

Fourth Annual Michigan Clean Water Corps Conference

Celebrating our Volunteers

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MiCorps Goals

- ◆ Establish a volunteer monitoring network.
- ◆ Assist the development of new volunteer monitoring programs statewide.
- ◆ Educate the public about water quality and stewardship.
- ◆ Gather and exchange reliable water quality data.
- ◆ Establish an Internet-based program.
- ◆ Include a volunteer monitoring recognition program.

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MiCorps Elements

DEQ

MiCorps

Website

Newsletter
&
Conference

Volunteer
Recognition

Training
Aids
I & E

Registry
&
Directory

Data
Exchange
Platform

Data
Management
Systems

Data
Quality
Assurance

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MiCorps Accomplishments

- 💧 Surveyed and began enrolling MiCorps programs
 - ❖ 14 to date, with 4 pending
 - ❖ 500+ active volunteers represented
 - ❖ Over 200 lakes and 20 stream systems
- 💧 Designed promotional materials and annual program report

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MiCorps Accomplishments

- 💧 Published semi-annual *MiCorps Monitor* newsletter
- 💧 Developed the MiCorps web site (www.micorps.net)
 - ❖ Lake and stream monitoring information
 - ❖ Registry and directory
 - ❖ Training and quality assurance resources
 - ❖ Communication and technical assistance tools
 - ❖ Information and Education resources
 - ❖ Data exchange platform – New features annually

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MiCorps Accomplishments

- 💧 Provided over \$300,000 in grant funding to support volunteer monitoring programs
- 💧 Conducted comprehensive and one-on-one training for member programs
- 💧 Provided technical assistance and review of quality procedures for all member programs
- 💧 Continual program improvement – give us feedback!

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MiCorps Accomplishments

- 💧 Developed an awards program to recognize volunteer contributions
- 💧 Promoted MiCorps and volunteer monitoring at state and regional events
- 💧 Organized four Annual Volunteer Monitoring Conferences
- 💧 Developed online enrollment for Lake Monitoring

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Result?

💧 Better data and information

- ❖ More consistent and complete
- ❖ Quality controlled and assured
- ❖ Broadly accessible
- ❖ Broadly collected

💧 Greater use by the DEQ and local managers in planning and management



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