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# Where Do You Fit In?

by Lynn Livingston, Membership Committee Chair

## Why did you join the Sierra Club?

I remember the first Sierra Club meeting I attended years ago in South Carolina. I had heard about this group who did a lot of camping, and after going on one of their trips, I thought, "I should take them to my favorite place in the Smokies, they would enjoy it!" We went, and from then on I was hooked on being an Outings Leader. I liked the feeling of belongingness when I was with people who shared my love of Nature. The very next year, this same group of Club members became instrumental in making the Congaree Swamp a national monument.

Over the years Sierra Club membership has increased dramatically, yet at the same time volunteer involvement has not. Many members pay dues and contribute to fundraising appeals, but most have never been to a local group meeting or outing. This is understandable. Folks today feel pressed for time and pulled in so many directions at once, juggling jobs and family and other obligations.

I'm busy too, but I found that my involvement in the Club gives me back more than it takes. When I started attending local group meetings, I learned a lot about the Sierra Club—and myself. The Outings gave me a chance to be physically active and get to know other like-minded people, as well as to meet people who became some of the best friends of my life. I also continued to learn more about the environment and how to protect it. I now know what it means to be a Club activist, and I feel empowered to make the world a better place.

Gradually I joined other members by becoming a grassroots volunteer. These people are at the heart of the Sierra Club, the ones who identify conservation causes, lead outings, produce local newsletters and raise funds to keep our groups effective. And we need your help. Now more than ever our beautiful state is threatened by overbuilding, by corporate polluters and by people who just don't seem to care. But rather than get frustrated we are getting active, and we're extending the invitation in the hopes you find a place in the Sierra Club that fits you and helps enrich your life while at the same time helping to protect the planet.

## NOW, WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET YOU INVOLVED?

In the past the Club hasn't always done its best at asking members to help with tasks or projects. While we've discovered people are willing to help with something they are interested

in, they often don't know what kind of help the Sierra Club needs. Last year the Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee decided that cultivating member involvement is our Number One priority. Additionally, the Membership Committee set a two-year goal of increasing member involvement by 100 percent. We're preparing guidebooks with proven techniques to help local leaders recruit volunteers; we're targeting members who fall in specific categories and asking them to help; and we're encouraging local groups to hold "new member" functions to introduce local leaders and ask for volunteers for specific needs. The Membership Committee is also doing four simple things: Ask, Inform, Involve and Thank. (Church groups do this regularly and with great success.)

## DO YOU FEEL TOO SHY OR INTROVERTED TO GET INVOLVED? JOIN THE CROWD!

At a training session, we were told 80 percent of environmentalists are introverts. Yet the truth is that people are just waiting to be asked to help. I never would have led that first outing or volunteered to sell calendars for the group if someone hadn't asked. So consider attending a local group meeting. There you may find that your interests and talents can answer a need in your community and give you an opportunity to make a real difference (look for information about group meetings on page 16). The Membership Committee is creating a menu of activities with a range of time commitments so volunteers can pick something that fits their individual situations. We're asking you to assist with a set of clear, specific and urgent tasks, rather than merely asking you for "some help."

So tell us: Where do your interests lie? What gifts will you give to the Earth? Only when you take that first step and begin to volunteer will you learn what personal benefits you can receive in return.



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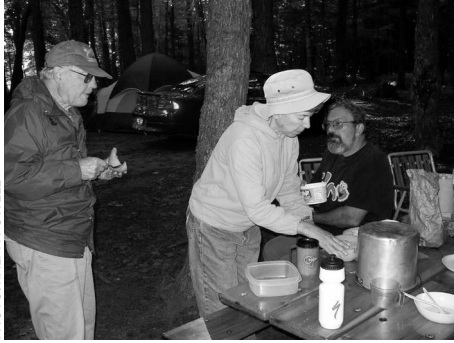


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**There are so many ways to get involved! Top: Volunteer Water Sentinels in Bad Axe. Center: Volunteers at a service outing on the North Country Trail. Above: Participants at a Chapter Strategic Planning Retreat.**

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**Shauntina, Nicole and Laticia enjoy the cool water on a Washtenaw Inner City Outings trip last summer.**

**Cover: Sierra Club staffer Amanda Hightree along with member and volunteer Leigh Fifelski pause for the camera outside the Royal Oak post office on April 15. They were participating in Club protests of the Bush administration's failure to re-authorize the Superfund tax on polluting industries.**

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# Capitol Watch 2004

by Lydia Fischer, Executive Committee Member At-Large, and Anne Woiwode, Mackinac Chapter Director

## **FOREST LEGISLATION WOULD PUT INDUSTRY IN CHARGE**

Three bills that would drastically alter management of Michigan's state-owned public lands passed the Michigan House in March. The bills would change the management of Michigan's public lands from multiple use—including recreation, natural areas protection, water quality, hunting and fishing and timber production—to management that solely serves the timber industry.

Sierra Club staffer Marvin Roberson explained to a Senate workgroup that the bills put management of all state lands, including State Parks and Recreation Areas, under a Forest Finance Authority Board dominated by timber industry representatives. HB 5553 requires Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create four separate "pilot forests" of several hundred acres each to be run by contract by private interests, yet it provides no goals for the contracts.

Sierra Club believes HB 5554 might offer the basis for a badly needed legislative mandate for the largest state forest system in the country, but only with drastic modification. Sierra Club urges the Senate to reject the package as it came from the House, and would ask Governor Jennifer Granholm to veto the bills.

## **SULFIDE MINING THREAT GETS ATTENTION**

At least six hard rock mineral development firms are now prospecting in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. This has prompted all of Michigan's U.P. legislators to formally request that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) form a working group to address needed regulation of sulfide mining. This working group is expected to make recommendations regarding legislative and administrative changes needed to fill major loopholes in Michigan's current

hard rock mining laws.

A second working group has been formed by the Michigan DNR to examine the leasing policies related to state-owned hard rock minerals. This group formed when the National Wildlife Federation, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and Trout Unlimited requested that the Michigan Natural Resources Commission place a hold on proposed hard rock leases in the western U.P. The two working groups include representatives from mining interests, environmental and conservation organizations (including Sierra Club), local governments and economic development interests.

## **ENVIROS FINALLY ACCOMPLISH ENACTMENT OF FEES FOR DISCHARGING POLLUTING WATERS**

Sierra Club and other environmental organizations have strongly urged legislators to enact a system for water pollution permits. Polluters would be required to pay a fee for polluting—thus making polluters, rather than taxpayers, foot the bill for the permitting system. This system is now a reality. Governor Granholm signed the bill on Earth Day (April 22). However, the bill passed both Houses with a provision that would have required legislators' approval of new MDEQ regulations. Under threat of veto, Senate Republican leadership agreed to withdraw the provision until the end of the Governor's term.

Kudos to the many enviros who pitched in to make this legislation a reality. Sierra Club counts this a victory, but our coalition will be back for more funds and the permanent extension of MDEQ's regulatory independence from the Legislature.

## **OUT-OF-STATE WASTE BILL PACKAGE SIGNED**

Governor Granholm signed bills prohibit-

Statewide only 31 percent of children on Medicaid—and thus considered at high risk for blood poisoning—are screened for elevated blood lead levels.

ing landfilling trash in Michigan that does not meet state standards, including trash that carries whole tires, beverage containers, motor oil and yarding waste. With the signature's ink still fresh, the waste disposal industry has gone to court to have the legislation declared unconstitutional under federal law. In a move approved by the Mackinac Chapter's Executive Committee, Sierra Club will seek to intervene in the litigation in support of the State of Michigan's position. Even if Sierra Club wins, this process is a reminder that the fight to protect the environment never ceases.

## **HB 4702: DETRIMENTAL LAND USE LEGISLATION STOPPED**

The Michigan Environmental Council called it "a speculator's dream come true." As passed by both Houses, House Bill 4702 would have extended tax benefits currently reserved for farmers to all agricultural landholders, even those with no intention to continue farming. If signed by the governor, the bill could have revised the tax assessment process for land classified as agricultural, regardless of intended use of the land. Thus, if a developer bought farmland and held it for several years (waiting for development pressures to drive the land's value up), under HB 4702 he or she would reap significant tax benefits for speculating—benefits that until this point were offered only in exchange for a commitment to keeping the land in active agriculture. By vetoing this bill,





# Forest Policy Update

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## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD ON MICHIGAN'S NATIONAL FORESTS

by Marvin Roberson, Forest Policy Specialist

the Governor agreed that a tax cut for developers does not belong in Michigan's farmland and open space program.

