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## 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fact Sheet

**Who:** For nearly five decades, Sierra Club's Michigan Chapter has organized the bold action of citizens to protect and restore our state's natural heritage. **We're 25,000 members and supporters strong**, and we're led by volunteers – people just like you. Our nine Sierra Club Groups work on a variety of local issues, and statewide the Chapter works with volunteer leaders, state agencies and the legislature for better stewardship of our natural resources.

**What:** Together over the years, our staff and volunteers have accomplished many things, such as:

- Cleaned up toxic air pollution from incinerators and water pollution from factory farms.
- Helped stop Great Lakes oil and gas drilling and protected them from water diversions.
- Blocked more than 100 damaging oil and gas leases throughout the state.
- Convinced legislators to enact renewable energy and energy efficiency requirements.
- Helped apply pressure on Consumers Energy until it abandoned proposed Bay City power plant.

**What?!** Did you know the Sierra Club is the key reason these natural treasures are protected?

- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and Grand Island National Recreation Area
- A pristine coastline at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, unmarred by a road
- 90,000 acres of old-growth forests protected by the Michigan Wilderness Heritage Act

**How:** **We raise awareness** about environmental and health threats and monitor water quality to aid enforcement efforts. **We build coalitions** to diversify support and address the interconnected nature of environmental, economic and social issues. **We find sensible policy solutions** to our state's problems. **We lobby** on critical issues and report back on lawmakers' actions. **We rally** voters and help elect pro-environment leaders. **We fight** for environmental democracy. **We take legal action** to stop corporate interests and government from hurting public health and natural resources.

**When:** Throughout 2012, we are celebrating three milestones, the:

- **Michigan Chapter's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary**
- **120<sup>th</sup> of the national Sierra Club**
- **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Michigan Wilderness Act**

We have a year of special events planned including nature outings, presentations, and film screenings. For details, visit: [www.michigan.sierraclub.org](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org).

**Why:** The victories of the Sierra Club are your victories, because we all benefit from clean air and water and access to healthy, protected wilderness. **In 2012, you can help us celebrate in several ways:**

1. Enjoy a Sierra Club event in 2012. [michigan.sierraclub.org/calendar](http://michigan.sierraclub.org/calendar)
2. Find the Group nearest you and get involved. [michigan.sierraclub.org/groups](http://michigan.sierraclub.org/groups)
3. Sign up for the Michigan Chapter's bi-monthly email update. [michigan.sierraclub.org](http://michigan.sierraclub.org)
4. **Join Sierra Club at a special rate of \$15!** [michigan.sierraclub.org/joingive](http://michigan.sierraclub.org/joingive)