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ANIMAL FACTORY WATER PERMITS: MAKE MICHIGAN DO ITS JOB!

In January, the Sierra Club won a major victory in forcing the State of Michigan to commit to bring concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) under a statewide water quality permit. At the end of September, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is expected to put out for public comment its proposed General NPDES Permit for CAFOs. A 30-day public comment period will be opened, and Sierra Club and others are requesting that at least one public hearing be held. Plan to get your comments in to MDEQ sometime in October. Check the Sierra Club webpage for details, or contact Anne Woiwode or Dan Farough.

TESTING WATERS MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Water testing funded by the Sierra Club and performed by volunteers with Environmentally Concerned Citizens of South Central Michigan (see August *MACKINAC*) is making a major difference in the fight to properly regulate Michigan CAFOs. In August, a year after the testing began at several sites in Lenawee County, high-level officials at the MDEQ and MSU visited the area to try to get a better handle on the problems exposed. Unfortunately, they did not invite Janet Kauffman, Kathy Melmoth or Lynn Henning, whose volunteer work has revealed the horrific contamination of these areas with E.coli bacteria. The testing is increasingly raising questions about whether field application of liquid manure to fields with drainage tiles running underneath is simply allowing contaminated waters to run virtually untouched into Michigan's waterways. Water Sentinel Training for volunteers who wish to help with testing at other CAFOs is planned in October. Check the webpage for dates, and contact Rita Jack for details.

FIGHTING SPRAWL AND CLEANING OUR WATERS: CLEAN WATER BOND ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER

Sewer overflows into Michigan lakes and streams is one of the most disturbing consequences of urban sprawl. New sewer extensions are built in outer suburbs encouraging new development, while the existing lines disintegrate. Fixing existing sewers without encouraging new ones is the heart of the Clean Water Bond Proposal, Proposal 02-2,

which will be on the November ballot. Prop 02-2 will authorize the state to borrow \$1 billion to loan local governments for improvements in sewer infrastructure statewide over the next ten years. A revolving fund assures that these loans will continue to be available for communities in the future as well. A broad coalition, including environmental groups and local governments, is supporting voter approval of Prop 02-2 in November.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS DETROIT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (from Michigan Environmental Council)

After a sweltering summer of negotiations between the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and organized labor, the Detroit Regional Transportation Authority (DARTA) passed conference committee on August 13 and is ready for the final nod of approval when the Legislature returns to work on September 17. The conference committee unanimously agreed to a compromise between the two different versions of the bill that passed the House last December and the Senate in May. The differences centered on organized labor protections and provisions that allowed counties to opt out of DARTA all together. The conference committee's version assures that jobs are not lost and makes it harder for counties to withdraw from the regional authority. DARTA would provide a comprehensive public transportation plan to coordinate the routes, rates and scheduling of the Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. DARTA is set to become the designated recipient for federal transportation funds on October 1, 2002, leaving only nine days for the legislature to either accept or reject the compromises when they return from summer break. Check the Michigan Environmental Council website, www.mecprotects.org for updates.

HEALTH CARE WITHOUT HARM/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: GET THE MERCURY OUT!

Southeast Michigan Group (SEMG) Sierra Club leaders have been at the heart of an effort to end mercury pollution from two sources related to health care: medical waste incinerators and mercury thermome-

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Our 35th Birthday Gift to You: A Voter's Guide to Save Michigan's Environment

by Mike Keeler and Sue Kelly, Mackinac Chapter Co-Chairs

In 1960, when very few people were talking about the environment, six Sierra Club members in Ann Arbor began meeting and going on outings. They worked to make Sleeping Bear Dunes a National Park. They wanted Escalante Canyon protected in the West, and the Redwoods saved in California. They organized conservation meetings and outings to places that needed protection. By 1967, the group had grown to 400 members throughout Michigan.

They dreamed of their own Michigan Chapter dedicated to the environment and to John Muir's ideas to "explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth."

So it was that 35 years ago, the Mackinac Chapter of the Sierra Club was born.

That vision of exploring, enjoying and protecting is still the same, but the Mackinac Chapter now has 11 active Groups throughout Michigan, serving 20,000 members.

Over the years we discovered one of the most important forms of environmental work is political. Politicians affect the environment in profound and lasting ways. For 12 years the Engler administration has done everything possible to undermine the environment. In November we have a chance to support candidates who will work to improve Michigan's environment. The majority of

this issue is dedicated to information to help you at the polls in November's crucial elections. Other items in this issue:

- Inside you will find a ballot to vote for Mackinac Chapter leaders. These volunteers want a chance to serve you and Michigan's environment by tending to Chapter business. Please take a few minutes to vote in the Executive Committee election.
- Group outings have become so popular and numerous that we cannot provide a complete list in The Mackinac. You can access a comprehensive list of Outings, plus more information on our beautiful website at <http://michigan.sierraclub.org>. Members without Internet access can call the Chapter office at (517) 484-2372 to request the extensive Outings list by mail.
- We need volunteers to spend a few minutes making a huge difference. The 2002 Chapter Raffle is now going on and we would really appreciate your help in selling a few tickets to raise money for conservation in Michigan. Please let Mike know how many tickets you can sell; call 810-767-9904, email at mikekeeler@tir.com or mail to 813 Maxine St., Flint MI 48503

Now more than ever, your votes are important, as well as your gifts of time, money and energy. Just like our founders in 1967, we stand on the threshold of positive and healthy change.

NEXT DEADLINE: JANUARY 1

SEND ARTICLES & PHOTOS TO: Eric Lagergren, mackinac.editor@prodigy.net, 6055 Carriage Hill Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

SEND MEETINGS & OUTINGS TO: Barbara Yarrow, 248-932-9164, SEMGYarrow@aol.com



To learn more about Jennifer Granholm's plan to protect Michigan's environment, go to www.granholmforgovernor.com.

Sierra Club Endorses Granholm for Governor

ENVIRONMENTALISTS "GO FOR GRANHOLM!"

by Dan Farough, Political Director and Tim Killeen, Political Chair

How long has it been since Michigan had a true environmentalist in the Governor's mansion? How long have communities like Romulus, Detroit, those along the Tittabawasee and Lake St. Clair had to wait for a leader to stand up for them? It's been a long wait for these communities and others since Engler-Posthumus took office. "But the wait won't last much longer," is the answer from enthusiastic Sierra Club leaders, who have voted to endorse Jennifer Granholm for Governor.

"Granholm has one of the most impressive, thorough and connected environmental plans that we have seen in years," said Tim Killeen, Political Chair of the Sierra Club in Michigan. "She is campaigning in some of the areas hardest hit by the Engler-Posthumus policies, and she's not afraid to stand up to the special interests when people's lives are on the line." Granholm's campaign made recent stops in Midland and Saginaw to speak with communities impacted by a two-year state cover-up of dioxin contamination, and then it was on to Lake St. Clair communities wrestling with sewer overflows and PCB contamination.

The Granholm environmental platform provides redress for many of the communities hardest hit by lax environmental enforcement and polluter secrecy by reversing the pro-polluter policies of the previous administration. Granholm would start by enforcing, not undermining, environmental laws already on the books, and plans to reinstate citizen oversight of the Department of Environmental Quality. To prevent environmental disasters like those in Romulus, in the Greendale community in Detroit, along the Tittabawasee and Lake St. Clair, Granholm wants to reward those with the courage to blow the whistle and alert the public to illegal discharges. She does not support policies that fine whistleblowers, as both Posthumus and running mate Bennett have done.

Granholm would end the malign neglect of Michigan's Great Lakes and water resources with an aggressive plan to

protect Michigan's waters. Her plan opposes the transfer of Great Lakes water, enforces the ban on slant drilling for oil and gas under the lakes, and protects Lake Superior from toxic chemicals. Granholm also plans to create a Clean Water Corps, establishing an extensive clean water monitoring network by training citizen volunteers who are on the front lines of the State's water quality problems. Her plan goes even further, aggressively targeting the 42 toxic hotspots or Areas of Concern—12 of which are in Michigan's Waters—for cleanup. The Engler-Posthumus Administration hasn't addressed any of these hotspots.

As Michiganians know, a major problem facing the Great Lakes and air quality is the state's dependence on coal-fired power plants. Burning coal emits mercury, which contaminates our Lakes. Granholm wants to provide incentives to reduce mercury emissions and challenge the state to do better in cleaning the air by setting an innovative statewide goal of getting ten percent of Michigan's energy from renewable power over the next ten years. These goals, already implemented in a handful of states, have led to significant economic growth and the development of renewable industries.

Unlike her opponent, Granholm will stand up to the waste industry, expand the bottle bill and support policies that will stem the flood of out-of-state waste into Michigan. Posthumus voted on two occasions against legislation that requires out-of-state waste to meet Michigan's standards or be turned back at the borders.

"Granholm represents everything people concerned about Michigan's air, land and water have hoped in reversing the Engler-Posthumus assault on our environment," said Killeen. "She will restore Michigan's proud history of natural resource protection."

Let's restore Michigan's proud tradition of environmental protection. Vote Granholm for Governor on November 5!

GRANHOLM/POSTHUMUS VOTE CHART

Sierra Club works for the day when all candidates for office support the environment the way Jennifer Granholm does. Sadly, Dick Posthumus, the Republican nominee for Governor, threatens to continue the Engler effort to gut Michigan's environmental tradition. Here are some major differences between Granholm and Posthumus.

OIL DRILLING: THE GREAT LAKES BAN

Granholm: Supports ban.

Posthumus: Flip-flopped. While others acted, Posthumus called for more studies (Detroit News July 1, 2001).

OUT-OF-STATE WASTE/CANADIAN WASTE RESTRICTIONS

Granholm: Supports legislation to stop waste that fails to meet Michigan standards.

Posthumus: Opposes restrictions (SB 941, 5/28/96).

BOTTLE BILL EXPANSION

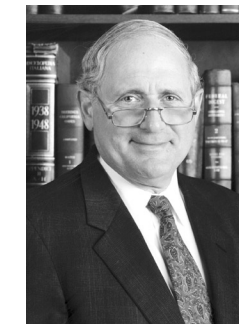
Granholm: Supports expansion of Michigan's landmark Bottle Bill.

Posthumus: Opposes expansion (4/28/ MILCV Forum).

ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL/POLLUTER PAY LAWS

Granholm: Supports enforcement of environmental laws.

Posthumus: Opposes enforcement of environmental laws. (HB 4596, 1995; SB728, 11/8/95; SB 728, 2/29/96).



Mackinac Chapter Endorses Carl Levin for U.S. Senate

Senator Carl Levin earned the Sierra Club's endorsement for his strong position to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from the Bush Administration's effort to open this pristine wilderness to destructive oil drilling. Members of the Senate needed to maintain a constant vigil in 2001 as drilling proponents continually attempted to open the refuge to oil exploitation through riders, even within days of September 11. Senator Levin also voted against opening national monuments to drilling, as well as voting for more funding for farmland preservation and campaign finance reform.

Let's return this leader to the Senate where he can do more good work on behalf of our air, land and water.

Next: Vote for your Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee Members, then read more Endorsements on page 8!



Volunteer for Gary Peters! Call 248-559-5590.

SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES THE "PEOPLE'S ATTORNEY": GARY PETERS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

by Dan Farough and Tim Killeen

When Sierra Club made the decision to get involved in politics, we did so for two reasons—to break the grip of special interests on our political system and to support environmental heroes like Gary Peters. "Gary Peters has been an extremely tough advocate for environmental enforcement and protection as a State Senator, and he will make an outstanding Attorney General," said Anna Holden, Southeast Michigan Group Member and longtime activist. "Peters stands up for people and for Michigan's environment, not the special interest polluters."

Gary Peters has made a name for himself in the State Legislature for frequently being way ahead of the curve on protecting the State's air, land and water, even when it puts him toe-to-toe against some of Michigan's biggest special interests. He took on the oil and gas industry and proposed legislation to ban slant drilling of the Great Lakes years before the overwhelming surge of public opinion forced anti-environmentalists to back down and support a ban. Peters has also fought for stronger polluter pay laws, as well as to end the shameful Engler-Posthumus policy

of letting polluters keep illegal discharges secret if those discharges are found in an internal audit. He fought to close medical waste incinerators that pose significant health threats to the communities in which they are located, and he has been a consistent advocate for the public's right-to-know as well as for stronger enforcement of the state's clean water laws.

As Attorney General, Gary Peters will appoint a special environmental crimes task force to investigate and prosecute environmental crimes. He will use the powers of the Attorney General's office to oppose the sale or diversion of Great Lakes water. Peters will continue to say "No" to efforts to make Michigan a dumping ground for out-of-state and hazardous waste.

"Gary Peters knows that we must have corporate accountability, strong right-to-know laws about contaminants in our environment and vigorous enforcement of laws which protect Michigan's air, land and water," said Tim Killeen, Political Chair of the Michigan Sierra Club. "One couldn't ask for a better leader in the Attorney's General's office than Gary Peters."

Mackinac Chapter 2003 Executive Committee Election

by Anne Woiwode, Mackinac Chapter Director

The seven Sierra Club activists listed below have accepted nomination to the Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee for a two-year term beginning January 2003. All currently are active Sierra Club volunteer leaders, and several already are involved in furthering the organization's goals at the Chapter level.