### MICHIGAN'S RECORD IN PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM LEAD CONTAMINATION LAGS

The highest incidence of lead poisoning in Michigan is found among families renting housing built before 1950 in Wayne, Kent, Muskegon, Berrien, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Genesee, Ingham, Saginaw and Oakland Counties, and in the cities of Detroit and Grand Rapids. Statewide only 31 percent of children on Medicaid—and thus considered at high risk for blood poisoning—are screened for elevated blood lead levels.

Governor Granholm just signed into law HB 5119 over the strenuous objections of the managed care providers responsible for most of the state's Medicaid population. The new law sets a standard of screening 80 percent of Medicaid-enrolled children for lead blood levels by October 1, 2007, and allows the Department of Community Health to divert testing funds to community agencies if Medicaid carriers fail to meet the standard.

The Mackinac Chapter remains concerned that (1) children not enrolled in Medicaid will not be affected, and (2) the sanctions are delayed until the end of 2007. Michigan needs to consider other approaches to ensure a significant increase in testing blood levels of all children at risk for lead poisoning. On the issue of reducing lead hazards, the legislature is considering several bills that would supplement existing federal and Michigan laws. Among them, Hansen Clarke's SB 757 (Penalties for Renting/Selling Contaminated Housing) passed the Senate and is before the House Judiciary Committee. Taking a crack at careless landlords, the bill prohibits knowingly renting a housing unit with lead paint hazards under penalty of fines and a potential 90-day jail sentence for repeated offenses.

As regular readers of *The Mackinac* have seen, the three National Forests in Michigan are undergoing revision of the Forest Plans which guide all aspects of management for a period of 10-15 years. The Huron-Manistee, the Hiawatha and the Ottawa National Forests encompass about three million acres of some of the best recreational and ecological opportunities in the state, including numerous pristine wilderness areas. Sierra Club members use, enjoy and work to protect these forests, and now have an opportunity for a voice in the management of them as well.



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As part of the planning process, the Forest Service must produce "alternative" plans that offer different management directions for the National Forests. The public has a chance to comment on these alternatives and indicate what they like or do not like about them. In the past, at least, this has been the normal process.

This time around, however, Sierra Club Mackinac Chapter has decided to become more proactive. We are going to formulate our own Conservationists' Alternative, and rather than merely commenting on the ideas of the Forest Service, we'll outline exactly how we would like to see the National Forests managed.

The Club will hold a series of meetings over the summer to hear from our members. What would you like to see in the Conservationists' Alternative? You don't need to know anything about forest planning and you don't need to be an expert on the Forest Service regulations. All you need is a love of the forests of Michigan, some ideas of what you'd like to see them look like, and how you'd like to see National Forests used. We'll take those ideas and formulate our alternative and then submit it to the Forest Service.

**If you're interested in participating, contact Marvin Roberson at [marvin.roberson@sierraclub.org](mailto:marvin.roberson@sierraclub.org) or 734-662-8011.**

## **NEW WATER SENTINELS PROJECT ANNOUNCED FOR MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA**

by Rita Jack, Water Sentinels Project Director

**M**ichigan Sierra Club members are invited to help with an upcoming Water Sentinels project. The Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette and Baraga counties are currently threatened by acid mining. The new Sentinels undertaking is part of a multi-faceted strategy by the Mackinac Chapter to protect this area of the Upper Peninsula. The project, under development by the Mackinac Chapter's Central Upper Peninsula Group (CUPG) and staff project coordinator Rita Jack, will include service outings to the Upper Peninsula during the summer and fall of 2004.



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**Pinnacle Falls in the Yellow Dog Plains. The Water Sentinels will monitor water quality by surveying the type, number and proportion of benthic macroinvertebrates, organisms that spend up to two years, or all, of their life cycle in water.**

The need to protect the Yellow Dog Plains is grounded in our need to protect Michigan's few remaining wild places from the heavy human footprint that accompanies development of a resource. Just the infrastructure alone that accompanies a mining operation would forever change the area's wild remote character that to Michiganders signifies the Upper Peninsula. Sulfide ores produce sulfuric acid when exposed to oxygen or water, and runoff from the mining operations can kill all of the life in a stream. At risk is a genetically distinct population of the Coaster brook trout, the only population of this species on the southern shore of Lake Superior. Although exploration from several mining companies continues throughout the U.P., the Kennecott Corporation owns over 462,000 acres of the mineral rights under Baraga and Marquette Counties. Its activities pose the most imminent threat to the region's ecosystem. Kennecott is expected to announce soon that it will apply for permits to begin nickel sulfide mining operations.

The Water Sentinels will monitor water quality by surveying the type, number and proportion of benthic macroinvertebrates, organisms that spend up to two years, or all, of their life cycle in water. When water chemistry shifts, even incrementally, beyond the range that supports aquatic life, beyond what an organism can tolerate, then aquatic organisms cannot reproduce or survive. The Water Sentinels will also directly measure chemical parameters like pH, water temperature and dissolved oxygen. We seek Michigan Sierra Club members with special skills or education in areas such as aquatic biology, though we need members at all skill levels. Training and equipment will be provided. Anyone participating in the outings should be in good physical condition and have some outdoor skills; the area under threat is in some of Michigan's most pristine wilderness.

The Sentinels will complement other tactics to protect the Yellow Dog Plains, including a multi-organizational effort unprecedented in Michigan. By participating in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Mining Working Group, the Mackinac Chapter seeks to influence the drafting of legislation that will protect Michigan's environment from acid mining. Water Sentinels from throughout the state who travel on these outings will be encouraged to share their findings with their local legislators. In this way we can all help spread the word to our lawmakers about these areas of the Yellow Dog Plains that are at risk.

**Michigan Sierra Club members who love the U.P. and want to help should contact Rita Jack at 517-484-2372 or [rita.jack@sierraclub.org](mailto:rita.jack@sierraclub.org). We will schedule outings beginning possibly as early as June of this year.**



# Conservation & Litigation Update

by Anne Woiwode, Mackinac Chapter Director

## **MANISTEE SAYS NO TO COAL POWER PLANT**

A large coal-fired power plant proposed by the Tondou Corporation—to be located in the scenic Lake Michigan community of Manistee—has apparently been thwarted. A unanimous vote of the Planning Commission denied a requisite special use permit. The Traverse Group of the Sierra Club, led by Monica Evans, put forward an extraordinary organizing effort that helped turn out hundreds of residents to numerous meetings held in this small town. A diverse collection of interests, including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Little River Band of the Ottawa, joined in the public opposition and documentation of potential negative effects of the plant on both local and statewide natural resources, which led to the denial. Tondou has not yet indicated if it will seek an appeal of the decision or potentially pursue court action to overturn the decision.

The Tondou proposal highlights the growing trend by private power entrepreneurs to take advantage of deregulation and of Bush administration policies encouraging more energy development regardless of the need or alternatives. In Michigan, power plants already have at least 14 percent more capacity than the maximum needed to meet peak summer loads. "Michigan does not need any new power plants to avoid 'California-style' blackouts," said Mackinac Chapter Energy Subcommittee Chair David Wright.

"Manistee won't get any electricity. Some jobs will be created, with no future job growth. And, the plant will be a major source of pollution contributing to smog, acid rain and mercury pollution locally and throughout the region. Turning this ill-planned proposal down is in the best interest of Manistee and northern Michigan's environment."

Mackinac Chapter leaders are prepared for possible future action on this proposal, or additional proposals, as a result of a regional training session by the Sierra Club's Midwest Regional Conservation Committee in March.

## **NEW AND EXPANDING LARGE CAFOS REQUIRED TO GET PERMIT COVERAGE**

On February 27, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Chester issued a Directive requiring that certain new or expanding animal factories must obtain permit coverage before beginning operations. The Directive was followed a month later by a proposed new General NPDES (surface water quality) Permit for New Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). Public comment was taken until May 7. With a grant from the Florence Fund, the Sierra Club ran radio advertisements for two weeks in order to encourage community attendance at the public hearings. A decision on the new permit is expected sometime this summer.

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## Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Visits the Middle of the Mitten

by Rita Jack, Director, Water Sentinels Project

**R**obert F. Kennedy, Jr. addressed Alma College honors students and the public on March 31 about “Our Environmental Destiny,” an important local topic since many students and faculty have participated in research on the Pine River. The river flows through Alma south of campus and provides an outdoor classroom in a variety of ways. Kennedy used the opportunity to voice his feelings about the Bush administration’s environmental policies.

Kennedy then visited Penny Park in St. Louis, Michigan the next morning, where brightly colored playground equipment sets a jarring contrast against the backdrop of the Velsicol Chemical Superfund remedial activities in the Pine River directly adjacent to the park. “Our children are going to pay for our joyride,” said Kennedy. “And they are going to pay for it with denuded landscapes and poor health and huge cleanup costs that are going to amplify over time.” The Velsicol Superfund Site faces an uncertain future as state and federal agencies make decisions about its remedy, a decision that will be hugely driven by cost.



