and stream communities. All data are publicly accessible on our website.

Stream Cleanup

In addition to our monitoring programs, the MiCorps Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program (VSCP) offers grants for local governments to support events to clean up trash from Michigan's rivers, streams, and creeks. The grant can pay for equipment, trash pickup, staff time, and volunteer appreciation items.

Monitor Lakes

Volunteers participating in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) monitor water quality, shoreline habitat, and invasive and native aquatic plants to document changes in lake quality over time. CLMP volunteers have been collecting high-quality data since 1974.

MiCorps provides CLMP volunteers with detailed training in scientific monitoring protocols and ongoing expert support. MiCorps also manages an online database and generates annual summary reports for each lake enrolled.

Monitor Streams

Volunteers participating in the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program (VSMP) work with local organizations to monitor stream quality by examining the aquatic invertebrate community and stream habitat.

MiCorps supports stream monitoring volunteers by providing training and assistance with all aspects of a scientific, high-quality stream monitoring program. MiCorps also awards grant funding to nonprofit organizations and local units of government to create and maintain stream volunteer networks around the state.



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