Please read their statements carefully and vote for the five you think will best serve the the Sierra Club's mission in Michigan. Winning candidates will govern the state organization along with four other at-large elected members and representatives appointed by each regional group in Michigan.

Voting is important. Executive Committee members set Chapter policies and priorities, approve and monitor the Chapter's budget, oversee Chapter staff and represent member concerns. Executive Committee members are expected to participate in quarterly meetings, assume responsibility for Chapter committees and events, and attend other Chapter functions.

To vote for Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee members: Use only the ballot included in this newsletter to vote, although you may photocopy the ballot if you wish.

- If you have a single membership, mark boxes only in the first column of the ballot. The second column of boxes on the ballot is ONLY for the second member of a joint membership.
- Vote for up to five (5) candidates by marking the appropriate box (voting for too many candidates will invalidate your vote) or write in candidates of your choice.
- Put the ballot in an envelope with first class postage (37 cents), addressed to: Sierra Club, 109 East Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI 48906
- Write your Sierra Club membership number on the OUTSIDE of the envelope so that your ballot can be validated. Your membership number can be found on your membership card or on the mailing label of this newsletter.
- Your ballot must be received by December 10th to be counted.

If a replacement ballot is needed, contact the Chapter office at 517-484-2372.

Thanks to Nominations Committee Chair Gwen Nystuen, and to all the candidates for their commitment to the Sierra Club!

LYDIA FISCHER

Experience

- Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee, 1997-present
- Chapter Chair, 1999-2001
- SEMG Chair, 1995-1997
- National Sierra Club Environmental Justice Committee, 1999-present

I'm seeking reelection to the chapter Executive Committee because I want to continue to help carry out, in our own state, the Club's mission of protecting the environment for all. Sierra Club's grassroots structure provides the best chance for activists to achieve that goal.

Interests

The Chapter has experienced extraordinary growth in the last several years, as reflected in record membership numbers and the breadth and depth of current staff resources. An important challenge for the Executive Committee is ensuring that our financial footing remains strong through the more uncertain times that we live in. Meanwhile, stronger regional Groups, recruiting more members into activism, bringing more diversity into our Chapter, and promoting coalition-building with like-minded organizations remain as important as ever.

Chapter Vision

Our state offers a wide range of challenges for committed Sierrans. In my ideal vision, protection of the environment commands a majority of Michigan's elected politicians and once again becomes the duty of state agencies. Trash incineration is phased out, and city residents are no longer the victims of other types of environmental degradation; sprawl is harnessed so that wetlands and farmlands stop falling prey to greedy developers; precious old growth in our state and national forests remains untouched. If elected, I will continue working to achieve that vision by strengthening the greatest assets in our Chapter: the commitment and creativity of our activists in every Group across the state, a dedicated, extremely competent staff, and the ease with which activists and staff work together to fulfill the Club's goals.

ANNA HOLDEN

Experience

I joined Sierra Club in 1984 and became active with the Southeast

Michigan Group's (SEMG) Conservation Committee and the Chapter Political Committee around 1990. As SEMG Chair, 1997-2000, I worked on many issues, from wetlands/habitat preservation to environmental justice. A Chapter Executive Committee member since 1996, I currently Chair the Health Care Without Harm Subcommittee and am the Chapter Delegate to Sierra's national Council of Club Leaders. I contribute to The Mackinac regularly.

Interests

Clean air and environmentally responsible waste disposal are major commitments. In addition to organizing community support to close the Henry Ford Hospital and Hamtramck medical waste incinerators, I have promoted Chapter involvement in closing all Michigan's medical incinerators and lobbied for state laws to reform medical waste disposal and ban mercury thermometers. Current interest in mercury reduction in political campaigns is opening up new possibilities for reducing air pollution in Michigan.

Chapter Vision

Statewide Chapter/Group collaboration to achieve common, focused goals; more Chapter support to Groups; and a strong Chapter presence in a broad network of organizations joined together to change Michigan's environmental policies.

MIKE JOHNSON

Experience

Six years ago, I became active in the Sierra Club by attending meetings of the Kalamazoo Valley Group. Since that time, Group activities I've participated in include contributions to the newsletter, public presentations, and outings and meetings planning. At the Chapter level, I've been a member of the Great Lakes Subcommittee, and the Executive and Steering Committees. I've written The Mackinac's Great Lakes Report for the past two years. Nationally, I've received activist training, and attended an International Joint Commission meeting and Great Lakes United meetings. I've been to Washington several times lobbying for the Great Lakes and for wilderness in Alaska and Utah, meeting with staff members of all of Michigan's representatives and senators.

Chapter Vision

The issues most important to me are the Great Lakes, forests and wet-

lands, and wilderness. I am seeking election in order to work for the protection of our natural areas so that future generations may experience the peace and solitude only nature can provide, and so that wild creatures may live out their lives as they are intended.

MIKE KEELER

I currently serve as co-chair of the Chapter. It's a great outlet for my energy and passion and I love working with committed activists from all over the state. I have served on the Executive Committee since 1992. For four years I represented the Chapter as our National Delegate, which gave me a perspective regarding Club activities across the country.

My love of politics has carried me through eight years on the chapter's political committee, working to endorse pro-environmental candidates. The need to fund our activities resulted in six years as Chapter Raffle Coordinator, a non-glamorous but necessary job. My affiliation with Sierra Club, my science degree from MSU and my newly elected UAW position gives me the credibility to educate others and get things done. I am an urban organic gardener, cross-country skier and a hiker. Since 1982, I've been a vegetarian and have had only four-cylinder engines in my autos. I'd like the chance to continue doing what I do best for the Mackinac Chapter, and I'd greatly appreciate your vote.

LYNN LIVINGSTON

I've been active in the Sierra Club for many years, and want to continue as a member of the Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee. As a member of the South Carolina Chapter, I led outings into the Smoky Mountains, participated in the campaign that saved the Congaree Swamp from logging and made it a National Monument in 1977.

In Florida, I served as Outings Chair and webmaster of the Calusa Group and worked several campaigns, including local zoning and development of the Everglades Restoration Plan. I was also group representative to the Florida Executive Committee.

In the Michigan Nepessing Group, I was active in several campaigns to preserve the environment in Oakland, Genesee and Lapeer counties. I was also newsletter editor and webmaster. In 2000, I led several campaigns to protect the environment on public lands and helped reactivate the Traverse Group. I serve on the Group executive committee, and also as webmaster, newsletter editor and membership chair. I believe we are responsible for leaving a small footprint on our planet, and must work locally to protect what has been given us.

HELEN LEBLANC

Experience

I have been involved with the Sierra Club for many years on both the Group and Chapter levels. I have served as Chair of the Central Michigan Group and as Secretary for the Chapter. I am currently treasurer for both the Chapter and CMG. I have been appointed to many Ingham County Committees, including the Groundwater Protection Committee and the Solid Waste Planning Committee and currently serve on the Ingham County Emergency Planning and Right to Know Committees, which deal with chemical hazards in our communities, and the Williamston Township Environment Committee.

Interests

I feel the most important environmental issue is urban sprawl and urban revitalization, which is an important solution to sprawl. We must make our cities be places where people want to live again! I am also interested in groundwater and wetland protection.

Chapter Vision

As treasurer, I have authored several proposals to increase funding to our groups. My vision for the chapter is to have a sound financial base so the Chapter and our Groups can accomplish our conservation goals.

NANCY SHIFFLER

Experience

- Group: Huron Valley (HVG)
- Sierra Club offices held: Chapter Chair, 1993-96; Chapter Conservation Chair, 1990-93; Chapter Executive Committee at-large member, 1991-97
- Currently: HVG Representative to Chapter Executive Committee, HVG Executive Committee vice-chair, HVG Conservation Co-Chair
- Issues/Activities Experience: Forest planning; land use; group outings leader

Chapter Vision

The uniqueness of the Sierra Club flows from grassroots participation:

- Volunteers are the heart of the club. The club provides a place for members to grow and be effective as activists.
- The enjoyment and sense of renewal we get from our outings help to energize our conservation activism.
- The Sierra Club is a democratic organization; it is both the right and responsibility of its members to become involved in its governance.

With the growth of the chapter to some 20,000 members, we face important policy and financial issues to maintain our grassroots effectiveness. If elected, I hope to contribute my experience to the planning and decisions that will take place over the next few years.

MACKINAC CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB 2002 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION BALLOT

Please vote for no more than five (5) candidates.

The second column of boxes is for the second member of a joint membership only. The last row of boxes is for a write-in candidate.

Write your Sierra Club membership number on the return address section of your envelope to validate your ballot. Your membership number is on the mailing label of this newsletter.

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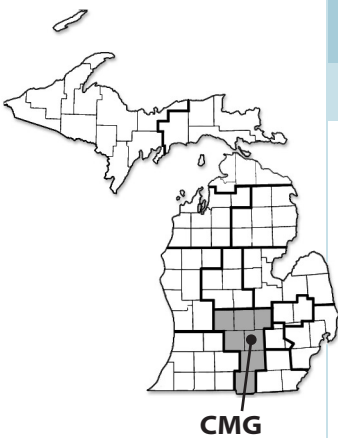
LYNN LIVINGSTON

NANCY SCHIFFLER

Your ballot must be received by December 10. Mail your ballot to:

**Mackinac Chapter Election Committee
109 East Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906**

Mackinac Chapter 2002 Election Endorsements



Central Michigan Group

U.S. CONGRESS

Frank McAlpine (D)
East Lansing (District 8)



McAlpine presents a clear choice on the environment in his challenge to anti-environmental extremist Mike Rogers. McAlpine would fight bad trade agreements that weaken health and environmental standards, aggressively promote the enforcement of clean air and water laws and act to promote a

responsible energy policy that includes making our cars and trucks go farther on a gallon of gas. In contrast to his opponent, McAlpine supports a ban on slant drilling the Great Lakes for oil. District 8 includes Lansing, East Lansing, all of Ingham, Livingston, Clinton counties, and part of Shiawassee County.

STATE SENATE

Virg Bernero (D): priority race
Lansing (District 23)

As a State Representative, Virg Bernero established himself as an environmentalist in the last legislative session. Bernero supported a mercury thermometer and Great Lakes drilling ban, fees on air pollutants and measures to fight urban sprawl by requiring local governments to include open space in their master plans. Bernero has a 90 percent environmental record and is the clear choice for the 23rd State Senate seat. The district includes Lansing, East Lansing, Meridian Township, Williamston and surrounding areas.

STATE HOUSE

Sharon Reiner (D)
Munith (District 65)

Sharon Reiner has made the environment a pillar of her campaign. Reiner supports efforts to make animal factories responsible for the air and water pollution they create. Reiner would protect our old growth forests and fight to give local governments the tools they need to stop runaway urban sprawl. She sup-

ports efforts to make our environmental agencies more responsive to public input. The district includes northern and eastern Jackson County.

Dianne Byrum (D)
Onondaga (District 67)



Environmental champion Dianne Byrum is moving from her State Senate seat to run for the 67th State House District. Byrum continues to be one of the Sierra Club's strongest advocates in the Legislature. Her record includes votes to protect Michigan's waters from sewage overflows, make the state DEQ

accountable, strengthen environmental laws, control urban sprawl and give local governments tools to regulate animal factory waste. Byrum earned a stellar 100 percent on Sierra Club's Senate Scorecard. The district includes Holt, Onondaga and Leslie.

Gretchen Whitmer (D)
East Lansing (District 69)

Gretchen Whitmer received the enthusiastic endorsement of the local Sierra Club for her 89 percent environmental record. Whitmer demonstrated leadership on issues ranging from urban sprawl and natural resource protection to air and water quality. Let's send this champion back for another term. Whitmer's district includes East Lansing and Meridian Township.

Sherry Freeman (D)
Munith (District 71)

As a State Representative, Sherry Freeman would put water quality at the top of her list. She would support measures to get raw and partially treated sewage out of our rivers and protect wetlands. She supports the reinstatement of citizen advisory boards over our environmental agencies. The district includes most of Eaton County and part of Lansing.

LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

Andy Schor (D)
Ingham County Commission (District 5)

Diane Holman (D)
Ingham County Commission (District 11)



Crossroads Group

STATE SENATE

Jim Swonk (D)
Brighton (District 22)



Jim Swonk would make protecting Michigan's water his environmental priority in the State Senate. He would support legislation to reduce mercury emissions into our environment, say "No" to water diversions, and (unlike his opponent) Swonk supports the ban on Great Lakes oil drilling. He also

supports protecting Michigan's last remaining old growth forests and stopping the massive water pollution caused by animal factories. This district includes all of Livingston and Shiawassee and a portion of southern Ingham counties.