PHOTOS: RITA JACK

**“Environmental injury is deficit spending,” Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. told the crowd that gathered at Penny Park in St. Louis. “It is just a way of loading the cost of our generation’s prosperity onto the backs of our children.”**

# There Is a Better Way to Protect Michigan’s

**Michigan is rich and abundant with forests, farmland, waters and wildlife. Regardless of the season or region, we enjoy a special relationship with our natural inheritance. We know that protecting our state’s natural resources and beauty makes Michigan’s economy stronger and our families healthier.**

From the farmlands of the south to the Great Lakes that surround us, from the inland lakes at our back doors to the forests of the Upper Peninsula, natural resources have always been important to our residents and civic leaders. Today, however, our state’s treasured environment has been put at risk. Bush administration policies that weaken and ignore federal environmental safeguards are already harming our communities’ health and our natural heritage.

The Bush administration is allowing electric companies, chemical companies, coal companies and other industries to rewrite and weaken the laws and regulations that protect the health

and safety of Michigan’s families, enabling corporations to benefit at our expense. The administration has allowed electric companies to invest in more outdated, polluting coal-fired power plants instead of requiring them to use modern technology to cut pollution or encouraging them to build cleaner facilities relying on renewable power generation. The administration, controlled by corporate polluters, has shifted the cost of cleaning up many of Michigan’s 67 Superfund toxic waste sites from polluters to taxpayers, given big livestock corporations free rein to pollute our rural communities and harm family farmers, and increased the risk of mercury poisoning for Michigan’s women and children.



# Chapter Funding Update

## We Need Your Help!

Immediate, decisive action of all Sierrans at the polls will make a difference this November. The Sierra Club Mackinac Chapter Political Committee is strategically working to elect "green" candidates who will make a difference in protecting the water, air, forests and natural resources of Michigan. By mobilizing volunteers, educating our membership and offering financial support for candidates, we can improve the environment at the State Capitol. Please make a generous gift to the Mackinac Chapter Political Committee this year.

### MAKE 'EM GREEN: GIVE TO THE SIERRA CLUB MACKINAC CHAPTER POLITICAL COMMITTEE

2004 promises to be an extremely interesting and active year for environmentalists! Help us make it the "Year of the Environment" with a generous donation to the Mackinac Chapter Political Committee!

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## Families and Communities

The administration's undermining of our nation's basic environmental protections leaves the people of Michigan exposed and vulnerable to increased amounts of asthma-triggering smog, development-retarding mercury, radioactive waste and other contaminants. Encouraging the building of more coal-fired power plants instead of cleaner energy alternatives puts our citizens—especially children and the elderly—at risk.

The actions of the current Bush administration—and indeed its lack of action—on the health and safety of families in communities across Michigan can be found in the recently published "Michigan Communities at Risk" report. We have learned over the last 30 years that there is a better way to effect change. We have the know-how and the successful track record to clean up the pollution in our air and water and rid our soil of poisons.

But know-how, effective laws and proven technological solu-

tions are clearly not enough when the Bush administration is determined to let corporations off the hook, weaken the regulations that reduce pollution, and strip funding from the agencies responsible for enforcing environmental laws. Only public pressure on lawmakers will ensure that the last three decades of progress is not lost, and that we instead continue to keep our communities safe by protecting our children's legacy of clean air, water and still-wild lands.

To view the "Michigan Communities at Risk" report in its entirety, visit [www.sierraclub.org/communities/mi](http://www.sierraclub.org/communities/mi).

# Lobby Day Brings Michigan's Environment to Legislators

## **NEW VOLUNTEERS AND EXPERIENCED LOBBYISTS MAKE SIERRA CLUB LOBBY DAY A SUCCESS**

by Bill Rodgers, Legislative and Chapter Executive Committee member

**H**ave you ever thought about coming to a Sierra Club Lobby Day but didn't because you were afraid you weren't well-enough informed, lacked persuasive communication skills, or maybe you were just too busy? Then read about the recent experiences of some of your fellow Mackinac Chapter members. It will reassure you and may even motivate you to join us at the next one.

Forty-two of us descended on Lansing on March 31 to talk to legislators about several environmental issues of concern to us. We came from all parts of the state: from cities and small towns and rural areas; from the western to the eastern part, from the southern to the northern parts of the Lower Peninsula, and even three intrepid pilgrims from the Upper Peninsula. We were a diverse group in many respects: high school students and grandparents, working and retired, men and women. But the one thing that we had in common was our interest in protecting and enhancing the natural environment in Michigan.

One of the reasons many of us went to Lobby Day is because we were told—and indeed later confirmed through our own experience—that you don't need a lot of training or a thorough understanding of every issue and proposed legislation to be an effective lobbyist. While some of us had previous experience speaking with legislators, many did not. Yet by the end of our Wednesday at the Capitol we all counted ourselves “experienced lobbyists.”

### **HOW DO SIERRA CLUB LOBBY DAYS HAPPEN?**

Before arriving in Lansing, Chapter staff and the Legislative Committee provided us with one-page information sheets on each of five key issues, such as out-of-state waste imports, CAFOs (factory farms), and sulfide mining. If we wanted, we were invited to participate in a conference call in the days leading up to Lobby Day and ask questions about the issues and about the legislation pertaining to them.

Our actual Lobby Day began with an official welcome by State Representative Andy Meisner. We were then given tips on how to lobby effectively, and by 10 a.m. or so they sent us out to put our new skills into practice. Sierra Club staff made sure that the day went smoothly. Our agenda had been set, and we broke into groups for half-hour meetings. These meetings filled the day. In the morning we were scheduled to speak with 41 House Representatives or their aides and then, following lunch, we met with 27 Senators or their aides.

**Sierra Club Lobby Day participants gather for a group photo. Even those members who were a bit hesitant about their lobbying skills counted themselves effective environmental lobbyists by the end of the day.**



PHOTO: GAYLE MILLER





PHOTO: GAYLE MILLER

**Quick Studies: Lobby Day participants get a rundown on how to lobby effectively. The large group soon broke into smaller groups for meetings with legislators and their aides.**

There was at least one experienced lobbyist in each group. Sometimes we got to meet directly with the representative or senator, other times we were given an audience with an aide. Sometimes we found ourselves talking to people well-informed and sympathetic to our concerns, at other times we encountered people who weren't as aware of the issues, or who were unlikely to vote in favor of the environment.

Yet even in those meetings that did not go as ideally as we'd all like, the atmosphere was always cordial. It was clear that our legislators and their staffs recognize our right as citizens to speak with them. They know part of their job is to listen to us (though not necessarily agree with us). In the words of one Lobby Day participant, "I felt good about communicating my concerns with my representative and senator. It affirms my belief in representative government. I have a feeling that what I did made a difference for our causes."

**At the end of the day Sierra Club Lobby Day participants filled out evaluations of the event. Here are a few of the comments:**

"This was a new experience for me—I found it to be interesting. I actually felt like I was a part of what was happening and that maybe I could help make a difference. I look forward to future Lobby Days. With more knowledge and a better understanding of issues and government, I will be heard!"

"Lobby Day was an eye-opening experience. It gave a hands-on view to the pressing environmental issues of today and how to relate with the legislators to get your opinion across to them."

"I think this is such a great effort. Sierra Club volunteers at every turn! One of my favorite things to participate in."

"The legislator must know he or she is being watched and evaluated by an interested, attractive, important group: Sierra Club!"

# Taking A Stand for the Land

by Brad Garmon, Michigan Environmental Council

**Events at the Capitol this Earth Day highlighted the need to curb urban sprawl and protect Michigan's precious waters and landscape. Governor Granholm signed key legislation on the Capitol lawn to help the state enforce important pollution and contamination laws. The celebration was sponsored by the Michigan Environmental Council and attended by more than 30 local environmental and farmland protection groups, including Sierra Club.**

**Governor Granholm, below, signs into law water pollution permit fees, legislation that Sierra Club, Clean Water Action and many other groups worked hard to pass.**



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**Opposite page:** More than 24 Sierra Club members and supporters attended a rally at the Royal Oak post office on April 15 as hundreds of last-minute filers delivered their tax returns. Sierra Club members outnumbered the Bush-Cheney supporters by far.

**This page, top right:** Sierra Club member Shawna Rae Rodabaugh (right) talks to a resident at the Royal Oak Post Office. Shawna is discussing the Bush administration's failure to re-authorize the Superfund tax on polluting industries.

**This page, top left:** Barbara Powell, an Inner City Outings leader, with Nicole and Shauntina and their backpacks. **Above:** Joanne Gadby, an ICO leader, with Shauntina, Nicole and Laticia. Both photos were taken on South Manitou Island.

