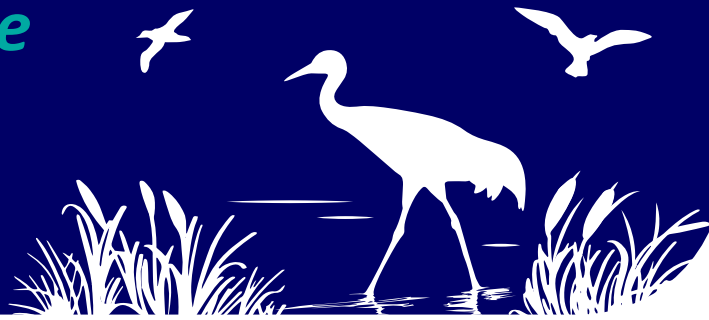


2022 State of the Bay Conference

September 22, 2022

Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center
1 Wenona Park Place, Bay City, Michigan



Agenda

8:00AM—8:30AM Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30AM—9:15AM Welcome/Introduction

Location: Grand Ballroom Salon C&D

Opening Remarks: Michael Kelly, The Conservation Fund/Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network

Welcome: Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive

Keynote: Tim Eder, C.S. Mott Foundation / Great Lakes Commission (ret), Board Member: Great Lakes Protection Fund

9:15AM—10:15AM Breakout Session I

Making Education Partnerships Work

Location: Wheeler Room

Speakers: Michelle Vander Haar, United States Fish and Wildlife Service; Jenn Kirts, Chippewa Nature Center, Schoolyard Habitat Grant Project; Mandy Liddle, Frankenmuth St. Lorenz School; Tina Pretzer, Bullock Creek Schools

Moderator: Meaghan Gass, Michigan Sea Grant

New Places to Play in the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Location: Davidson 1&2

Speakers: Brian Keenan-Lechel, Saginaw County Parks, Saginaw Headwaters Park; Natalie Pruett, Consultant, C.S. Mott Foundation, Creating a State Park in Flint; Brad Jensen, Huron Pines, Lake Huron Coastal Preserve

Moderator: Jonathan Jarosz, Heart of the Lakes

Floods, Fish and Feathers – The Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge: Gateway to the Bay

Location: Davidson 3&4

Speakers: Eric Dunton, United States Fish and Wildlife Service; Kallie Rush, Ducks Unlimited; Eliza Lugten, United States Fish and Wildlife Service; Sasha Bozimowski, United States Geological Survey

Moderator: Jane Fitzpatrick, East Michigan Council of Governments

10:15AM—10:30AM Break

10:30AM—11:45AM Breakout Session II

Building the Saginaw Bay Report Card and Data Collection Project

Location: Davidson 1&2

Speakers: David Karpovich, Saginaw Valley State University; Tami Sivy, Saginaw Valley State University; Gust Annis, The Nature Conservancy; Doug Pearsall, The Nature Conservancy

Moderator: Charlie Bauer, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

Tittabawassee and Saginaw River Damage Assessment and Restoration Update

Location: Wheeler Room

Speakers: Lisa Williams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Damage Assessment Update; Diane Russell, Environmental Protection Agency; Dioxin Cleanup Status

Moderator: Laura Ogar, Bay County Department of Environmental Affairs

Let's Go Fishing – Saginaw Bay Fisheries Update

Location: Davidson 3&4

Speakers: Brenda Archambo, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Saginaw Bay Sturgeon Restoration Project; Jeff Jolley, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Saginaw Bay Fishery Update

Moderator: Meaghan Gass, Michigan Sea Grant

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11:45AM—12:00PM Break

12:00PM—1:00PM Lunch

Discussion Title: Rivers Are Life

Location: Grand Ballroom Salon C & D

Speaker: Zach Green, President, BeAlive Studios

Introduction: Jonathan Jarosz, Heart of the Lakes

1:00PM—2:15PM Breakout Session III

School Partnerships for Water Quality and Sustainability

Location: Wheeler Room

Speakers: Jenn Kirts, Chippewa Nature Center; Dr. Dale LeCaptain, Central Michigan University, Jen Lenon, Midland Public Schools, the H2OQ Project; Krysten Dorfman, University of Michigan, Dow Innovation Teacher Fellowship / Youth Sustainability Leadership Council

Moderator: Michelle Vander Haar, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Partnership Strategies for Saginaw Bay Conservation

Location: Davidson 1&2

Speakers: Samantha Nellis, Huron Pines, the Lake Huron Forever project and Chris Bunch, Six Rivers Land Conservancy

Moderator: Lisha Ramsdell, Huron Pines

A New Place for Fish to Call Home: Saginaw Bay's Coreyon Reef Restoration

Location: Davidson 3&4

Speakers: Jason Whalen, Fauna Creative, Coreyon Documentary Film; Laura Ogar, Bay County Department of Environmental Affairs; Mike Jury, Michigan Department of Great Lakes and Energy

Moderator: Meaghan Gass, Michigan Sea Grant

2:15PM—2:30PM Break

2:30PM—3:45PM Breakout Session IV

High Water Mark: Tittabawassee Dam Failures Update and the Path Forward

Location: Davidson 1&2

Speakers: Dave Rothman, Four Lakes Task Force; and J. W. Fisher & Lee Ann Keller, Midland Business Alliance Advisory Committee on Infrastructure

Moderator: Elan Lipschitz, Little Forks Conservancy

Using Technology to Build out a National Water Trail

Location: Davidson 3&4

Speaker: David Lossing, Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition and Brandon Wong, Hyfi

Moderator: Bill Wright, Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Reconnecting our Rivers: Strategies for Dam Removal and More

Location: Wheeler Room

Speakers: Josh Leisen, Huron Pines, Reconnecting the Upper Tittabawassee Trout Streams; Melissa Prowse, Oakland County, the Davisburg/Shiawassee Millpond Project

Moderator: Phil Hathaway, Friends of the Shiawassee River

4:00PM Wrap-Up and Conclusion

Location: Location Grand Ballroom Salon C & D

Speaker: Michael Kelly, The Conservation Fund / Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network