Huron Valley Group

STATE SENATE

Liz Brater (D)
Ann Arbor (District 18)



Liz Brater served three terms in the Michigan House, receiving Sierra Club endorsement and a 100 percent on our vote charts each term. Recognized by the Chapter with the Jane Elder Legislator of the Year Award, Brater is an experienced and effective legislator and former Mayor of Ann Arbor. Brater

is noted for her commitment to sound environmental policies and a determination to develop the legislative measures to address them. This Senate district covers all of Washtenaw County, including the major cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

STATE HOUSE

Pam Byrnes (D): priority race
Chelsea (District 52)

Byrnes, an attorney with the Washtenaw Co. Road Commission, is running on a platform of environmental issues, particularly the land use problems of infrastructure and sprawl. She also wants to work on control of animal factories that are polluting Michigan waterways with animal



waste. Byrnes supports a ban on oil and gas drilling, a stronger Purchase of Development Rights Program, promotion of mass transit, stricter limits on toxic substances in the environment, and restoration of citizen

participation on state commissions. This district takes in part of north Ann Arbor and all of western Washtenaw County, Chelsea, Manchester, Dexter and Saline.

Chris Kolb (D)
Ann Arbor (District 53), Incumbent



Rep. Chris Kolb earned high honors as a first term State Representative for not only his 100 percent Sierra Club vote chart rating, but for spearheading critical environmental legislation. Kolb's pro-environment votes include banning Great Lakes oil drilling, strengthening environmental enforcement and

air pollution permit fees, controlling urban sprawl and expanding public transportation. Kolb's district is the city of Ann Arbor, where he served as a City Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem.

Ruth Ann Jamnick (D)
Ypsilanti (District 54), Incumbent



Rep. Jamnick consistently scores high on Sierra Club vote charts and is considered one of the lead advocates for the environment in the Legislature. She strongly supports efforts to protect wetlands and reduce pollution of streams and rivers. She has voted for stronger enforcement of environ-

mental laws and stronger control over the disposal of hazardous waste. Rep. Jamnick's district includes Ypsilanti and Northville.

Gail Hauser-Hurley (D):
priority race

Monroe County (District 55)

Hauser-Hurley has an exceptional understanding of the environmental

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Bernero supported a mercury thermometer and Great Lakes drilling ban, fees on air pollutants and measures to fight urban sprawl.

Reiner supports efforts to make animal factories responsible for the air and water pollution they create.

Byrnes supports a ban on oil and gas drilling, promotion of mass transit, and restoration of citizen participation on state commissions.

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Hauser-Hurley ranks land use and commercial use of public lands, as well as air pollution, as top environmental problems.



issues facing Michigan. She is knowledgeable about her district of western and southern Monroe County—including Milan, Dundee, Temperance and Lambertville—through serving several terms on

the Monroe County Board of Commissioners. Hauser-Hurley ranks land use and commercial use of public lands, as well as air pollution, as top environmental problems. She believes animal factories require stringent control, supports the restoration of citizen oversight, and she supports rules to protect water from pollution.

LaForge has been a consistent and strong voice for Great Lakes protection, water protection and strong polluter pay laws.



toxins in the environment. Last session, he voted to ban oil drilling in the Great Lakes, clean up hazardous waste and ban mercury thermometers. Schauer will make a crucial contribution to the State Senate. His

district includes Battle Creek, Calhoun County and parts of Jackson County.

Ed LaForge (D): priority race Kalamazoo (District 20)

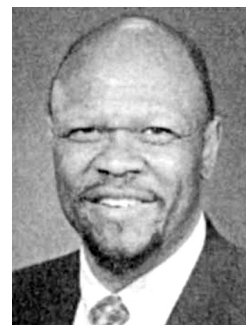


Ed LaForge earned the enthusiastic support of the local Sierra Club when he served in the State House, and has their support again in his bid for State Senate. Previously serving in the State House, LaForge earned a

reputation for his continued vigilance on environmental issues. He has been a consistent and strong voice for Great Lakes protection, water protection and strong polluter pay laws. The district includes the City of Kalamazoo and the surrounding County.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Rep. Alexander Lipsey (D) Kalamazoo (District 60), Incumbent



Rep. Lipsey scored well on Sierra Club vote charts—particularly on hazardous waste, transportation and sprawl issues—and he has supported Sierra Club's effort to ban the use of mercury in thermometers. Lipsey has earned the enthusiastic support of the Kalamazoo Valley Group. His district encompasses Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township.

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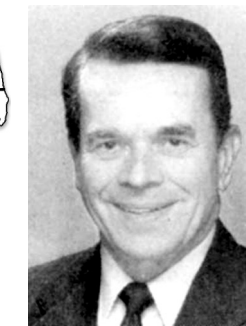
Jim Houston (D) Kalamazoo (District 61)

As a first-time candidate for the Legislature, Houston is focusing on major environmental matters as prominent issues in his campaign. Protection of fresh water, conservation of farmland and other open space, and better clean air regulation top his list. Improved land use planning and better cooperation among governmental units also rate highly with this former political science instructor. His experience in finance, involvement in brownfield redevelopment and commitment to reinvigoration of citizen participation in government all contributed to Sierra Club's decision to endorse Houston. The district includes the City of Portage, western Kalamazoo County and Kalamazoo Township.

Nepessing Group

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee (D) Flint (District 5), Incumbent



Congressman Kildee is a longtime friend of the environment. He is well known for his efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives for protecting public parks, forests and wilderness areas. He has an outstanding voting record for this session, including votes to protect the Great Lakes, our National Monuments and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from destructive oil drilling.

STATE SENATE

Deb Cherry (D): priority race Burton (District 26)



As a State Representative, Deb Cherry was an environmental all-star who consistently scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts. Cherry fought hard against efforts to roll back Michigan's landmark polluter pay law and to stop out-of-state waste from entering Michigan. Cherry is a strong proponent of enforcement of our Clean Water laws and supports efforts to get partially treated sewage out of our lakes and rivers. She would be an innovative and effective

leader in the Senate. The district includes Mount Morris, Burton, Grand Blanc, Davidson and eastern Genesee County, along with Waterford, Springfield, Groveland, and Brandon townships in Oakland County.

Robert Emerson (D) Flint (District 27), Incumbent

Sen. Bob Emerson earned the support of the local Sierra Club for a strong environmental voting record. Emerson voted for stronger regulations on mercury emissions from power plants, against Great Lakes oil drilling, for more funding to clean up contaminated sites in our urban areas and for wetlands protection. Emerson's district includes Flint, Genesee townships and western Genesee County.

STATE HOUSE

Jack Minore (D) Flint (District 49), Incumbent

Jack Minore received the Sierra Club's endorsement for voting to ban Great Lakes oil drilling, limit mercury's use in thermometers, for improvements to the clean air permit system and for measures to fight run-away urban sprawl. Minore's district includes the city of Flint and part of southwestern Genesee County.

Paula Zelenko (D) Burton (District 50), Incumbent

Representative Zelenko was a strong environmental advocate in the 2000-2002 session, voting for everything from ending subsidies for air pollution to greater beach safety to banning directional drilling beneath the Great Lakes. Zelenko is making the environment a priority in her campaign. Her district includes Burton and part of eastern Genesee County.

Patricia Lockwood (D): priority race

Fenton (District 51), Incumbent

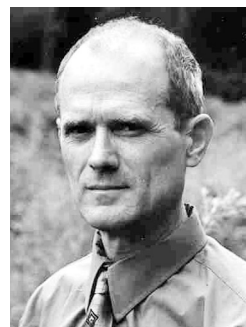


Rep. Patricia Lockwood continued to have an excellent pro-environment record in her second term. She can be counted on to support environmental legislation. Rep. Lockwood had a perfect score on Sierra Club's 2001-2002 Michigan House Legislative Scorecard. She voted to ban direc-

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LOCAL ENDORSEMENT

John Hieftje (D) Ann Arbor City Mayor



John Hieftje's environmental achievements in his first term as mayor include preserving a threatened urban forest overlooking the Huron River, improving the city's traffic calming program and increasing funding for the Natural Areas Preservation program. In his second term, Hieftje is committed to

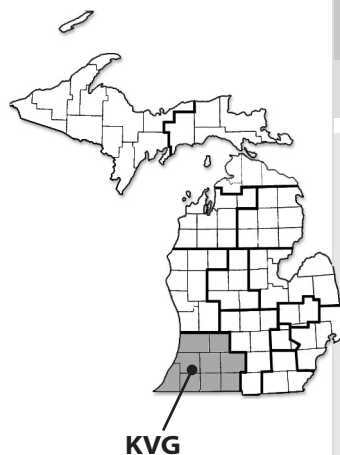
creating a regional planning process to take on sprawl and transportation problems, as well as to reduce phosphorous fertilizer use to protect water quality in the watershed.

Kalamazoo Valley Group

STATE SENATE

Mark Schauer (D): priority race Battle Creek (District 19)

Mark Schauer is exceptional. He served as a leading voice for the environment in the State House and is seeking election to the State Senate to continue this work. Serving on the Health Policy and Urban Policy Committee, Schauer worked to further legislation to protect the public from



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Rep. Lockwood's district has become very competitive. This means one of our champions is in for a tough fight in November, and she will need our support.

tional drilling under the Great Lakes and to give communities tools to fight sprawl. Since redistricting, Rep. Lockwood's district has become very competitive. This means one of our champions is in for a tough fight in November, and she will need our support. The 51st District includes Fenton, Grand Blanc and Linden.

LOCAL ENDORSEMENT

David Lossing (D)
Linden City Mayor



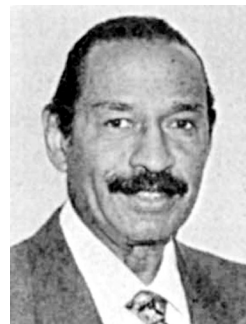
David Lossing, a member of the Nepessing Group, is running for Mayor of the City of Linden. Twice elected to the Linden City Council, Lossing's goals include making the City a walk-able community, developing and implementing a regional multi-use bike path, and updating the city's infrastructure.

Lossing was instrumental in the creation and passage of the Southern Lakes Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District millage in 2000, servicing Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township.

Southeast Michigan Group

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. Rep John Conyers (D)
Detroit (District 14), Incumbent



One of the longest serving members of the Michigan congressional delegation, Congressman Conyers has one of the finest vote records on protecting the environment. In addition to standing up to the industry-backed energy plan in the U.S. House, Conyers voted for farmland conservation, to protect drinking water from arsenic contamination and to prevent oil drilling in the Great Lakes, National Monuments and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

He works for right-to-know legislation to provide citizens with information on toxics in their environment.

Carl Marlinga (D)
Macomb (District 10)

Carl Marlinga is running against Candice Miller to replace outgoing environmental champion David Bonior for the 10th Congressional District. Marlinga brings a strong environmental record to the race. As Macomb County prosecutor, Marlinga created the first ever assistant prosecutor devoted entirely to environmental enforcement and protection to help troubled Lake St. Clair. Marlinga believes we must enforce environmental laws and hold corporations accountable when they harm our air, land and water. He would work to ensure that state agencies use the Clean Water Act and other protections to address local problems, such as those facing the Lake St. Clair communities. Marlinga wants to bring more funding to clean up neglected toxic hotspots around the state, and bring a strong voice for a district facing some severe environmental challenges. The district includes Northern Macomb, St. Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac and Huron counties.

U.S. Rep. Sander Levin (D)
Southfield (District 12), Incumbent



U.S. Rep. Sander Levin continues to be a strong environmental leader in the U.S. House of Representatives. Levin voted to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, our National Monuments and the Great Lakes from destructive oil drilling and against the Bush/Cheney energy plan that was written behind

closed doors by energy special interests such as Enron. Levin supported strengthening environmental enforcement and stronger protections against arsenic in drinking water. This district includes Southfield, Oak Park, Ferndale, Warren, Mt. Clemens and St. Clair Shores.

STATE SENATE

Hansen Clarke (D)
Detroit (District 1)

Rep. Hansen Clarke earned Sierra Club's endorsement for this race based on his excellent voting record in the House and his active support of environmental issues. Sierra Club endorsed Clarke twice in earlier House elections, and he scored 89 percent on the Club's 2001-2002 Environmental Scorecard. Clarke seeks out and works actively with Sierra Club, especially on environmental justice concerns such as the campaign in his House District to stop Canflow Industries from polluting a residential area with industrial waste.

Scott earned Sierra Club endorsements in the past for strong environmental positions and voting records.

Martha Scott (D)
Detroit (District 2)



Sen. Martha Scott joined the Senate this session in a special election after serving in the State House. Scott earned Sierra Club endorsements in the past for strong environmental positions and voting records. As a voice for environmental justice, she has the enthusiastic support of the local group. The Senate

needs to retain this voice for the public health and environment. District includes parts of Detroit and Highland Park.

Irma Clark (D)
Detroit (District 3)

Rep. Irma Clark is seeking a Senate seat in a new district representing Dearborn as well as Detroit. Clark has maintained a solid pro-environment voting record in the House for the past two terms, scoring an average of 95 percent on Sierra Club's Environmental Scorecards for 1999-2002. Based on her voting record and questionnaire, Sierra Club expects Rep. Clark to continue voting for the environment if elected to the Senate.

Samuel "Buzz" Thomas (D)
Detroit (District 4)

Rep. Samuel "Buzz" Thomas, House Minority Leader, has a record in the House which, combined with his leadership abilities, makes him a strong environmental candidate for the Senate. In the House, Rep. Thomas voted to create a Regional Transit Authority for Southeast Michigan, to ban mercury thermometers, strengthen environmental enforcement and increase air pollution permit fees.