## ACTIVISTS ARE NEEDED FOR IMMEDIATE WORK IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- **WATER SENTINELS**
- **URBAN SPRAWL**
- **FOREST ISSUES**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**
- **DISTRICT WATCHDOGS**
- **INNER CITY OUTINGS**
- **AND MUCH MORE...**

## Not an activist, but still want to help?

**V**olunteering with the Sierra Club can be a fulfilling experience. Don't see a volunteer position that interests you but still want to volunteer? Simply call the Mackinac Chapter office in Lansing and tell them what you would like to do. They will forward your volunteer aspirations to the appropriate person. Here are some ideas:

- Present an educational program—share a trip experience, skills in cooking, organic gardening, etc. Contact your local group leader.
- Lead an outing for your local group.
- Write articles for your local group's newsletter.
- Provide web master skills.
- Testify at a hearing.
- Help with office work and mailings at the Chapter office.
- Help with fund raising.
- Sell Sierra Club calendars and stationery.
- Help with phone calling from your home or the Chapter office.
- Work at a Sierra Club booth at fairs and events.
- Post and maintain local Sierra Club meeting notices in public places.
- Post and maintain Sierra Club posters in public places.
- Develop and maintain an email list to be sent out each month for meeting notices for your local group.
- Start or participate in a Sierra Club Student Coalition.
- Maintain hiking trails and public facilities.
- Bake cookies for your local group's next meeting.
- Help plan the Annual Fall Retreat at Camp Miniwanca.





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# Got Time and Energy?

**STEP FORWARD AND LEND A HELPING HAND. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO.**

by Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator

One fall afternoon Keith Hanna walked into the Sierra Club Mackinac Chapter office and asked if there was anything he could do to help. The answer, of course, was “Yes!” A longtime admirer of the Club, Keith was about to retire from the Department of Management and Budget and now had the time to volunteer. Keith is involved with a variety of Chapter projects, from tracking legislation to helping design exhibits and brochures. We are so glad he walked into the office back in October of 2002.

Remember the saying “many hands make a heavy load light?” The environmental degradation load that we have to carry is heavy and at times seemingly unbearable, but Keith’s story shows how we can all help to bear it and bring health back to our communities, this state and the planet.

Of our nearly 20,000 members, 150 volunteer in leadership roles and another 100 serve as legislative watchdogs. In Oakland County 150 signed on to the Building Environmental Communities Program to expose the anti-environmental policies of the Bush administration. Many other members offer their time in support of the Mackinac Chapter. There are active groups throughout the state working on a wide variety of issues.

The similarity shared by these volunteers: they realized someone had to do something about the injustices done to Michigan’s land and air and water and citizens. They realized they were those people.

You probably won’t believe this, but I know what you’re thinking. I bet as you read this article you’re saying, “Thank goodness those other members can volunteer, because I have absolutely no time.” (In fact, you may barely have time to read this newsletter!) Month after month you read about or hear about urban sprawl or CAFOs or mercury pollution or the conditions of the Great Lakes or asthma rates of inner-city children and you think, “It shouldn’t have to be like this.”

And you know what? As hundreds of volunteers throughout the state already know, it doesn’t.

If we all pitch in and work together, we will succeed! Here’s an opportunity to make a difference, to meet great people and to have a bit of fun in the process. Take a moment and look over the list on page 12. We have opportunities that range from becoming political activists to distributing newsletters at local libraries. There’s an opportunity here with your name on it. If something makes you think, “I could do that,” or maybe, “I wish I could be a part of that,” then guess what: you can!

Thank you for taking the time to help out.

**For further information on all volunteer opportunities, contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, Membership/Volunteer Coordinator, between 8:00 a.m. and noon: 517-484-2372, [kathy.boutin-pasterz@sierraclub.org](mailto:kathy.boutin-pasterz@sierraclub.org) or 109 East Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI 48906.**





# Shop to Stop Sprawl!

*"What a great idea! Local grassroots action to preserve nature is what the Sierra Club is all about. I encourage every Sierra Club member in Michigan to participate in Shopping for the Earth."*

- Carl Pope, Sierra Club Executive Director

Your next shopping trip could help stop sprawl! How? By joining the Sierra Club/Huron Valley Group's **Shopping for the Earth** program, like hundreds of other people. Up to 20% of what you spend will be donated to the Sierra Club.

We'll use the funds to fight the out-of-control development devastating Michigan. Each year, you can contribute hundreds of dollars to the fight against sprawl - at no cost to you!



To join the program, just mail in the order form below with your check. You'll get EarthCash vouchers of equal value for the stores you select. Then you spend the vouchers (accepted nationwide) just as if they're cash. You can return unused vouchers for a refund if you're not completely satisfied.

For more information, please contact Michael Sklar by phone at (734) 717-8040 or by email at [mssklar@comcast.net](mailto:mssklar@comcast.net).

*"I use EarthCash vouchers. I haven't changed what I buy or where I shop. But now we're contributing over \$200 each year to make our community a better place. It's easy, and it doesn't cost us a penny."*

- Gwen Nystuen

## Sierra Club/Huron Valley Group "Shopping for the Earth" Order Form

Indicate the number of EarthCash vouchers you want by dollar amount for each store below, and enclose your check payable to "Sierra Club-Huron Valley Group." Total order (\$500 maximum): \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100
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<b>Whole Foods</b> (and affiliated stores)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ann Arbor People's Food Co-op</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Busch's</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Farmer Jack</b> (and affiliated stores)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Holiday Market</b> (Royal Oak)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Borders Books &amp; Music</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you shop at **Meijer**, you can also contribute through the Meijer Community Rewards program. To enroll and learn how to maximize your contribution, please contact Michael Sklar -- or go to [www.meijer.com/rewards](http://www.meijer.com/rewards), and designate 100% of your donation to go to organization code **883330**.

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 Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Your Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**  
 Michael Sklar  
 10404 Kingston Avenue  
 Huntington Woods, MI 48070  
 (Your personal data will not be shared)

# Group Meetings & Programs

WWW.MICHIGAN.SIERRACLUB.ORG/GROUPS.HTML

Outings, political and conservation activities and general interest meetings are hosted regularly by groups throughout the state. There are numerous ways to get involved in your local group. Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Contact group chairs (page 23) or those listed below. Up-to-the-minute outings and activities may be found on group websites or on the Mackinac Chapter website at [www.michigan.sierraclub.org](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org). [E] = educational content, [C] = conservation focus.

## 2004 Executive Committee Meetings

The Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee (Ex-Com) meets quarterly at locations around the state. Contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz at the Chapter office for details. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**SUMMER:** July 24-25, Upper Peninsula, Location TBA  
**FALL:** Saturday, October 2, Lansing  
**WINTER:** January 15-16, 2005

## AG: Algonquin Group

Interested in helping to build an active Group or want information about the Sierra Club in this area? Contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, 517-484-2372.

## CMG: Central Michigan Group

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 5:30pm for supper (small donation requested), monthly meeting at 6:15pm, 3rd Monday. Harris Nature Center, off Van Atta Rd in Meridian Twp. Pete Pasterz, 517-676-3339.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** 5:30pm monthly, 2nd Monday. Maria Lapinski-LaFaive, 517-374-4444 or [mlapinsk@wmich.edu](mailto:mlapinsk@wmich.edu).

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** monthly, 1st Monday. Jerry Schuur, 517-351-7796.

**OUTINGS COMMITTEE:** Michelle Mickelson, 517-339-6192 or [michelle\\_mickelson@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle_mickelson@yahoo.com).

## CUP: Central Upper Peninsula Group

*Central and western counties in the Upper Peninsula*

**GENERAL MEETINGS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** 7pm in Community Room, Peter White Library, Marquette. John Rebers, 906-228-3617 or [jrebers@nmu.edu](mailto:jrebers@nmu.edu).

**CUP GROUP NEWS & OUTINGS:** Mail \$5 for newsletter subscription to Sierra Club, 338 West Crescent, Marquette, MI 49855.

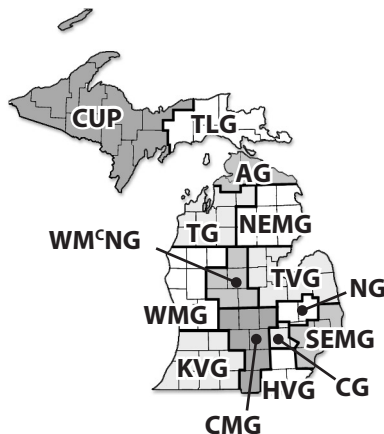
**OUTINGS:** Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com).

