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## CLMP Steering Committee

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Dear Lake Monitoring Steward:

Welcome to the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program's (CLMP's) **Chlorophyll Project**. The CLMP is a significant partnership effort between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (ML&SA), and you, the lake monitoring steward. Michigan State University Extension and MiCorps staff provide 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 being implemented for the DEQ by the Great Lakes Commission and the Huron River Watershed Council.

Enclosed you will find the chlorophyll monitoring resupply kit, procedures, data forms, sampling dates, and sample turn-in dates and locations. The resupply kit includes filters, vials, labels, zip-lock bags, and magnesium carbonate (MgCO<sub>3</sub>) for the chlorophyll samples this summer. You should have your sampling and filtering equipment from last year. Please check and test your chlorophyll monitoring equipment. Let us know if the equipment is missing parts or is broken prior to the first sampling date so we can send you replacement parts.

Please take the time to thoroughly review the monitoring procedures and sampling dates. We have scheduled five chlorophyll monitoring events over the summer, one each month from May through September. There will be two sample turn-in dates; one in July and one in September as in last year's program. Make sure you follow the monitoring procedures and sample turn-in instructions as written so we can assure the highest quality data are obtained in this program. **(Reminder: Lake ID (STORET) numbers have been added to the forms. Please look up your ID number and write it on your form. Do not use older forms.)** If possible, consider entering your data into the MiCorps Data Exchange (accessible through the website, [www.micorps.net](http://www.micorps.net)).

## MI Lakes.

## Ours to Protect.

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 the Lake and Stream Outreach Specialist at MSU at 517-432-1491 with questions and replacement equipment or supplies, or you may contact me at 734-769-5123, ext. 14 or [psteen@hrwc.org](mailto:psteen@hrwc.org).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