Eileen DeHart (D): priority race
Western Wayne County (District 6)



Former House Representative and current Westland City Council member Eileen DeHart faces a close race in a newly drawn Wayne County Senate District that includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford.

Sierra Club endorsed DeHart when she served in the House, and DeHart's House voting record on the Club's 1999-2000 Environmental Scorecard was 92 percent. She says that 14 of the most important reasons she is "very pro-environmental ... are my 14 grandchildren." From wet-

land protection to clean water and pollution prevention, DeHart is a real champion of our environment. Her opponent voted pro-environment in just two of the 21 key votes the Sierra Scorecard tracked from 1999-2002.

Raymond Basham (D)
Taylor (District 8)

Rep. Raymond Basham is running for the Senate in a Downriver Wayne County District that includes Romulus, Taylor, Wayne, Allen and Lincoln Parks, Southgate, Wyandotte and Ecorse. Sierra Club endorsed Basham in 2000, and his voting record for the last two House sessions has averaged 76 percent on the Club's Scorecard. Basham is a member of the House Land Use and Environment Committee and actively supports the Romulus community campaign opposing a hazardous waste injection well in that locality.

Michael Switalski (D):
priority race

Roseville (District 10)



Rep. Michael Switalski was endorsed by the Club in all three of his races for the House and has voted consistently for pro-environment legislation. He scored one vote short of 100 percent on Sierra Club Environmental

Scorecards during his last two terms. Switalski is seeking a Senate seat in a Macomb County district that includes Clinton Township, Roseville, Sterling Heights and Utica.

Colleen Levitt (D)
Royal Oak (District 13)



Colleen Levitt is a Sierra Club member and a first-time candidate in an Oakland County Senate district that includes Birmingham, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Madison Heights, Royal Oak and Troy. Levitt has a solid grasp of land use issues and supports Sierra

Club's priority conservation agenda. She entered this race because she is "fed up" with the Engler administration's approach to environmental policy.

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Conyers works for right-to-know legislation to provide citizens with information on toxics in their environment.

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Jacobs scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts for two terms, and has easily earned her third endorsement.

Gilda Jacobs (D)
Huntington Woods (District 14)

Environmental Gilda Jacobs is seeking to move from the State House to the State Senate in 2002. Jacobs scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts for two terms, and has easily earned her third endorsement. She is an environmental leader in the Legislature and is needed in the Senate. Her pro-environment votes include expanding public transportation, stronger protections on hazardous waste and banning Great Lakes oil drilling. The district includes Huntington Woods, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Ferndale and surrounding areas.

Sean Carlson (D)
Milford (District 15)

Sean Carlson is running for an open seat in a large district in northwestern Oakland County that includes Milford, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and at least a half dozen townships such as Commerce and West Bloomfield Township. Carlson's top priorities are stopping urban sprawl, improving water quality, halting trash imports, and better enforcement of environmental laws. He wants to restore citizen oversight of proposed environmental permits and policies.

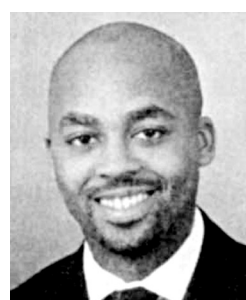
STATE HOUSE

Mary Waters (D)
Detroit (District 4), Incumbent



Rep. Mary Waters is another Detroit legislator who earned a perfect score on Sierra Club's legislative vote chart. Waters' voting record includes holding polluters responsible by increasing air pollution permit and hazardous waste fees. She also supported actions to address urban sprawl and expand public transportation opportunities.

Bill McConico (D)
Detroit (District 5), Incumbent



Rep. Bill McConico scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts, putting him among the environmental champions for this term. McConico voted to expand public transportation, make polluters more responsible for hazardous

waste fees, and to ban mercury thermometers and Great Lakes oil drilling.

Gary Pollard (D)
Detroit (District 11)

Gary Pollard submitted an excellent questionnaire and won the Democratic primary over four other candidates. He will advocate for citizen oversight of the Department of Environmental Quality, reinstating the toxic chemical reporting program, environmental justice and right-to-know laws regarding environmental data. Pollard is concerned about the long-term impact of logging and oil drilling on public lands.

Steve Tobocman (D)
Detroit (District 12)

Steve Tobocman is a community activist in a district in Southwest Detroit. He is a member of Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision and Transportation Riders United and is also a board member of Citizens for a Better Rail Alternative (CBRA), a coalition Sierra Club supports. CBRA is seeking alternatives to a Michigan Department of Transportation plan for a very large Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal in southwest Detroit. Tobocman is an attorney and submitted a strong questionnaire supporting Sierra Club issues.

Barbara Farrah (D)
Southgate (District 13)

Barbara Farrah is currently president of the Southgate City Council, has served on the Council for ten years and also as a member of the Southgate Planning Commission. Farrah advocated recycling ordinances and ordinances regulating woodlands and storm water. She works in the environmental field and her questionnaire demonstrates an excellent grasp and support of Club issues. The district also includes Wyandotte, Riverview and Trenton.

Daniel Paletko (D)
Dearborn Heights (District 17)

Daniel Paletko's priority issues are sprawl and land use. He supports a comprehensive mass transit system for the Southeast Michigan region and believes much more must be done at the state level to address Michigan's polluting sewer systems. Paletko thinks the sewer bond proposal on the fall ballot is a good first step, but is not enough. He has been a member of the Dearborn Heights City Council and is a Certified Public Accountant. This is a highly contested race. The district also includes Redford.

Law would like to reduce emissions of coal-fired plants and repeal the Right to Farm Act as it relates to concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Glenn Anderson (D)
Westland (District 18), Incumbent



Glenn Anderson is a former Westland City Council member and has served one term in the House. In his first term, Anderson voted to ban Great Lakes oil drilling, voted for a self-supporting air pollution permit program and for a mercury thermometer ban, among others. Anderson is a long-time environmental advocate in Westland.

John Stewart (R)
Plymouth (District 20), Incumbent



John Stewart represents a heavily Republican district that includes Plymouth and Northville. He is an attorney and has served as a Plymouth Township Trustee. The local group recommended his endorsement after an interview in which Stewart indicated he would be open to Club positions, especially if a more environmentally-friendly Governor is elected and other moderate Republicans emerge to support environmental issues.

Mark Slavens (D)
Canton (District 21)



Mark Slavens is a candidate in a western Wayne County district that includes Belleville, Canton and Van Buren Townships. In an interview with the SEMG Political Committee, he identified sprawl as his major concern. He is in favor of the state Purchasing Development Rights and would work for state participation in coordinating regional growth decision-making. Slavens is vice president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D)
Taylor (District 22)

Hoon-Yung Hopgood is currently a legislative aide to Rep. Ray Basham and says the political agenda of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is the top environmental problem in Michigan. Specifically, he is concerned about MDEQ ignoring staff in decisions affecting policy. Hopgood favors public oversight of environmental enforcement and better funding for MDEQ. This district includes Taylor and Romulus.

Kathleen Law (D): priority race
Gibraltar (District 23)

Kathleen Law is Mayor Pro Tempe of Gibraltar City Council where she has actively opposed development of Humbug Marsh. She would like to reduce emissions of coal-fired plants and repeal the Right to Farm Act as it relates to concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Law has a background as a research scientist and her advocacy for the environment is well known. She faces a close race in a large Downriver Wayne County district that includes Brownstown, Grosse Isle, Flat Rock, Rockwood and Woodhaven, as well as Huron and Sumpter Townships and Gibraltar.

Steve Bieda (D)
Warren (District 25)

Steve Bieda will have a close race in an evenly balanced House seat targeted by both political parties. His priority issues are clean water and reducing the loss of green space. He supports legislation allowing local communities to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)—authority that was revoked by the legislature a few years ago. Bieda is knowledgeable about the impact of taxation on the environment, having reviewed the Michigan Tax Code for environmental "sensitivity" as a House staffer. This district includes southern Sterling Heights and northern Warren.

Dave Woodward (D): priority race

Royal Oak (District 26), Incumbent



This is the third endorsement for Rep. Woodward in this Madison Heights/Royal Oak District. Rep. Woodward scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts and is considered a leading advocate for our air, land

and water in the Legislature. Woodward supported key efforts to ban oil drilling in the Great Lakes, preserve open space and promote public transportation. Redistricting promises a tough fight for this environmental advocate, but Woodward has never shied away from tough contests—especially when Michigan's environment is at stake.

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Waters' voting record includes holding polluters responsible by increasing air pollution permit and hazardous waste fees.

McConico voted to expand public transportation, make polluters more responsible for hazardous waste fees and to ban Great Lakes oil drilling.

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Meisner supports the Club position on every one of the issues raised in our candidate's questionnaire.

Andy Meisner (D)
Ferndale (District 27)



Andy Meisner is a Sierra Club member running in a district that includes Berkley, Ferndale, Oak Park and Huntington Woods. Meisner has been on the staff of Rep. Sander Levin and he submitted an excellent questionnaire that reveals a solid knowledge of environmental issues. Meisner supports the Club position on every one of the issues raised in our candidate's questionnaire.

Clarence Phillips (D)
Pontiac (District 29), Incumbent

Clarence Phillips is a one-term member of the House with an 89 percent rating on Sierra's Environmental Scorecard for 2001-2002. He voted to approve a Regional Transportation Authority for Southeast Michigan, to increase fees for hazardous waste permits, to prohibit slant drilling, and to ban the sale of mercury thermometers. Phillips returned a good candidate's questionnaire showing in-depth knowledge of environmental priorities.

Joe McHugh (D)
Sterling Heights (District 30)



Joe McHugh supports making Michigan a home for companies developing environmentally benign technologies. He is broadly supportive of our issues and makes them a major part of his campaign. He canvassed for Sierra Club on the "Protect Our Wild Forests" campaign and has also canvassed for the Public Interest Research Group. McHugh is running against an incumbent with a 33 percent rating on Sierra Club's Environmental Scorecard.

Paul Gielegem (D)
Mt. Clemens (District 31), Incumbent

"Our individual responsibility to each other is to protect our precious natural resources and preserve them for future generations," says three-time endorsed Rep. Paul Gielegem. He scored 100 percent on Sierra Club's 2001-2002 Environmental Scorecard and is one of the environmental community's leading advocates. In the Legislature, Rep. Gielegem serves as a member of both the Conservation and Outdoor



John Hertel (D)
Lenox (District 32)

John Hertel views sprawl as a problem that drives a lot of environmental problems. He supports a water quality monitoring system, the upgrading of sewers and protecting farmland. Hertel's positions are those of an environmentally aware individual in sprawling Macomb County. He is a candidate in a large district that includes Armada, Lenox, Richmond, Chesterfield, Ira, Columbus, Wales and Kimball townships.

Paul Condino (D)
Southfield (District 35)

Paul Condino, member of the Southfield City Council, submitted a well-informed questionnaire. He is knowledgeable about concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and referred to a "Minnesota Plan" he would support in Michigan. Condino is also familiar with the Agricultural Lands Task Force report and supports its findings. He took Michigan's deregulation of electric utilities to task for lack of environmental protection.

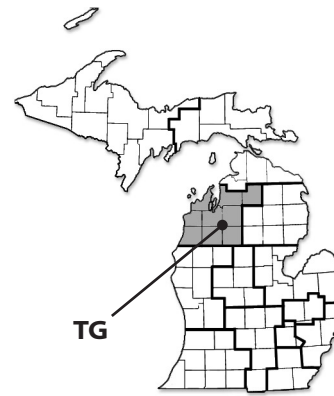
Aldo Vagnozzi (D): priority race
Farmington Hills (District 37), Incumbent



Mr. Vagnozzi has been a member of the City Council and School Board as well as Mayor of Farmington Hills. He is a supporter of public transportation, believes in strengthening public oversight of the DEQ, supports strengthening controls over public lands and their uses. He is also a Sierra Club member. Two years ago, Vagnozzi

Recreation and the Land Use and Environment committees. Developing smart growth decisions, protecting the State's water, encouraging cooperation and planning among local governments, revitalizing urban centers, fighting out-of-state waste and preserving family farms are among Rep. Gielegem's

and the Sierra Club's top priorities. The 31st House District includes Mt. Clemens, Clinton Township and part of Fraser.



Mike Hanley will stand up for families hurt by pollution in their environment.

made his first run for the seat and came within 900 votes of unseating a two-term incumbent who was the Majority Leader for his party. The district encompasses Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Stuart Brinkner (D)
West Bloomfield (District 39)

Steven Brinkner is a member of the West Bloomfield Township Board and has helped enact ordinances affecting fertilizer use, wetlands and tree preservation. He organized a Lakes advisory Council of citizens living near various lakes in the township. Brinkner supports Sierra Club's agenda and believes he can win this district. He is running against an incumbent with a 33 percent rating on Sierra Club's Environmental Scorecard.

LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

Susan Doherty (D)
Macomb County Commission (District 5)

Robert Mijac (D)
Macomb County Commission (District 9)

Robert Shamaly (R)
Macomb County Commission (District 17)

Gary Whitmore (D)
Macomb County Commission (District 18)

Peggy Kennard (D)
Macomb County Commission (District 24)

Jim Gualdoni (D)
Oakland County Commission (District 7)

Jeff Potter (R)
Oakland County Commission (District 8)

Jon Levin (D)
Oakland County Commission (District 13)

Jim Nash (D)
Oakland County Commission (District 15)

William Cahalan (D)
Oakland County Commission (District 18)

Pam Wall (D)
St. Clair County Commission (District 7)

Jewel Ware (D)
Wayne County Commission (District 4)

John Sullivan (D)
Wayne County Commission (District 11)

Traverse Group

STATE SENATE

Michael Estes (D)
Traverse City (District 37)



Michael Estes is well-known to locals throughout the Grand Traverse region as an environmentalist. He was former Chairman of the Grand Traverse County Republican Party, then left the Republican Party because he could no longer tolerate the anti-environmental measures of the Engler Administration.

Mr. Estes lives on the Old Mission Peninsula north of Traverse City and has been instrumental in helping enact strict zoning laws to control sprawl and preserve farmland. He has been a strong advocate to prevent the discharge of waste into our groundwater, lakes and streams, including the Great Lakes. Estes has taken public stands against the tire-burning plant in Cadillac and the development of the Elk Rapids Preserve in Antrim County.

Wakelin McNeel & Thumb Valley

U.S. CONGRESS

L.D. Hollenbeck (D)
Ithaca (District 4)

L.D. Hollenbeck is a well-known environmentalist. Just last year he helped organize a massive effort to plant 20,000 white pine seedlings and worked efforts to protect the Pine River. In Congress, Hollenbeck would take this same hands-on spirit and fight for legislation protecting our National Forests. Hollenbeck backs strengthening federal clean air and water laws and pursuing renewable energy resources to break the nation's reliance on fossil fuels. The district contains most of the central part of the state, including Gratiot, Saginaw, Midland, Clare and Isabella counties, among others.

STATE SENATE

Mike Hanley (D): priority race
Saginaw (District 32)

Mike Hanley, a strong advocate for Michigan's air, land and water in the State House, is a needed advocate in the State Senate. This district, including all of Saginaw and Gratiot counties, has seen its

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Rep. Ehlers is the sort of leadership the environmental community is looking for in the Republican Party.



share of environmental problems, including very high dioxin levels along the Tittabawasee River. Hanley, who scored consistently above 90 percent on the Sierra Club's Environmental Scorecard, is champion of strong polluter pay and accountability laws, urban redevelopment, Great Lakes protection and reducing the amount of mercury emitted from coal-fired power plants. Mike Hanley will stand up for families hurt by pollution in their environment.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Henry Sanchez (D)
Savanac (District 70)

Henry Sanchez would make clean water, fighting sprawl and protecting the State's natural resources a priority in the State House. Local group leaders were impressed with Sanchez's questionnaire and his grasp of environmental issues. The district includes Montcalm and part of Ionia County.

West Michigan Group

U.S. CONGRESS

Vern Ehlers (R): priority race
Grand Rapids (District 3)



On June 4, the Sierra Club made official its endorsement of Representative Vern Ehlers, a 20-year Sierra Club member and a four-term Republican from Grand Rapids in his reelection run for the 3rd Congressional District.

"Ehlers is a free thinker, and a conservative when it comes to environment and natural resources," said Syed Naqvi, Political Chair of the West Michigan Sierra Club. "We wish there were more lawmakers that had his courage and his focus on consensus building."

"Representative Ehlers understands that we must increase fuel efficiency to break our dependence on foreign oil, address air pollution and global warming. He was the only member of the Michigan Delegation to stand up to powerful special interests in his party and in Michigan and deserves credit," said Naqvi. Ehlers also won praise for votes to preserve farmland and for efforts to block rollbacks of the nation's environmental laws. "This is the sort of leadership the environmental community is looking for in the Republican Party. Maybe Teddy Roosevelt has returned," concluded Naqvi. We hope so.

STATE SENATE

Steve Pestka (D): priority race
Grand Rapids (District 29)



Steve Pestka has compiled an impressive record on environmental issues in the State House and is committed to protecting Michigan's unique natural resources as a State Senator. Pestka has consistently voted to

ban oil drilling in the Great Lakes and to make polluters pay to clean up their pollution. He also supports the bond proposal to deal with sewer overflows appearing on the November ballot.

Sierra Club is pleased to give this advocate its endorsement and feels confident that Pestka will be a strong voice for the district on land use, water quality and polluter accountability. His district includes Grand Rapids, Kentwood and part of Kent County.

Bob Shrauger (D): priority race
Muskegon (District 34)

Bob Shrauger has made the environment a top priority in his campaign for State Senate. He supports halting sand dune mining and protecting lakeshore communities from destructive oil and gas drilling beneath Lake Michigan. Shrauger believes in protecting Michigan's remaining old

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growth forests and strengthening polluter pay and right-to-know laws. Bob Shrauger will make a strong advocate for our air, land and water for the district and state. His district includes all of Muskegon, Oceana, Mason and Newaygo counties.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Peter Vander Meulen (D)
Grand Rapids (District 75)

Peter Vander Meulen brings a wealth of experience as a director of several Christian-based hunger relief and development agencies around the world. Vander

Muelen demonstrates a strong grasp of sprawl problems and would focus on urban redevelopment as way to combat sprawl. He is a strong advocate for protecting public lands and supports environmental impact studies. Vander Meulen has seen "some of the worst environmental disasters overseas and has faith in people's ability to work together to turn things around." The district is in Grand Rapids.

Julie Dennis (D)
Muskegon (District 92), Incumbent

Julie Dennis is a high performer on environmental issues in the State House, earning a 90 percent on Sierra Club's Environmental Scorecard. Constituents can be proud that Dennis voted to ban Great Lakes drilling before it was popular, and she voted for stronger air permit fees for polluters and for better land use planning. Dennis' district includes Muskegon and surrounding communities.

Conservation Updates, cont.

For up-to-date information on Mackinac Chapter Priority Campaigns and current litigation, visit <http://michigan.sierraclub.org>. Contact information for listed resource people can be found on page 31.

ters. Reduction of mercury pollution was identified by the bipartisan Michigan Senate's 2002 Great Lakes Conservation Task Force's Final Report as a major concern. The Legislature could make significant progress on this issue by completing action on two bills this fall. Improved regulation of medical waste incinerators, a significant source of mercury pollution, would occur with passage of Senate Bill 11, awaiting scheduling for a hearing and vote in the House of Representatives as we go to press. House Bill 4599 would ban the sale of thermometers with mercury in them, and has passed both the Senate and the House, however minor amendments by the Senate require the House to vote again on the bill for it to go to the Governor for his signature. Anna Holden and Lydia Fischer of the Southeast Michigan Group lead this important campaign. Contact Anna or Lydia, or check the status of the bills on the Mackinac Chapter webpage. Take time to Contact your legislators or Governor John Engler to urge final passage of these bills!

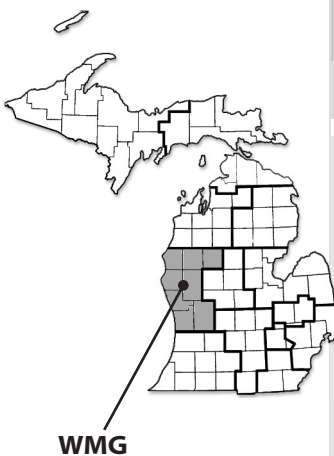
MICHIGAN'S FORESTS: STATE OLD GROWTH AND NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING

Two long awaited public input processes to shape Michigan's public forests are expected to kick off this coming fall or winter. Updates of the National Forest Land and Management Plans for all three of Michigan's National Forests have tentatively been scheduled to start up this fall. The Ottawa National Forest, the Hiawatha National Forest and the Huron-Manistee National Forest are all overdue to begin revisions of their plans, which were adopted in the mid-1980's. Plans by Mackinac Chapter forest activists and staff for training Sierra Club forest activists on participation in these important planning processes are pending more information from the Forest Service on the expected schedule for the planning process.

A plan for protection of old growth and development of biodiversity stewardship plan for the Michigan DNR lands is slowly moving forward, with hopes it will be put out for public comment this winter. The report of a public advisory team to develop criteria for the Old Growth and Biodiversity Stewardship Program was presented to the Natural Resources Commission in August by DNR staff. Agency staff are currently reviewing the document. Contact Marvin Roberson or Anne Woiwode, or check the webpage for updates on these processes.

MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS AND 11TH HOUR REORGANIZATION LEAVE MDEQ IN SHAMBLES AS ENGLER ENDS TERM

On September 15, just six weeks before the next Governor will be elected, the Engler Administration implemented a massive reorganization of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The reorganization followed closely on Legislative passage of the Governor's budget with a 30 percent cut in MDEQ's revenue from the General Fund starting October 1 (\$101 Million for FY 2002 vs. \$69 million for FY 2003). The reorganization, crafted by MDEQ Director Russ Harding, was put into place with no public input at all, and virtually no input from staff of MDEQ. The analysis from most sectors of this last minute assault on MDEQ is that Engler seeks to leave behind a totally gutted, dysfunctional environmental enforcement agency for whomever takes office after him. Starting in 1991, Governor Engler moved an aggressive agenda to weaken environmental regulations, stripping public input into, and access to, decision-making that affects the environment. "Engler and Harding are salting the earth as they end their reign of terror against Michigan's environment," said Sierra Club Director Anne Woiwode. "Michigan citizens can only hope and pray that the next administration will be able to muster the resources to undo the damage wreaked on the environment of this state during the past 12 years."



Bills for the 2001-2002 Michigan House Legislative Session

HB 4599: Mercury Thermometer Ban

Vote Chart Reference: MERC

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: HB 4599 banned the sale of Mercury thermometers in Michigan. Mercury is a dangerous neurotoxin that causes birth defects in children, among other problems.

Passed: Yes

Vote: 97-9, 3/12/2001, RC 217

HB 4257A: Great Lakes Oil Drilling Ban

Vote Chart Reference: DRIL1

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: An amendment to HB 4257 to prevent funding for directional drilling and thereby establish a moratorium on the practice. The amendment passes, but is then reconsidered minutes later and overturned.

Passed: Yes

Vote: 55-47, 3/22/2001, RC 48

HB 4257B: Great Lakes Oil Drilling Ban Reconsideration

Vote Chart Reference: DRIL2

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: At the behest of majority party leadership, the Great Lakes oil drilling ban that had passed moments before is reconsidered and voted down. Several members flip-flopped their vote on the exact same amendment.

Passed: No

Vote: 53-54, 3/22/2001, RC 49

HB 4792: Air Pollution Fee 1

Vote Chart Reference: AIR1

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Rep. Kolb's amendment to raise the fee that polluters pay for each ton of pollution emitted to a level that would run a sufficient and credible permitting and enforcement program.

Passed: No

Vote: 37-60, 6/5/2001, RC 242

HB 4792B: Air Pollution Fee 2

Vote Chart Reference: AIR2

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Rep. Thomas' amendment to require the Legislature to revisit the clean air permit fees program to insure funds are available to run a sufficient and credible permitting and enforcement program.

Passed: No

Vote: 44-58, 6/5/2001, RC 244

HB 4626: Hazardous Waste Fees 1

Vote Chart Reference: HAZ1

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Rep. Callahan's amendment to limit the amount the Department of Environmental Quality can raid the pollution prevention fund to pay for its general operating expenses.

Passed: No

Vote: 40-60, 6/13/2001, RC 280

HB 4626B: Hazardous Waste Fees 2

Vote Chart Reference: HAZ2

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Rep. Gielegem's amendment to completely prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality from raiding the pollution prevention fund to pay for its general operating expenses.

Passed: No

Vote: 38-59, 6/13/2001, RC 281

HB 4995: Open Space Zoning

Vote Chart Reference: SPRL

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: HB 4995 requires townships to include open space planning in their zoning ordinances.

Passed: Yes

Vote: 97-10, 10/16/2001, RC 502

HB 5467: Regional Transportation Authority

Vote Chart Reference: TRAN

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: HB 5467 allows for the integration of the bus system in Southeast Michigan in order to enhance public transportation.