## CG: Crossroads Group

[www.michigan.sierraclub.org/xroads](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/xroads)  
*Livingston, southern Genesee & western Oakland counties*

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 7pm 4th Wednesday May, July, September at Brighton Public Library, 200 Orndorff Dr, Brighton.

5/26 Michigan Butterflies



## Group boundaries of the Mackinac Chapter Sierra Club

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** Meets monthly. Emily Gobright, Conservation Chair, [emily@ismi.net](mailto:emily@ismi.net) or 517-548-0595.

**OUTINGS COMMITTEE:** Co-chairs Cheryl McConnell, [mcconnell\\_cheryl@yahoo.com](mailto:mcconnell_cheryl@yahoo.com), 517-552-1464 or Ron Smith, [rsmith9999@aol.com](mailto:rsmith9999@aol.com) or 734-878-3689.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Meets monthly. Co-Chairs Rick Pearsall, [rick@pearsall.com](mailto:rick@pearsall.com) or 810-227-6298; Karen Pierce, 810-227-8521 or [pierce@hartland.k12.mi.us](mailto:pierce@hartland.k12.mi.us).

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Lorne Beatty, [lbeatty@bluechip-tech.com](mailto:lbeatty@bluechip-tech.com) or 810-632-7766.

## HVG: Huron Valley Group

[www.mirror.org/groups/mi-enviro](http://www.mirror.org/groups/mi-enviro)  
**HVG Hotline at 734-480-7751**

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 7:30pm monthly, 3rd Tuesday, at UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor. Free and open to the public. Non-members welcome!

5/18 "You Are What You Eat: Making Food Choices That Promote Healthy Farms, Communities, and Environment" Presented by Marty Heller, C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems.

6/15 "This Land is Your Land – Or Is It? What 500,000 acres of Mineral Rights Can Do to the U.P." Presented by Cynthia Prior, Executive Director, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve.

7/20 "Gardens, Trails, and Prairies: Three Tours of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens"

**HVG BOOK CLUB:** 7:30pm monthly, 2nd Tuesday at Nicola's Books in Westgate Shopping Center, Ann Arbor. Read books about nature or the environment on your own and then discuss them in a small group. Parma Yarkin, 734-332-0207.

5/11 *Plan B* by Lester Brown

6/8 *The Trees in my Forest* by Bernt Heinrich (tentative selection)

7/14 Call for book selection.

8/10 Call for book selection.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING:** Meets 7pm monthly, 4th Monday. Call Nancy Shiffler, 734-971-1157 or Bill Rodgers, 734-769-0163 for location.

## KVG: Kalamazoo Valley Group

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 7pm monthly, 3rd Wednesday, at Kalamazoo Public Library, Oshtemo Branch, 7265 W Main. Verne Mills, 269-344-4279 (e), 269-488-4268 (d) or [vmills@kvcc.edu](mailto:vmills@kvcc.edu).

5/19 Keeping in Touch with Your Chapter. Mackinac Chapter Director Ann Woiwode will speak on the chapter's priorities & most recent activities.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** 7:30pm monthly, 2nd Wed. Chair, Paul Haas, 269-664-5417 or [paulhs@aol.com](mailto:paulhs@aol.com).

## NG: Nepessing Group

[www.michigan.sierraclub.org/nepessing](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/nepessing)

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 2nd Wed each month, 7pm, Mott Community College, 1401 E. Court St., Flint, Prah Center, Genesee Room. Guest speaker each month. Refreshments served.

**OUTINGS:** Dave Mansfield, 810-658-0406, [mansfieldd@chartermi.net](mailto:mansfieldd@chartermi.net).

## NEMG: Northeast Michigan Group

Interested in helping to build an active Group or want information about the Sierra Club in this area? Contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, 517-484-2372.

## SEMG: Southeast Michigan Group

[www.michigan.sierraclub.org/semg](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/semg)

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 6:30 or 7pm monthly Sept-June, 1st Thursday, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. Carol Izant, 248-352-6137 or [cogknot@yahoo.com](mailto:cogknot@yahoo.com).



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** 7:30pm monthly, 2nd Thursday at 2727 Second Avenue, Detroit. Jim Nash, 248-471-3759 or nashlibdem@msn.com.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** Monthly meetings. 2727 Second Avenue, Detroit. Mary LaFrance, 734-282-6935,

**OUTINGS COMMITTEE:** Quarterly planning meetings. Outings Chair Philip Crookshank, 313-562-1873 or wanderphil3@netzero.net; Outings Coordinator Joanne Cantoni, 248-932-5370.

**6/12** Outings Scheduling Meeting & Potluck. 6 pm. Please come if you are interested in leading or learning about leading outings. Non-committee members welcome. Plan outings for Sep-Dec. Liz, 313-581-7579.

**POLITICAL COMMITTEE:** 6:30pm monthly, last Thursday. Jimi's Restaurant on Washington, one block north of Lincoln (10-1/2 Mile), Royal Oak. Tim Killeen, Political Chair, 313-526-4052 or timk@bikerider.com.

**TLG: Three Lakes Group**  
*Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac and Schoolcraft counties*

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** monthly Sept-May, 1st Wednesday, at Walker Cisler Center on the Lake Superior State University campus. Roger Blanchard, 906-253-9316 or rblanchard@LSSU.edu.

**BUSINESS MEETINGS:** monthly in Sault Ste Marie. Floyd Byerly, 906-632-0218.

**OUTINGS:** Roger Blanchard, 906-253-9316 or rblanchard@LSSU.edu.

**TVG: Thumb Valley Group**  
Interested in helping to build an active Group or want information about the Sierra Club in this area? Contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, 517-484-2372.

**TG: Traverse Group**  
[www.michigan.sierraclub.org/traverse](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/traverse)

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 4th Tuesday, 7-9pm. Traverse Area District Library (relocated June-August to outside venues). Our group is frequently involved in community forums, informational meetings concerning local

environmental issues & special educational events. Call Monica for information and events, 231-325-6812.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** 2nd Sunday of each month at Horizon Books.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** Meets as decided by the committee. Monica, 231-325-6812.

**POLITICAL COMMITTEE:** Jim Stricko, 231-275-7596.

**OUTINGS COMMITTEE:** Andrea Dean, 213-947-9334.

**WMcNG: Wakelin McNeel Group**  
<http://michigan.sierraclub.org/wakelin-mcneel>

For information about the Sierra Club in this area, contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, 517-484-2372.

**WMG: West Michigan Group**  
[www.westmichigansierraclub.org](http://www.westmichigansierraclub.org)

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 6pm monthly, 2nd Thursday. Downtown YMCA, 33 Library NE, Grand Rapids. Marty Lore, 616-682-1316.

**OUTINGS COMMITTEE:** Lisa Symons, Greensymons@yahoo.com.



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# Mackinac Chapter Outings

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**Abbreviations in capital letters signify the group planning the outing. Refer to the Group Meetings map, page 16, to determine a group's location. [E] = educational content, [C] = conservation focus, [T] = trail maintenance. Trips begin at the trailhead. Fees are a suggested donation. Outings are open to everyone. More detailed outing descriptions may be found at <http://michigan.sierraclub.org> or at individual group websites. All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to: [www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms), or contact the Outings Department at 415-977-5528 for a printed version.**

## May

**5/14-17 SEMG Grand Island Backpack.** Backpack scenic island in wildflower season. Moderate difficulty, some backpacking experience desirable. Must provide own equipment/meals. Ferry/camp fees approx. \$30. Meet 7:30am Fri at Dogpatch restaurant in Munising. Reservations required by 5/1. Mary Powell, 810-732-3884 or powell\_mm@hotmail.com. [E]

**5/14-16 WMG Backyard ECO Conference, Mystic Lake YMCA Camp, Clare County.** 9 enviro speakers covering topics from Perrier water plant to wind mills in MI. Rita Jack from Sierra club will be a featured speaker. Hiking, socializing, speakers & workshops. Registration \$55. Optional cabin rental/food passes available. Children's activities available. Lisa Symons, 231-942-6549 or greensymons@yahoo.com.

**5/15 HVG Freedom Township Potluck & Wildflower Hike/Open House.** Explore ravines & marshes for trillium & trout lilies on this privately owned property. Learn about landowner's solar home. Wear long pants/hiking boots. Call Tom Tuer & Joan Paskewitz for directions, 734-428-0887.

**5/15-16 NG Hoist Lakes Backpacking.** Moderate. Meet Sat 9:30am at trailhead, Hoist Lakes foot area parking lot on M-65. N of Glennie. 9mi on Sat, 6mi on Sun. \$5 recreation fee permit required (purchase at Glennie Party Store). Don Persson, 810-257-7441 (D), 810-695-0516(E) or donald.persson@delphi.com. [E]

**5/15 NG Otter Lake Hike.** 10am. 6mi. Moderate. Dogs allowed. State Park vehicle permit required. Restaurant stop. Terry Lemmer, 810-732-9902.

