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CLMP Steering Committee April 2009

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Dear Lake Monitoring Steward:

Welcome to the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program's (CLMP's) **Aquatic Plant Identification and Mapping Project**. The CLMP is a significant partnership effort between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (MLSA), and you, the lake monitoring steward. Michigan State University (MSU) provides the partnership with technical support. We are collectively able to gather, analyze, and record important data on Michigan's lakes with the CLMP partnership that otherwise might not be available. The CLMP is a key program in Governor Granholm's Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), a statewide volunteer water quality monitoring network ([www.micorps.net](http://www.micorps.net)). MiCorps is implemented for the DEQ by the Great Lakes Commission and the Huron River Watershed Council.

Enclosed are the monitoring procedures that you will use to identify and map aquatic plant growth in your lake. Please take the time to thoroughly review the monitoring procedures and follow them precisely so we can assure that the highest quality data are obtained in this program. You may contact Dr. Jo Latimore, Lake and Stream Outreach Specialist, MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, at 517-432-1491 if you need assistance in setting up the sampling program for your lake.

Complete the aquatic plant map and data sheet as described in the enclosed book by Wandell and Wolfson when the aquatic plant sampling is over. Make a good copy of the map and the data sheet. Mail both of these copies with the lake map delineating sampling stations and a list of the aquatic plant identification code numbers used by the DEQ as specified in the monitoring procedures. **Please also make sure to include your new Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) number on the form** and, if possible, enter your data on the MiCorps Data Exchange (accessed through the website, [www.micorps.net](http://www.micorps.net)).

On behalf of the CLMP Steering Committee, I thank you for your interest in the CLMP and your commitment to the inland lake resources of Michigan. Please contact Dr. Latimore at MSU with questions, or you may contact me at 734-769-5123 ext. 14 or [psteen@hrvc.org](mailto:psteen@hrvc.org).

**MI Lakes.**

**Ours to Protect.**

Sincerely,

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