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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) **Secchi Disk Transparency 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 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 are the monitoring procedures and the data form that you will use to collect the Secchi disk transparency measurements. 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. **Give special attention to the sections describing the new Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) numbers.** Using these numbers will help us streamline the data analysis process. Please complete the Secchi disk data form and submit it to MLSA, at the address above, at the end of the data collection season as specified in the monitoring procedures. We also encourage you to take a moment to enter your Secchi data into the MiCorps online database ([www.micorps.net](http://www.micorps.net)), per the enclosed instructions. Entering your own data results in speedier inclusion in the CLMP database and reports, and significant cost savings for the program.

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

**MI Lakes.**

**Ours to Protect.**

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