**5/15 SEMG Detroit Riverfront Tour.** 1pm. Tour Detroit Riverfront Development & river's edge with a focus on conservation of this great resource, transit issues, maintaining green space, & the greenways project. See the "Dequindre Cut," the last rail link to downtown Detroit. Meet at Stoney Creek Brew Pub parking lot, Joseph Campau St. Optional lunch. Ed McArdle, 313-388-6645. [C, E]

**5/15 TG Wildflower Walk at Empire Bluffs.** 10am. Meet at National Park Trailhead for Empire Bluff on Wilco Road 1mi S of Empire. Annual hike led by Pam Smith, our own wildflower expert. Pam Smith, psmith@glec-tc.com.

**5/15 WMG Hardy Dam Hike.** Moderate paced 3mi hike on beautiful trail at Hardy Dam along the Muskegon River. Meet at W River Dr carpool lot at 10am. Bring lunch. RSVP by 5/13. Kathy Carlile, 616-453-4085 or Sharon Wilson, 616-532-0753.

**5/16 SEMG Holly State Park Hike.** Noon. 5mi/mod-paced. Explore thick forests, rolling hills & lakes left by the glaciers. Meet in Troy behind the Std Fed Bank on 14 Mile Rd. Restaurant stop after. Call if questionable weather. Sudha Chhaya, 248-219-3326.

**5/22 CG Island Lake Recreation Area Clean Up.** Annual clean up of Island Lake Recreation Area. Rick Pearsall, 810-227-6298 or rick@pearsall.com.

**5/22-23 NG Black River Backcountry Canoe/Kayak/Camping.** Moderate difficulty, intermediate skill level. Meet Sat 9am at Pigeon Bridge in Vanderbilt. Beautiful scenery, some moderately fast water, & trout fishing. Chris Ozminski, 810-417-6727 or COZ@tir.com.

**5/22 SEMG Huron River Canoe/Hike.** 10am. From Heavners at Proud Lake, paddle upstream to the bridge. 3mi hike through forests of wildflowers. Lunch on edge of river. Gentle float back. \$18 fee due by 5/15. Bring lunch, water clothes, dry land clothes & a smile. Phil Crookshank, 313-562-1873 or wanderphil3@netzero.net [E]

**5/22 TG Kehl Lake Natural Area Hike.** 2pm. 1mi easy hike through mixed lowland hardwood/northern conifer forest along lakeshore. Spring wildflowers in abundance. Meet at Leelanau Conservancy's Kehl Lake parking lot. To register contact Dr. John D. Schultz (Jack), nwoodpc@chartermi.net or 231-275-6735.

**5/22-31 CUPG 18th Annual Canadian Backpacking Expedition (Agawa Canyon).** For the fit, equipped, & expert-level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com/trips.htm>. Michael Neiger, mneiger@hotmail.com.

**5/23 HVG Point Peele Hike Day trip into Canada.** Hiking & bird watching along various trails in this scenic park. Bring sack lunch & binoculars. Tom Moran, 734-424-1222.

**5/23 SEMG Metro Beach Excursion.** Noon. Tour forest, wetlands, ponds & St. Clair lakefront. 4-5mi, mod-paced easy hike. Stops for viewing flora & fauna. Meet in main parking lot by Nature Center, Metropolitan Beach Metropark. Optional restaurant stop. Jo Ellen Lane, 586-773-3104; Joanne Cantoni, 248-932-5370.

**5/23 WMG Muskegon River Kayak/Canoe.** 2pm. 2.5hr float down the Muskegon River with licensed Riverkeeper, Bill Rude. Rentals available at meeting point at Wizners landing, Newaygo. RSVP to Bill, 231-652-6594 or billrude@dantaylor.org.

**5/28-31 HVG North Manitou Island Service Trip.** Spend Memorial Day weekend on North Manitou Island, part of the Sleeping Bear Dune National Lakeshore. Ferry to island on Fri, work on Sat, play on Sun, ferry back on Mon. Enjoy sand dunes, wildflower meadows, forests & unspoiled beaches. \$48 per person includes ferry to island/all meals. Trip limit: 16. Denny Burr, 734-482-9686. [C]

**5/29-31 NG Manistee River Trail Backpacking.** Difficult. Meet Sat 9:30am at Seaton Creek Campground trailhead near Yuma. 8mi Sat, 12mi Sun, 3mi Mon. Reservations required. Don Persson, 810-257-7441 (D), 810-695-0516 (E) or donald.persson@delphi.com.

**ATTENTION OUTINGS PARTICIPANTS:** Receive once-a-month email announcements of upcoming outings by joining the Mackinac Chapter Outings News List. Go to [www.sierraclub.org/memberlists](http://www.sierraclub.org/memberlists) to subscribe—the list name is MI-OUTINGS-NEWS.

**ATTENTION OUTINGS LEADERS:** Join an email discussion list for Mackinac Chapter Outings Leaders. Simply go to [www.sierraclub.org/memberlists](http://www.sierraclub.org/memberlists) to subscribe—the list name is MI-OUTINGS-LEADERS-FORUM.



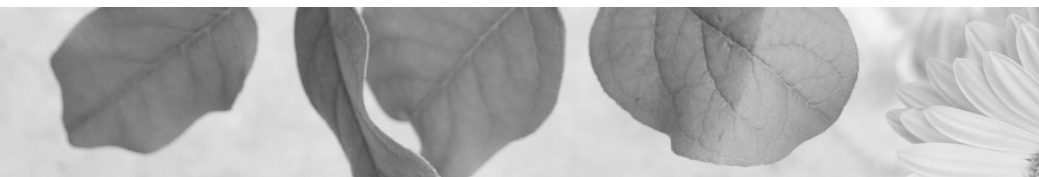


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**5/29 NG Crim Hike.** 10am. Urban hike on hard pavement. Meet at the University pavilion at Saginaw & Kearsley. Mike Haley, 810-686-6354 or thaley@gfn.org.

**5/29 WMG Ludington State Park Hike.** Moderate 11mi hike from state park entrance to light house & back. Meet at the end of M116 at 10am. Bring lunch & water. RSVP to Mary Payne, 231-773-6986, or Dave Sheldon, 231-689-1584 or shelly@riverview.net.

## June

**6/3 CMG Tour of Giving Tree Farm.** 15433 Turner Road, Lansing. 7pm. An organic farm that employs disabled people & sells produce to E. Lansing Food Co-op. Shares of organic farm are available for purchase. NO PETS. Michelle Mickelson, 517-887-1539 or michelle\_mickelson@yahoo.com.

**6/4 CG Friday Evening Fitness Hikes.** 1st/3rd Fri of each month on Livingston Co trails. 5:30pm. Cheryl McConnell, 517-552-1464 or mcconnell\_cheryl@yahoo.com.

**6/5 CG Butterfly Hike at Island Lake.** Rick Pearsall, 810-227-6298 or rick@pearsall.com. [E]

**6/5 SEMG Lower Huron Metropark Bike.** 10am. 23mi on paved bike trail through three Metroparks on Lower Huron River. Meet at Tulip Tree picnic area in Lower Huron Metropark. Ride roundtrip to Nature Center at Oakwoods. Call before 8:45 if weather is questionable. Bring trail lunch/water. Mary Stoolmiller, 248-879-6004.

**6/5 WMG Trails Day Hike.** Join the NCTA & fellow Sierra Club members to celebrate trails day at this annual event in Lowell. Dolli Lutes, 231-247-1673 or lutesd@gvsu.edu.

**6/6 NG Hogback Hills Hike.** 1pm. 5mi. Difficult. Meet at fishing parking lot near 12406 E. Stanley Rd., 3mi E of M-15. Restaurant stop. Gloria Bublitz, 810-664-0304 or glorypepper@yahoo.com.

**6/6 SEMG Island Lake Canoe.** 10am. 3hr canoe trip below the dam, Island Lake State Rec Area. Kingfishers/great blue herons abound. Dress for weather; bring dry bag for extra clothes & picnic lunch. \$18 canoe fee due by 5/24 to 32856 Harmon Dr, Roseville, MI, 48066. Lee Becker, 586-294-7789.

**6/12-13 NG Shingle Mill Pathway Beginners' Backpacking.** Meet Sat 9:30am at trailhead in Vanderbilt. Backpack 7mi Sat & 4mi Sun. Easy, flat, beautiful trail. Don Persson, 810-257-7441 (D), 810-695-0516 (E) or donald.persson@delphi.com.