Passed: Yes

Vote: 74-23, 12/13/2001, RC 896

MICHIGAN HOUSE 2001-2002 VOTE CHART

LEGEND: ■ PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ NO VOTE — NOT IN OFFICE

	MERC	DRIL1	DRIL2	AIR1	AIR2	HAZ1	HAZ2	SPRL	TRAN	GRADE
ADAMINI, STEPHEN (D-109)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
ALLEN, JASON (R-104)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
ANDERSON, GLENN S. (D-18)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	67%
BASHAM, RAYMOND E. (D-22)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	67%
BERNERO, VIRG (D-68)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
BIRKHOLZ, PATRICIA (R-88)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
BISBEE, CLARK E. (R-64)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
BISHOP, MICHAEL D. (R-45)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
BOGARDUS, ROSE (D-47)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
BOVIN, DOUGLAS (D-108)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
BRADSTREET, KENNETH L. (R-105)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11%
BROWN, BOB (D-16)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
BROWN, CAMERON S. (R-59)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
BROWN, RICH (D-110)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
CALLAHAN, WILLIAM J. (D-26)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
CASSIS, NANCY (R-38)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
CAUL, SANDRA (R-99)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
CLARK, IRMA (D-11)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
CLARKE, HANSEN (D-7)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
DANIELS, KENNETH R. (D-5)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
DENNIS, JULIE (D-92)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
DEROSSETT, GENE (R-55)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
DEVUYST, LARRY L. (R-93)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
DEWEESE, PAUL N. (R-67)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	44%
DROLET, LEON (R-33)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11%
EHARDT, STEPHEN R. (R-83)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
FAUNCE, JENNIFER (R-29)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
FRANK, A.T. (D-96)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
GARCIA, VALDE (R-86)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
GARZA, BELDA (D-8)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
GEORGE, TOM (R-61)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
GIELEGHEM, PAUL R., JR. (D-31)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
GILBERT II, JUDSON (R-82)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
GODCHAUX, PATRICIA (R-40)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
GOSELIN, ROBERT (R-42)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11%
HAGER, LAUREN (R-81)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
HALE, DERRICK (D-14)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
HANSEN, JOHN P. (D-52)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%

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2001-2002
VOTE CHART**

LEGEND: ■ PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ NO VOTE — NOT IN OFFICE

	MERC	DRIL1	DRIL2	AIR1	AIR2	HAZ1	HAZ2	SPRL	TRAN	GRADE
HARDMAN, ARTINA TINSLEY (D-3)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	67%
HART, DOUG (R-73)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
HOWELL, JIM (R-94)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
HUMMEL, SCOTT (R-86)	■	—	—	■	■	■	■	■	■	29%
JACOBS, GILDA Z. (D-35)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
JAMNICK, RUTH ANN (D-54)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
JANSEN, MARK (R-72)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
JELINEK, RON (R-78)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
JOHNSON, RICK (R-102)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
JOHNSON, RUTH A. (R-46)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
JULIAN, LARRY (R-85)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
KILPATRICK, KWAME (D-9)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
KOETJE, JAMES (R-74)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
KOLB, CHRIS (D-53)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
KOOIMAN, JERRY O. (R-75)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
KOWALL, MICHAEL (R-44)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
KUIPERS, WAYNE (R-90)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
LASATA, CHARLES T. (R-79)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
LEMMONS III, LAMAR (D-2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
LIPSEY, ALEXANDER C. (D-60)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
LOCKWOOD, PATRICIA (D-51)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
MANS, GEORGE W. (D-23)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
MCCONICO, BILL (D-6)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
MEAD, DAVID C. (R-101)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
MEYER, TOM (R-84)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
MIDDAUGH, MARY ANN (R-80)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
MINORE, JACK (D-49)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	67%
MORTIMER, MICKEY (R-65)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
MURPHY, MICHAEL C. (D-69)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	67%
NEUMANN, ANDY (R-106)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
NEWELL, GARY (R-87)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
O'NEIL, WILLIAM J. (D-24)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
PAPPAGEORGE, JOHN G. (R-41)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
PATTERSON, BRUCE (R-21)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
PESTKA, STEVEN M. (D-76)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
PHILLIPS, CLARENCE (D-43)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
PLAKAS, JIM (D-17)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	44%
PUMFORD, MIKE (R-100)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%

**MICHIGAN HOUSE
2001-2002
VOTE CHART**

LEGEND: ■ PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ NO VOTE — NOT IN OFFICE

	MERC	DRIL1	DRIL2	AIR1	AIR2	HAZ1	HAZ2	SPRL	TRAN	GRADE
QUARLES, NANCY L. (D-36)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
RACZKOWSKI, ANDREW (R-37)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
REEVES, TRIETTE E. (D-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
RICHARDVILLE, RANDY (R-56)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
RICHNER, ANDREW C. (R-1)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
RISON, VERA (D-48)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
RIVET, JOSEPH L. (D-97)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
ROCCA, SAL (R-30)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
SANBORN, ALAN (R-32)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11%
SCHAUER, MARK (D-62)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
SCHERMESSER, GLORIA (D-25)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
SCRANTON, JUDITH L. (R-66)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	44%
SHACKLETON, SCOTT (R-107)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
SHELTRON, DALE (D-103)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
SHULMAN, MARC (R-39)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
SPADE, DOUG (D-57)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
STALLWORTH, KEITH (D-12)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	56%
STAMAS, TONY (R-98)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
STEWART, JOHN (R-20)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
SWITALSKI, MICHAEL (D-27)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
TABOR, SUSAN L. (R-71)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
THOMAS III, SAMUEL (D-10)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	78%
TOY, LAURA (R-19)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
VAN WOERKOM, GERALD (R-91)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	44%
VANDER ROEST, JERRY (R-63)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
VANDER VEEN, BARB (R-89)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
VEAR, STEVEN (R-58)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
VOORHEES, JOANNE (R-77)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	22%
WATERS, MARY (D-4)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
WHITMER, GRETCHEN (D-70)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
WILLIAMS, CARL M. (D-95)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
WOJNO, PAUL (D-28)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%
WOODWARD, DAVID T. (D-34)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
WORONCHAK, GARY (R-15)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	33%
ZELENKO, PAULA (D-50)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	89%

Bills for the 2001-2002 Michigan Senate Legislative Session

HB 4065: Environmental Bond Use

Vote Chart Reference: H2O

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Amendment by Sen. DeBeaussaert to HB 4065 would have limited the amount of money that could be diverted from the \$675 million Clean Michigan Initiative to pay for normal state government functions, such as limiting water quality monitoring to \$10 million. Environmentalists argued that special bond money should not be used to pay for standard government operations.

Passed: No

Vote: 16-18, 6/10/1999, RC 388

SB 205: Local Control Over Animal Factories

Vote Chart Reference: CAFO

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: SB 205 stripped local governments of their ability to use zoning laws to protect rural communities from air, land and water pollution from animal factories. Sen. Byrum offered an amendment to allow local governments to regulate large animal factories. Animal factories concentrate thousands of animals into football field-sized facilities and generate as much waste as cities.

Passed: No

Vote: 15-21, 10/7/1999, RC 446

HB 5276: Mercury Emissions

Vote Chart Reference: MERC

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Sen. Smith offered an amendment to the FY 00-01 MDEQ Budget which would have required state regulations on mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. The amendment would have required reductions in emissions to protect the public health.

Passed: No (requires 20 votes for passage)

Vote: 19-18, 5/24/2000, RC 322

HB 5691: Great Lakes Oil Drilling Ban (part 1)

Vote Chart Reference: DRILL1

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Sen. Peters' amendment to HB 5691 would have ended all drilling below the Great Lakes.

Passed: No

Vote: 18-19, 6/20/2000, RC 594

SB 105A: Sewage Bill

Vote Chart Reference: SWG1

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Sen. Peters' amendment to SB 105 would have provided an additional \$25 million to help communities address sewage overflow problems—augmenting any additional federal funding.

Passed: No

Vote: 16-18, 3/28/2001, RC 32

SB 105B: Sewage Bill

Vote Chart Reference: SWG2

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Sen. Smith's amendment would have increased the State's commitment to addressing sewage overflows by doubling the State match to augment additional federal dollars. Smith's amendment would have provided up to \$25 million more to help communities protect our waters from raw and partially treated sewage.

Passed: No

Vote: 15-19, 3/28/2001, RC 33

HB 4257: Great Lakes Oil Drilling Ban (part 2)

Vote Chart Reference: DRILL2

Pro-environment vote: No

Description: Sen. Sikkema and Sen. Schuette offered a counter-amendment to undermine another effort by Sen. Peters to establish a moratorium on oil and gas drilling beneath the Great Lakes. The Sikkema/Schuette amendment would allow continuation of directional drilling below the Great Lakes even though some recommendations from the Michigan Science Board were being ignored.

Passed: Yes

Vote: 18-14, 5/31/2001, RC 148

HB 4257B: Enforcement of Environmental Laws

Vote Chart Reference: ENFR

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Sen. Smith's amendment would have required the Department of Environmental Quality to report to the public its enforcement record in order to demonstrate whether government is running a credible environmental enforcement program. Environmentalists argue that such reporting is essential to the public's right-to-know and government accountability.

Passed: No

Vote: 15-18, 5/31/2001, RC 149

HB 4626: Hazardous Waste Fees

Vote Chart Reference: FEES

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Sen. Peters' amendment would have allowed local governments, like Romulus, to impose impact fees on disposal of hazardous waste in their communities.

Passed: No

Vote: 16-19, 10/25/2001, RC 369

HB 4599: Banning Mercury Thermometers

Vote Chart Reference: THER

Pro-environment vote: Yes

Description: Bill to ban the sale of mercury thermometers in Michigan. Mercury is a dangerous neurotoxin that causes severe birth defects in children.

Vote: 01/01/2003

Passed: Yes

Vote: 37-0

MICHIGAN SENATE 2001-2002 VOTE CHART

LEGEND: ■ PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE ■ NO VOTE — NOT IN OFFICE

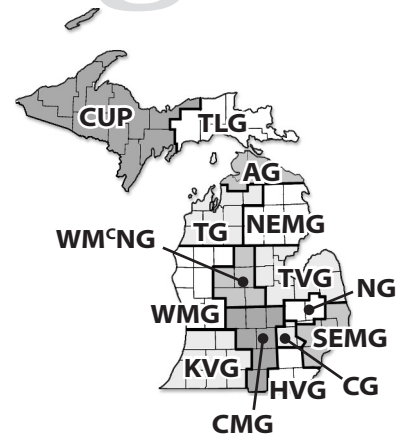
	H2O	CAFO	MERC	DRILL1	SWG1	SWG2	DRILL2	ENFR	FEES	THER	GRADE
BENNETT, LOREN N. (R-8)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	20%
BULLARD, BILL, JR. (R-15)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
BYRUM, DIANNE (D-25)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
CHERRY, JOHN D., JR. (D-28)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	90%
DEBEAUSSAERT, KENNETH (D-11)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
DEGROW, DAN L. (R-27)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
DINGELL, CHRISTOPHER D. (D-7)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
DUNASKISS, MAT J. (R-16)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
EMERSON, ROBERT L. (D-29)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	90%
EMMONS, JOANNE G. (R-23)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
GARCIA, VALDE (R-26)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	■	*
GAST, HARRY (R-20)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
GOSCHKA, MICHAEL (R-33)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	70%
GOUGEON, JOEL D. (R-34)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
HAMMERSTROM, BEVERLY S. (R-17)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	60%
HART, GEORGE Z. (D-6)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
HOFFMAN, PHILIP E. (R-19)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	40%
JOHNSON, SHIRLEY (R-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	20%
KOIVISTO, DON (D-38)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	80%
LELAND, BURTON (D-5)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
MCCOTTER, THADDEUS G. (R-9)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	20%
MCMANUS, GEORGE A., JR. (R-36)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
MILLER, ARTHUR J., JR. (D-10)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
MURPHY, RAYMOND M. (D-3)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
NORTH, WALTER H. (R-37)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	30%
PETERS, GARY (D-14)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
SANBORN, ALAN (R-32)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	■	*
SCHUETTE, BILL (R-35)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
SCHWARZ, JOHN J. H. (R-24)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
SCOTT, MARTHA G. (D-2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	■	■	*
SHUGARS, DALE L. (R-21)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
SIKKEMA, KENNETH R. (R-31)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
SMITH, ALMA WHEELER (D-18)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%
STEIL, GLENN D. (R-30)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
STILLE, LEON (R-32)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
VAN REGENMORTER, WILLIAM (R-22)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10%
VAUGHN III, JACKIE (D-4)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	40%
YOUNG, JOE, JR. (D-1)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	100%

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Group Meetings & Programs



A MEETING OF THE MACKINAC CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. SEE PAGE 6 TO VOTE FOR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS!



Group boundaries of the Mackinac Chapter Sierra Club

AG: ALGONQUIN GROUP

If interested in helping to build an active Group or want information about the Sierra Club in this area, please contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz at the Mackinac Chapter office, 517-484-2372.

CMG: CENTRAL MICHIGAN GROUP

General meetings are held the 3rd Monday each month at the Harris Nature Center, off Van Atta Road in Meridian Township. Come at 5:30pm for supper (small donation requested) or at 6:15 for the meeting. Call Pete Pasterz, 517-676-3339.

The Conservation Committee usually meets the 2nd Monday each month. Call Maria Lapinski-LaFaive, mlapinsk@wmich.edu, 517-374-4444.

The Executive Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month. Call Jerry Schuur, 517-351-7796.

CUP: CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA GROUP

Sierra Club members in central and western counties in the Upper Peninsula are invited to participate in CUP group activities. General membership and executive committee meetings are held 7pm in West Science, Room 270, on the Northern Michigan University campus in Marquette. Call John Rebers, 906-228-3617.

To receive news about outings or other Club activities in the Central UP, send \$5 for a subscription to the CUP newsletter to: Sierra Club, 338 West Crescent, Marquette, MI 49855.

