

## **Lake Lapeer Watershed Planning**

**Date: August 5, 2025**

**Time 7:00pm**

**Location Elba Township Hall**

### **Agenda**

1. Introduction and welcome
2. What is a watershed and why prepare a watershed plan?
  - a. A geographic area in the landscape that water falls on to and runs into a common body of water such as a stream, river, lake, estuary or ocean
  - b. Basic Steps in writing a watershed plan and topics most plans address
3. Stakeholders.
  - a. Property owners, lake associations/districts, wildlife organizations, township,
  - b. Others?
4. Keep the public informed and seek public input.
  - a. Develop a survey
    - i. What do you like to do on the lake? Creation of a survey
    - ii. Identify any issues you see on or around the lake
5. Keep in touch with relevant agencies and solicit information from them
  - a. Extension agency, EGLE, EPA
  - b. Identify who approves the plan. An approved lake management plan is a pre-requisite for grant funding from a natural resources' agency.
6. Gather information from various sources to characterize the lake
7. Identify problems and to the extent possible, look at its impact, location and timing as well as known contributing factors.
8. Prioritize the problems because we cannot tackle everything at once; Develop actions and goals related to the prioritized issues. For example, a goal might be to reduce shoreline erosion, and some actions could be identifying erosion sites, planting native vegetation, designing other shore protection methods or diverting flows away from a particular eroded area.
9. Estimate the economic costs

10. Determine leadership and responsibilities and required approvals

11. Make schedules for modifications and measurement of results