**6/11 HVG Friday Night Hike.** Meet at Trestle Park, Adrian, 6:30pm. Casual 7mi hike on Kiwanis Trail just off M-52. Leslie Carpenter, denali@tc3net.com.

**6/11-13 HVG Au Sable Canoe Trip.** Canoe downstream both days & camp at same spot both nights

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**6/12 HVG Garden Tour.** 10am Meet at Ann Arbor City Hall parking lot. Hike amongst spring flowers & landscapes on MSU campus in E Lansing. Bring sack lunch. Cancelled if rain. Kathy Guerreso, 734-677-0823. [E]

**6/12 TG Sand Lakes Quiet Area Hike.** 11am. 8mi or less hike in beautiful preserve just east of Traverse City. Take M72 E to Broomhead Rd. Right 4mi. Meet at the primary trailhead parking lot. Peggy Fry, peggyfry@aol.com.

**6/12-13 SEMG High Country Pathway Backpack.** Linear, 2-day, 18mi backpack. Meet Sat 9am at Clear Lake State Park. End Sun afternoon at Town Corner State Forest Campground. Hills & water crossings. May see elk! Bring gear/food for 2 days. Water filter, ability to carry 2qts of water a must! Limit 6. Reserve by 5/29. Cost \$22. John Calandra, 248-391-8973 or johndcal@comcast.net.

**6/12 KVG Yankee Springs Hike & Camping.** 10am. Easy 4mi hike on the Deep Lake trail in Yankee Springs Rec Area. Meet at Deep Lake parking area/rustic campground entrance off Yankee Springs Rd. Car/tent camping Sat. RSVP Brad, 296-344-5613.

**6/12 WMG Deerfield Park Hike.** 10am. 5mi hike in Deerfield Park near Mt Pleasant. Sights include covered bridge & wire bridge. Bring lunch & water. RSVP to Mary Payne, 231-773-6986, or Dave Sheldon, 231-689-1584 or shelly@riverview.net.

**6/13 SEMG Heritage Park Hike.** 6pm. Identify the evening birds in the meadow areas on this moderate paced 4-mile walk. Bring binoculars/field guides. Meet in Farmington Hills Heritage Park visitor center lot. Opt ice cream stop after. Call if questionable weather. Jeanne Mercier, 313-581-6648. [E]

**6/20 SEMG Proud Lake SRA Hike.** 1pm. Explore this seldom visited eastern area of Proud Lake SRA, N & S of Wise Rd. Some off trail travel/stream crossings. Dress accordingly. Map/compass instruction provided. Meet Bloomfield Twp, Costco parking lot on Telegraph. Milton French, 313-295-6321. [E]

**6/24-27 SEMG North Manitou Island Backpack.** Moderate difficulty, some backpacking experience desirable. Camp at different spot each night. View Sleeping Bear shoreline. Swim. Must provide own equipment/meals. Meet 7am at ferry dock in Leland. \$40 Ferry/camping fee due by 6/12. Reservations required. Limit 8. Mary Powell 810-732-3884, powell\_mm@hotmail.com. [E]

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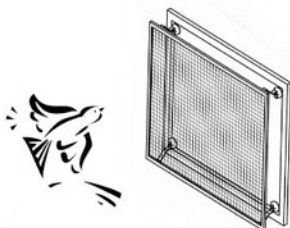
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a barbecue dinner, drinks & dessert. Afterwards; canoe across Kent Lake to listen to concert performance by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Return by dark. Canoe experience necessary. Cost \$18 for H-I members, \$20 for non. Registration required before June 14. Call the council office, 248-545-0511.

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**6/26 TG Dunes Trail Hike.** 1pm. Sleeping Bear trail map hike #9. A strange experience: hike from desert to woodland. Meet at Sleeping Bear Visitors' Center. Monica Evans, 231-325-6812 or [imagine@betsievalley.net](mailto:imagine@betsievalley.net).

**6/27 SEMG Highland State Rec. Area Hike, Picnic, Swim.** 1:30pm. Enjoy a 4mi hike in this hilly park followed by a lakeside picnic. Swimming is available afterwards. Bring food to barbeque, lunch & drinks. Meet in Costco parking lot in Bloomfield Twp. Liz Allingham, 313-581-7579.

## July

**7/1-11 CUPG Lake Superior Shoreline Backpacking.** (Lake Superior Provincial Park Coastal Trail) Leisurely pace over challenging route; 100% on-trail; food cache at halfway point. For the fit, equipped & intermediate level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com) & Mary Powell, [powell\\_mm@hotmail.com](mailto:powell_mm@hotmail.com).

**7/7 CMG Fitzgerald Park Hike.** 133 Fitzgerald Park Dr, Grand Ledge. No park entry fee. Meet at entrance, 7pm. Dogs on 6ft or shorter leash allowed. Tour the ledges, nature trails & recycling process loop. Michelle Mickelson, 517-887-1539 or [michelle\\_mickelson@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle_mickelson@yahoo.com).

**7/10 SEMG Metro Park Bikeway.** 9:30am. Explore part of bikeway that we've never been on. Meet at NE corner of Sears lot at 16 mile & Crocker Rd. Bike to Metrobeach, explore park/waterfront trails. Possibly to Mt Clemens & back. Bring water, snacks, helmets. Restaurant stop after. Call if questionable weather. Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984. [E]

**7/11 NG Flint River Kayak & Canoe.** 1pm. 4hr, easy paddle. Bring your own boat. Possible portages. Meet at Holloway Dam canoe access by 12:30. Gloria Bublitz, 810-664-0304 or [glorypepper@yahoo.com](mailto:glorypepper@yahoo.com).

**7/11 SEMG Timberland Swamp Hike.** 1pm. Mostly off-trail/stream crossings. Dress accordingly. Practice navigation by map, compass & GPS. This area is the headwaters of the Huron River, which flows through Ann Arbor & into Lake Erie at Point Mouillee. 2hr exploration followed by an optional restaurant stop. Meet in Costco parking lot, Bloomfield Twp. Milton French, 313-295-6321. [E]

**7/11-20 TLG Quetico Provincial Park Canoe Adventure.** From Nym Lake to Kawnipi Lake & back. Numer-

ous waterfalls & rapids including Grand Rapids, Chatterton Falls, Split Rock Falls & Snake Falls. May see moose, bear, wolves, cougars, beaver, fishers, caribou, martin & deer. Excellent fishing. \$150/person. Limit 8. Reservation required. Roger Blanchard, 906-253-9316 or [rblanchard@LSSU.edu](mailto:rblanchard@LSSU.edu).

**7/17 SEMG Proud Lake Picnic & Moonlight Hike.** 6:30pm. Bring entrée to cook, beverage & dish to pass. Fire provided. Afterwards explore 4mi of trails, leaving at dusk/returning 10pm. Bring a flashlight. Meet at Proud Lake State Rec Area, Powers Beach Parking lot. Philip Crookshank, 313-562-1873. [E]

**7/18 HVG Adopt-A-Highway Service Outing.** Meet 9:15am, Big Boy parking lot on N side of Plymouth Rd, W of US23. Leisurely paced hike/clean up. Finish 12:15pm. Sue Stickel, 734-485-0948. [C]

**7/22 SEMG Rouge River Ramble.** 6pm. Discover the new jewel of Southfield on this evening Urban ramble. 3mi along planned canoe route & back. Indulge at Big Boy's afterward. Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984. [E]

**7/24 NG Sierra Club Picnic at Ligon Outdoor Center.** 12-5pm. 5213 E. Farrand Rd, Clio. Share food & fun at this potluck. Denny Crispell, 989-624-5038.

**7/24 SEMG Chrysler Canada Greenway Biking.** 9:30am. 25mi round trip from Harrow to Ruthven. Interesting & educational spin on Essex County's multi-use rail to trail. Lunch at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens. Meet at Ontario Tourist Office, Huron Church Rd, S of Ambassador Bridge. Bring birth cert/passport & photo ID. Jean Mercier, 313-581-6648 or Nancy Ward, 313-562-3210. [E]

**7/25 CMG Sunset Stroll at Lake Lansing Park North.** 6260 East Lake Dr, Haslett. No park entry fee. Meet at entrance at 7pm. Dogs on <6ft leash allowed. Hike nature trails, then head to Cone Zone for ice cream. Sit on beach at Lake Lansing Park S to watch sunset. Michelle Mickelson, 517-887-1539 or [michelle\\_mickelson@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle_mickelson@yahoo.com).

**7/27-8/4 HVG Isle Royale Backpack Trip.** Still one of the most remote areas in Michigan. The natural beauty of this island is an absolute pleasure. \$220 trip cost includes ferry, fees & meals. Some group equipment provided. Limit 10. Nancy Shiffler, 734-971-1157.