CG: CROSSROADS GROUP

Sierra Club members of Livingston, southern Genesee and western Oakland Counties meet monthly at the Brighton District Library, 200 Orndorff Dr, Brighton, for informative and entertaining programs. Meetings begin at 7pm and are open to the public.

11/20 General Meeting: "Alaskan Adventure." Mike and Sue Kelly share their recent trip to Alaska. Fishing, bear watching and exploring South-Central Alaska; hiking and viewing wildlife in Denali National Park; experiencing the wilderness North of Fairbanks and beyond.

The Conservation Committee meets monthly to discuss and address local issues. Contact Cheryl McConnel, Conservation Chair, 517-552-1464.

The Executive Committee meets once a month. Contact Co-Chairs Lorne Beatty, 810-632-7766 or Rick Pearsall, 810-227-6298.

HVG: HURON VALLEY GROUP

General Meetings are held 7:30pm the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor. Non-

members welcome. Check the HVG Hotline at 734-480-7751 or our website at www.mirror.org/groups/mi-enviro.

10/15 General Meeting: "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness" presented by Bob Brister of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

11/19 General Meeting: Program TBA

12/17 General Meeting: "Great Nature Trips of 2002"; a slideshow featuring photos from wilderness adventures all over the world.

1/21 General Meeting: "Ask Doctor Telemark: How you can get the most out of your cross-country skiing" presented by Norm Roller.

The HVG Sierra Club Book Club meets 7:30pm every 2nd Tuesday at Nicola's Books in Westgate Shopping Center, Ann Arbor. Read a selected book about nature or the environment on your own and then discuss it in a small group. Call 734-332-0207 for information.

The HVG Conservation Team meets 7pm the 4th Monday of each month. Contact Dave Brooks, 734-475-9851 or Nancy Shiffler, 734-971-1157.

KVG: KALAMAZOO VALLEY GROUP

General membership meetings are usually held 7:30pm the 3rd Thursday of each month at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Texas Twp Campus, Room 4370. Call Mike Johnson, 616-948-8840.

The Executive Committee meets 7:30pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome. Contact Verne and Cindy Mills, 616-344-4279.

10/17 The 2002 election: How green are the

candidates? 7:30pm. Meet local candidates who have won Sierra Club endorsement. Don, 269-344-3738.

NG: NEPESSING GROUP

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday each month at Mott Community College in the "New Students" Pahl Building, Genesee Room, 1401 E Court St, Flint. Meetings and parking are free and refreshments are available. Non-members are welcome. Learn about local conservation issues, local watershed monitoring and great outings. Call Ann Crane, 248-634-8641. Check the weekly hiking schedule at www.michigan.sierraclub.org/nepepping.

11/13 General Meeting.

12/14 Annual Sierra Club Holiday Party. Noon-6pm. Potluck dinner: bring a dish to pass. Ligon Outdoor Center, 5213 E Farrand Rd, between Genesee Rd & Belsay Rd. Denny Crispell, 989-624-5038.

NEMG: NORTHEAST MICHIGAN GROUP

If interested in helping to build an active Group or want information about the Sierra Club in this area, please contact Dan Farough at the Mackinac Chapter office, 517-484-2372.

SEMG: SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GROUP

General meetings are held 6:30 or 7pm the 1st Thursday of each month, Sep-Jun, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy (southbound M-10 service drive) between Southfield and Evergreen roads and Nine and Ten Mile roads in Southfield. Social time followed by business meeting and program. Visit www.michigan.sierraclub.org/semg for the latest group activities.

The Executive Committee meets 7:30pm the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2727 Second Avenue in Detroit. Contact Tim Killeen, 313-526-4052, timk@bikerider.com.

Conservation Committee meetings meets at 2727 Second Avenue in Detroit. Contact Mary LaFrance, 734-282-6935, for dates and time.

Outings Committee holds quarterly planning meetings. If you're interested in planning or leading outings, contact Outings Chair Philip Crookshank, wanderphil3@netzero.net, 313-562-1873, or Outings Coordinator Joanne Cantoni, 248-932-5370.

Political Committee meetings are held 6:30pm the last Thursday of each month at Jimi's Restaurant on Washington, one block north of Lincoln (10 1/2 Mile) in Royal Oak. All are welcome! Contact Tim Killeen, Political Chair, 313-526-4052.

11/7 Jim Corcoran (a SEMG member) and founder of Vegans in Motion will present the ethics, health benefits and environmental links of a vegetarian lifestyle. 7pm.

12/5 Annual Holiday Party. 6:30pm. Potluck dinner, bring a dish to share. Music and good cheer, plus outings slide show. We'll host a silent auction, and you'll have the opportunity to purchase Sierra Club calendars for last-minute gifts.

No meeting in January.

2/6 Program to be announced. For details, contact Program Chair Carol Izant, 248-352-6137, cogknot@yahoo.com.

TG: TRAVERSE GROUP

General Meetings are held at the Traverse City Public Library. Call for dates and topics. Monica, 231-325-6812, or Lynn, 248-547-0842. www.michigan.sierraclub.org/traverse.

Executive Committee meetings are held following general meetings at the library. Call Monica, 231-325-6812 or Lynn, 248-547-0842.

The Conservation Committee meets at Horizon Books, downstairs café, downtown Traverse City. Call Monica, 231-325-6812.

For information on Political Committee meetings call Monica, 231-325-6812.

The Outings Committee has several outings planned. Call John Lewis, 231-947-9104.

TLG: THREE LAKES GROUP

Sierra Club members in the Upper Peninsula counties of Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac and Schoolcraft are welcome to attend meetings of the Three Lakes Group. Business meetings are held monthly at various locations in Sault Ste Marie. Programs are held the 1st Wednesday each month from Sep-May at the Walker Cisler Center on the Lake Superior State University campus. Floyd Byerly, 906-632-0218.

TVG: THUMB VALLEY GROUP

No group meetings planned at this time. Call group chairs Craig and Janis Kendziorski, 517-631-5170 for updated information or if interested in participating on the leadership team or leading an outing.

WMCNG: WAKELIN MCNEEL GROUP

If you are interested in helping to build an active Group or want information about the Sierra Club in this area, please contact Julie Murphy, 517-539-1676.

WMG: WEST MICHIGAN GROUP

General meetings are held 7pm the 2nd Thursday each month at the Grand Valley Blood Center on Fuller NE, near Leonard St in Grand Rapids. Everyone welcome! Call Marty Lore, 517-682-1316.

10/15 Join fellow Sierra Club members for a letter writing night. 6:30pm. Bring an issue and information about something that concerns you. A casual opportunity to explore the power of letter writing as an activist's tool. Meet at Wyoming Branch Public Library conference room, 3350 Michael SW. The library has a restaurant. RSVP at least 48 hrs ahead: Lisa Symons, 616-942-6549, greensymons@yahoo.com.

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Mackinac Chapter Outings



Abbreviations in capital letters signify the group that is planning the outing. Refer to the Group Meetings map on page 26 to determine a group's location. Trips begin at the trailhead. Outings are open to everyone.

OCTOBER

10/12 NG Hadley-Metamora State Park Hike. 10am. 5 easy miles. M-15 to Hill Rd. East on Hill Rd (changes to Pratt Rd) for 7 miles to Hurd Rd. South 0.5 miles to park. Meet in Camp Store parking lot. Vehicle permit required. Restaurant stop. Christina Withrow, 810-614-0201.

10/13 SEMG Waterloo Rec Area Hike & Crane Watch. 1pm. Brisk 6-mile hike in hilly Waterloo area. Then drive to Haehnle-Audubon Sanctuary to watch sandhill cranes fly in at sunset. Bring trail snacks, water, binoculars & layers of warm clothes for stationary birdwatching. Meet in Livonia between WalMart & Jiffy Lube (near Jeffries), SW corner of Middlebelt & I-96 (Jeffries Fwy). Optional restaurant stop. Return about 8pm. Phil Crookshank, 313-562-1873.

10/13 HVG Crosswinds Marsh Hike. 1pm. Leisurely 5-mile hike through wetland interpretive preserve. Plan to meet SE Michigan group & hike together. Cancelled if rain. Meet at City Hall parking lot. Kathy Guerreso, 734-994-7030.

10/13 CMG Hawk Island Hike. 2pm. Easy. Chris Lampert, 517-887-1539.

10/19-10/20 NG Hoist Lakes Backpacking. Moderate. Meet Sat, 9:30am at trailhead. Hoist Lakes foot area parking lot on M-65, 7 miles north of Glennie. 9 miles Sat, 6 miles Sun. \$5 recreation permit required (purchase at Glennie Party Store). Don Persson, 810-257-7441(d), 810-695-0516(e), donald.persson@delphiauto.com.

10/19 SEMG Potawatomi Trail Hike. 8:30am. Fast-paced, hilly, 14-mile hike on beautiful trails. All day trip; we hike about 3mph. Wear sturdy shoes & dress for weather. Rain or shine. Bring lunch & drinks for entire day. Meet in Livonia between WalMart & Jiffy Lube, SW corner of Middlebelt & I-96. Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984.

10/19 NG Corn Maze. 3pm. Meander through 3.9-mile corn maze. Restaurant stop. Jean Gaffney, 810-695-6529, virginia.gaffney@gm.com.

10/19 SEMG Brighton Rec Area Hike. Noon. Moderate to quick 5-mile hike. Wear hiking boots; dress for weather. Meet in Southfield behind Marathon station at Tel-12 Mall, SE corner of Telegraph & 12 Mile. Restaurant stop. Mike Scanlon, 313-884-2214.

10/20 NG Hogback Hills Hike. 1pm. Difficult 5 miles. Meet at fishing parking lot near 12406 E Stanley Rd, 3 miles east of M-15. Restaurant stop. Gloria Bublitz, 810-664-0304, glorypepper@yahoo.com.

10/20 SEMG Fall Color Kensington Hike. Noon. Slow-to-moderate 5-mile hike on nature trails & around Wild-wing Lake. Call if weather questionable. Meet in Southfield behind Marathon station at Tel-12 Mall, SE corner of Telegraph & 12 Mile. Optional restaurant stop. Jean Mercier, 313-581-6648.

10/20 HVG Waterloo Recreation Area Hike. 1pm. Leisurely hike, under 5 miles. Dress for weather. Meet at City Hall parking lot. Nellie Emery, 734-485-5286.

10/20 SEMG Hines Drive Bike Tour. 1pm. Bike 20 miles along Hines Drive to Newburgh Point. Gentle hills on moderate-paced ride. Meet in Dearborn Heights at Henry Ford Community College parking lot, one block north of Hines Dr & Outer Dr, on Ann Arbor Trail. Bring snacks & drinks; canceled if heavy rain. Don McHarness, 248-814-9937.

10/26 NG Otter Lake Hike. 10am. Difficult 4 miles. I-69 to M-15. North to Willard Rd (2.8 miles north of M-57). East 2.6 miles. Left at fork. 0.1 mile to trailhead parking lot on left. Vehicle permit required. Restaurant stop. Terry Lemmer, 810-732-9902.

10/26 SEMG Maybury State Park Hike. 11am. Moderate 2-hour hike. Meet at concession building, 8 Mile Rd entrance, just west of Beck Rd (& Northville); 5 miles west of I-275. Rain or shine. Optional restaurant stop. Tom Griebel, 248-349-8782.

10/27 SEMG Two Preserve Hike. 11am. Hike West Bloomfield Nature Preserve trails stopping at Heron Rookery. Then tour nature trails at Orchard Lake Nature Preserve. 5 miles; bring trail lunch. Meet in Bloomfield Twp in Costco parking lot near McDonalds on Telegraph (east side), north of Square Lake Rd. Joy Lovio, 248-470-0229; Phil Crookshank, 313-562-1873.

NOVEMBER

11/1-4 CUP Intermediate-level Backpacking: North Country Trail (Chippewa Co). Explore trail & adjoining bush between Pine River & M-28. Some off-trail, river fording, map & compass instruction. Must be: 18, non-smoker, experienced 15-degree backpacker (3 recent trips), physically fit (good aerobic endurance), swimmer, adventurous & fully equipped (stove, rations, etc.). 8am Fri to midday Mon. \$10. See prior trip at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, 906-226-9620, mneiger@hotmail.com.

11/2 NG Flushing Twp Nature Park Hike. 10am. Easy. Hike new park north of Flushing along Flint River. McKinley Rd 0.5 mile north of Mt Morris Rd. West side. Denny Crispell, 989-624-5038.

11/2-3 SEMG Jordan River Pathway Backpack. Tough, 2-day, 18-mile backpack in Lower Peninsula's "Grand Canyon." Begins Sat 9am at Dead Man's Hill trailhead parking area. Supply gear & food for 2 days. Water filter & ability to carry 2quarts water is a must! Limit 6; reserve by 9/29. \$3 trip fee + approx \$25 ride share. John Calandra, 248-391-8973.

11/2 WMG Trail Maintenance Day. 10am. Hike & help maintain our section of North Country Trail. Meet at Duba's Park & Ride schoolhouse. Bring sack lunch, water & pruning shears. Dress for weather. About 4 hours, arrive back by 2pm. RSVP: Sue Norman, 616-891-9055, snorman942@aol.com.