**7/30-8/3 CUPG Lake Superior Island Shoreline Backpacking.** (Grand Island National Recreation Area). Leisurely pace; on-trail route. For the fit, equipped & intermediate level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com).

**7/31 SEMG Lake Erie MetroPark Explorer.** 10am. View the famed American Lotus in bloom & large water birds as we explore the nature trails & walk the lakefront. Easy, level, 2mi walk. Bring binocu-



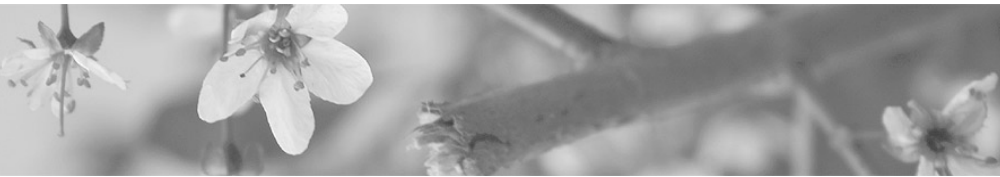


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lars, water, trail lunch. Meet behind the Dearborn Centennial Library. Ed McArdle, 313-388-6645 or ecoed@netzero.net. [E]

## August

**8/1-7 TLG North Country Trail Backpack Adventure.** Lake Superior shoreline from Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to Two Hearted River. Cost <\$50/person. Limit 10. Roger Blanchard, 906-253-9316 or rblanchard@LSSU.edu.

**8/4 SEMG Zoo Picnic & Hike.** See everything from alligators to polar bears on this moderately-paced walk around the outer edge of the zoo. Picnic lunch, then tour exhibits 'til closing at 8 pm. Meet at zoo admission gate, 5:30. Bring lunch; dress for the weather. Cindy Gunnip, 248-336-2984.

**8/6-8 NG Lake Superior Provincial Park-Lady Evelyn Falls Backpacking.** Remote Wilderness. Moderate with light bushwhacking. Meet 11am Fri at Sand River Rd canoe take-out 2hrs N of Sault Ste Marie. Route follows old overgrown logging roads. Spectacular scenery, solitude & trout fishing. Provincial Park fees. Chris Ozminski, 810-417-6727 or COZ@tir.com

**8/8 SEMG Lyon Oaks Hike.** Noon. Explore 4-5mi of this new Oakland Co Park. Bring field guides or binoculars if you have them. Meet in Southfield behind the Marathon station at Tel-12 Mall. Restaurant stop after. Kathy Lane, 248-813-1661 or Lee Becker, 586-294-7789. [E]

**8/15-25 HVG Trail Construction Service Outing.** Build/maintain trails in Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park, part of the North Country National Scenic Trail. All meals provided by chef with a national reputation for excellent cuisine. \$10 per day for food. [www.northcountrytrail.org/pwf/sierra.html](http://www.northcountrytrail.org/pwf/sierra.html). Trail information: Doug Welker 906-338-2680, [dwelker@up.net](mailto:dwelker@up.net). Info/sign up for outing: Ralph Powell, 734-971-9013 or [rpowell6@emich.edu](mailto:rpowell6@emich.edu). [C]

**8/15 SEMG Seven Lakes Hike, Picnic & Swim.** 9am. State park is only 45 minutes from the metro area. Moderately paced 6mi hike over varied habitat & hilly terrain. Bring picnic lunch/swimsuit. Meet 9am at CVS Parking lot, Woodward & Square Lake Rd or at park at 9:45. John Herrgott, 248-766-9575.

**8/20-23 NG AuTrain River Camp & Canoe.** Easy car camp on shore of AuTrain Lake at the AuTrain Lake National Forest Campground in the UP, 10mi W of Munising. Meet 5pm Fri at the campground. Campsites are first come/first served. Good fishing for northern pike, walleye & perch. Sat, canoe across lake & downriver to Lake Superior (10mi/4-6hrs). Sun hike the Bluebird trail & hang out at the beach. Canoe rental available. Limit 12. Reservations required by

8/1/04. Leader: Lynn Livingston, 586-795-1678.

**8/21 SEMG Toledo Botanical Garden.** 10am. Enjoy summer's flowers in all their glory. Pioneer homestead & artists' guilds add to the day's pleasure. Lunch available on site. Bring sunscreen/hat! Meet in Southfield behind Tell-12 Mall Marathon station. Joanne Cantoni, 248-932-5370.

**8/22-25 NG Picture Rock National Park Service Outing.** 12 Mile Beach Campground. Park Ranger puts us to work on various projects. Dress for work. Denny Crispell, 989-624-5038.

**8/23-29 TLG White River Canoe Adventure.** Canoe upper stretch of wildest river in the Great Lakes region. Numerous rapids/short portages. From town of White River to White Lake Provincial Park. Approx cost <\$150/person. Limit 8. Reservation required. Roger Blanchard, 906-253-9316, [rblanchard@LSSU.edu](mailto:rblanchard@LSSU.edu) or [blanchard@nku.edu](mailto:blanchard@nku.edu).

**8/27-29 NG Grand Island Backpacking.** Moderate 27mi. Ferry departs from Grand Island Landing on M-28 4mi W of blinking light in Munising. Reservations required. Round trip ferry is \$15. James Ledtke, 989-624-9195 or [jpbkey@aol.com](mailto:jpbkey@aol.com).

## September

**9/4-12 CUPG 18th Annual (Fall) Canadian Backpacking Expedition.** Fall Color Tour (Agawa Canyon, Agawa Falls, Mount Kawagama, Lake Superior Provincial Park, Montreal River). For the fit, equipped & expert-level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com).

## October

**10/1-5 CUPG Pictured Rocks area backpacking (Munising).** For the fit, equipped, intermediate level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com).

## November

**11/5-8 CUPG North Country Trail area backpacking (St. Ignace).** For the fit, equipped, intermediate level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com).

## December

**12/3-6 CUPG High Country Pathway area winter-camping backpacking (Gaylord).** For the fit, equipped, intermediate level. More at <http://therucksack.tripod.com>. Michael Neiger, [mneiger@hotmail.com](mailto:mneiger@hotmail.com).

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# In a Nutshell: Environmental Talking Points

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**Help Sierra Club members spread the word about current Bush administration environmental policies that favor industry and polluters. Cut this article out and post it where people at work or home can see it. (Visit <http://michigan.sierraclub.org/talkingpoints> for a printer-friendly PDF).**

## **THE BUSH ADMIN'S "CLEAR SKIES": BAD FOR AIR, BAD FOR PEOPLE**

**Since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, air quality has improved in many regions of our country. However, even after 30 years of progress, more than 130 million Americans continue to breathe unhealthy air. Rather than strengthening air quality laws, the Bush administration's "Clear Skies" weakens air quality rules, leading to more pollution and more lung diseases such as asthma.**

-  Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) is a major contributor to smog, linked to asthma and lung disease. Current Clean Air Act programs could reduce NOx pollution levels to 1.25 million tons by 2010. But the Bush administration plan calls for loosening the cap on NOx pollution to 2.1 million tons by 2008—effectively allowing 68 percent more NOx pollution.
-  Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) is the major contributor to acid rain and soot. Clean Air Act programs could reduce SO<sub>2</sub> pollution levels to 2 million tons by 2012. The Bush administration plan weakens protections, allowing 4.5 million tons of SO<sub>2</sub> by 2010—a staggering 225 percent more SO<sub>2</sub> pollution!
-  Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions cause global warming. Despite repeated claims during the 2000 Presidential election that he would put forth legislation addressing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the Bush administration's "Clear Skies" plan has failed to set any limits.
-  By the 15th year of the Bush plan: 450,000 more tons of NOx, one million more tons of SO<sub>2</sub> and 9.5 more tons of mercury would be allowed than under strong enforcement of existing Clean Air Act programs.
-  "Clear Skies" delays the enforcement of public health standards for smog and soot until the end of 2015.
-  The Bush plan even restricts the power of states to call for an end to pollution from upwind sources in other states. "Clear Skies" prohibits any petitions of this sort from even being implemented before 2012.

**For more information on the Bush administration's environmental record, or on air quality in general, see the following web sites:**

- **Sierra Club:** [www.sierraclub.org/wwatch/cleanair](http://www.sierraclub.org/wwatch/cleanair)
- **Natural Resources Defense Council:** [www.nrdc.org/air/pollution/default.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/air/pollution/default.asp)
- **Environmental Defense:** [www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org) (search under "Washington Watch")
- **American Lung Association:** [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org) (under "Air Quality")
- **Environmental Protection Agency:** [www.epa.gov/airnow](http://www.epa.gov/airnow)

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