11/2 HVG Tom's Terrific Bushwalk. 1pm. Rugged off-trail hike for fitness mavens & exercise buffs. Wear hiking boots; bring snack. Wear bright colors. Meet at commuter parking lot at I-94 & M-52. Tom Tuer, 734-428-0887.

11/3 SEMG River Bend Hike. Noon. Moderate 4-5 miles in park near Utica. Slightly hilly, easy hiking. Meet in Sterling Heights at Metro Pkwy (16 Mile Rd) & Van Dyke (SE corner) in SMART parking lot between banks. Restaurant stop. Lee Becker, 586-294-7789.

11/9 NG 2003 Hike Schedule Meeting & Picture Party. Schedule meeting: 5pm. Potluck & picture party: 6:30pm. Bring completed forms for 2003 outings, pictures from 2002 outings, your favorite CDs & dish to pass. Directions: Jean Gaffney, 810-695-6529, virginia.gaffney@gm.com.

11/9 SEMG White Lake Hike. 10am. Hike Pepper Ridge Farm through meadows, woodland trails & country roads on 5-mile hike in western Oakland Co. Stop at rustic cider mill for cider & donuts. Rain or shine. Meet in Bloomfield Twp in Costco parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph (east side) north of Square Lake Rd. Optional restaurant stop. Glory Havlin, 248-851-9324.

11/10 HVG Waterloo Recreation Area Hike. 1pm. Leisurely hike, under 6 miles. Dress for weather. Meet at City Hall parking lot. Cancelled if rain. Nellie Emery, 734-485-5286.

11/10 SEMG Addison Oaks Hike. Noon. 5-mile moderate hike through forests & meadows. Meet in Rochester Hills on west side of Meijer parking lot on Rochester Rd near Auburn (just north of M-59). Historic restaurant after. John Kalam, 248-681-9160.

11/10 NG Holly Recreation Area Hike. 1pm. Moderate 7-10 miles. Dixie Hwy to Grange Hall Rd. East on Grange Hall to McGinnis Rd. Right on McGinnis to park entrance. Meet in Overlook parking lot. Bring lunch. Vehicle permit required. Dave Mansfield, 810-658-0406, dmansfield@intouchmi.com.

11/17 SEMG Paint Creek Trail. 10am. Moderate-brisk 10 flat miles from Cider Mill in Rochester to Lake Orion. Trail lunch in Lake Orion & return to the mill. Wear sturdy boots, bring water & trail lunch. Meet in Madison Heights behind Standard Federal Bank on 14 Mile Rd, east of I-75 (south edge of Oakland Mall). Mike Scanlon, 313-884-2214.

11/23 WMG Full Moon Family Walk. 7pm. Held at & sponsored by Wittenbach Nature Center (11715 Vergennes). Meet at the center; walk trails until 9pm. RSVP: Lisa Symons, 616-942-6549, greensymons@yahoo.com.

11/23 CG Winter Ducks at Kensington Metro Park. 1pm. Tenth year for this popular outing. Expect to see Hooded & Common Mergansers, Buffleheads, Horned Grebes & something unexpected. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. Dan Minock, 248-685-2411.

11/24 SEMG For-Mar Nature Preserve Hike. 10am. Easy 5 miles, varied terrain. Rain or shine; dress accordingly. Meet in Madison Heights behind Standard Federal Bank on 14 Mile Rd, east of I-75 (south edge of Oakland Mall). Optional restaurant stop. Mary Powell, 810-732-3884; Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984.

11/29 SEMG Proud Lake West. 10:30am. After-Thanksgiving hike to explore little-used trails. 5 easy miles. Meet in Southfield behind Marathon station at Tel-12 Mall, SE corner of Telegraph & 12 Mile Rd. Restaurant stop. Liz Allingham, 313-581-7579.

DECEMBER

12/6-9 CUP Intermediate-level Backpacking: High Country Pathway, (Montmorency Co). Explore trail & adjoining bush between Rattlesnake Hills & Sink Holes. Some off-trail, river fording, map & compass instruction. Must be: 18, non-smoker, experienced 0-degree backpacker (3 recent trips), physically fit (good aerobic endurance), swimmer, adventurous & fully equipped (stove, rations, etc.). 8am Fri to mid-day Mon. \$10. See prior trips at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, mneiger@hotmail.com, 906-226-9620.

12/7 NG Murphy Lake Hike. 10am. Difficult 6.5 miles. M-15 to Millington. East 4 miles on Millington Rd (only stop light in Millington). Trailhead is across from Mt. Kotarski sign. Restaurant stop. Dave Mansfield, 810-658-0406, dmansfield@intouchmi.com.

12/7 WMG "A Log Cabin Holiday" at Blandford Nature Center. 10am program. Spend 1.5 hours experiencing what life was like during holidays in the 19th century. Then walk trails at the center. Meet at main building. RSVP by 11/25 to reserve a spot: Michelle Miller-Hansen, 616-453-5904, mmh@iserv.net.

12/8 SEMG Waterloo Wanderings. 10am. Hike series of loops from Geology Center in Waterloo State Rec Area. Hilly 6 miles. Wear lug-soled boots; optional restaurant stop. Meet in Livonia between WalMart & Jiffy Lube (near Jeffries) on SW corner of Middlebelt & I-96 (Jeffries Fwy), or 11am there. Philip Crookshank, 313-562-1873.

12/14 SEMG Outings Scheduling Meeting. 6pm. Quarterly planning meeting & potluck dinner is open to all Outings Committee members & those interested in leading outings. Bring a dish to pass, holiday cheer & ideas for Feb-July outings. From Rochester Rd & Square Lake Rd in Troy, go east on Square Lake .25 mile to Walker St. Turn north to 6143. Mary Stoolmiller, 248-879-6004.

12/15 SEMG Stony Creek Metro Park Hike. Noon. Easy-moderate, 4-5 miles. Meet in Sterling Heights at Metro Pkwy (16 Mile) & Van Dyke (SE corner) in the SMART parking lot between banks. Call if weather is doubtful. Optional restaurant stop. Lee Becker, 586-294-7789.

12/21 SEMG Holly Holiday Hike. Noon. An urban holiday foray into the village of Holly. Skip the malls; go gift hunting the old fashioned way. Medieval street performers, unique shops in Battle Alley & model railroad club. 4-mile city hike, too! Dinner at Village Restaurant. Meet in Bloomfield Hills behind CVS pharmacy on SE corner of Woodward & Square Lake Rd (NE end of lot). Dress for outdoors. Return approx 6pm. John Herrgott, 810-735-9313.

12/28 SEMG Hadley Hills Hike. 9am. Brisk 6 miles. Bring 1qt water. Hike goes unless hard rain. Meet in front of Old Navy store in Baldwin Commons shopping center at NW corner of I-75 & Baldwin Rd (exit 84 north-bound) kitty-corner from Great Lakes Crossing Mall. Optional restaurant stop. John Calandra, 248-391-8973.

12/29 SEMG Early New Year's Potluck & Hike. 11am. Feast at leaders' home near Brighton; then hike 3 miles in an area park. Wear lug soles, dress for weather. Bring dish to pass; leaders provide turkey & drinks. Meet in Southfield behind Marathon station at Tel-12 Mall, SE corner of Telegraph & 12 Mile Rd (maps provided). Pat & Tom Skinner.

JANUARY

1/4 WMG Luminary Walk. 5-7pm. Sponsored by & held at Wittenbach Center (11715 Vergennes). Hike & become acquainted with an incredible nature resource. RSVP 48 hrs before: Lisa Symons, 616-942-6549, greensymons@yahoo.com.

1/5 SEMG Pontiac Lake State Rec Area. Noon. Moderate 5 miles in hilly, wooded park. Meet in Bloomfield Twp in Costco parking lot near McDonalds on Telegraph (east side) north of Square Lake Rd. Rain or shine. Optional restaurant stop. John Kalam, 248-681-9160.

1/10-12 HVG Sleeping Bear Dunes Ski Weekend Trip. Ski this beautiful area. Nice accommodations. Registration, fees & details: Ruth Graves, 734-483-0058; Joan Paskewitz, 734-428-0887.

1/11 SEMG Proud Lake State Park Hike. 11am. Moderate 5-mile tromp through woods & wetlands. Rain or shine. Meet north of Wixom in trailhead parking lot, .25 mile east off Wixom Road, between Sleeth & Glengary Roads. Optional restaurant stop. Tom Griebel, 248-349-8782.

1/12 SEMG Proud Lake X-Country Skiing. 1pm. Easy 5-6 miles through tall pines & along Huron River. Hike if no snow. Call if questionable weather. Optional restaurant stop. Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984.

1/16-20 CUP Intermediate-level Winter-camping: Green Timbers Wilderness Tract (Otsego Co). Pull lightweight club-provided sleds on snowshoes, look for elk & learn about snowshelter construction in a snowmobile-free area. Must be: 18, non-smoker, experienced 20- to 30-below winter camper (2 recent trips), very physically fit (good aerobic endurance), swimmer, adventurous & fully equipped (snowshoes, stove, rations, etc.). 8am Thurs to mid-day Mon. \$15. See prior winter trips at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, 906-226-9620, mneiger@hotmail.com.

1/19 SEMG Seven Lakes State Park. Noon. Hilly 6-mile hike; possibly slippery terrain. Dress in layers, hiking boots required; gaiters optional. Bring trail snacks. Meet in Bloomfield Hills behind CVS pharmacy on SE corner of Woodward & Square Lake Rd (NE end of lot). Or meet at park entrance at 1pm. Optional restaurant stop. John Herrgott, 810-735-9313.

1/24-26 SEMG Wilderness State Park X-Country Ski or Snowshoe. Leave Fri evening for weekend skiing on groomed trails or exploring wilderness areas on snowshoes near Mackinaw City. Rustic bunkhouse (no power; outdoor facilities). Must be over 18 & bring own equipment, sleeping bag & backpack-style food for lunches & dinner. Complete equipment list & information given to registrants. \$25 fee by 1/5 covers housing, continental breakfasts & hot beverages. Limited. Contact leader for details & payment arrangements. Mary Powell, 810-732-3884, powell_mm@hotmail.com; John Herrgott, 810-735-9313, johnherrgott@hotmail.com.

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FALL BRANCHES FRAME THE SKY BY HOIST LAKE DURING AN SEMG OUTING. PHOTO BY STEVE TAYLOR

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1/31-2/2 HVG McMullen Conference Center Ski Weekend. Ski numerous trails in the area. Two nights at conference center on Higgins Lake near Roscommon. Good food & accommodations; beautiful setting. Limit 20. Reserve: Barb Schumacher, 734-994-5456.

FEBRUARY

2/2 CG Annual Winter Paddle by canoe or kayak down the Huron River through the Island Lake State Recreation Area. Details: Ron Smith, 734-878-3689.

2/2 SEMG Winter Tour of Matthaei Botanical Garden. Noon. 2-hour botanical tour led by our own, in-house docent. Call if weather questionable. Optional restaurant stop. Meet in Livonia between WalMart & Jiffy Lube (near Jeffries) on SW corner of Middlebelt & I-96. Max Nemazi, 734-421-4397.

2/8 SEMG Zoo Zip. 1pm. Hike twice around the Detroit Zoo. The second time, we'll slow down to enjoy the

inhabitants. Dress for weather. Optional restaurant stop in Royal Oak. Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984.

2/13-17 CUP Advanced Winter-camping: 17th Annual Canadian Snowshoe Tour. Lake Superior Provincial Park, Ontario. Not a basecamp trip. If you're a hardcore winter-camper who's in peak physical condition & who has equipment & proven experience to handle arctic cold (minus 40-50 temps with minus 100+ windchills) we want to hear from you. Must be: 18, non-smoker, adventurous & fully equipped, including rations & stove. 8am Thurs to mid-day Mon. \$20. See prior winter trips at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, mneiger@hotmail.com, 906-226-9620.

2/15 SEMG Addison Oaks X-Country Skiing. 11am. Easy-moderate groomed trails, up to 8 miles. Bring picnic lunch. Rental equipment available. Meet in Rochester Hills on west side of Meijer parking lot on Rochester Rd near Auburn (just north of M-59). Mary Stoolmiller, 248-879-6004.

2/16 SEMG Seven Lakes State Park. Noon. Hilly 6 miles; possibly slippery terrain. Dress in layers; hiking

boots required; gaiters optional. Bring trail snacks. Meet in Bloomfield Hills at noon behind CVS pharmacy on SE corner of Woodward & Square Lake Rd (NE end of lot) or meet at park entrance at 1pm. Optional restaurant stop. John Herrgott, 810-735-9313.

MARCH

3/6-10 CUP Intermediate-level Winter-camping: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (Alger Co). Explore a prime section of this area by snowshoe using lightweight club-provided sleds. Not a basecamp trip. Includes instruction in snow shelter building. Must be: 18, non-smoker, experienced backpacker with cold weather (-20) experience & gear, very physically fit (good aerobic endurance), swimmer, adventurous & fully equipped (snowshoes, stove, rations, etc.). 8am Thurs to mid-day Mon. \$15. See winter trips at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, mneiger@hotmail.com, 906-226-9620.

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