



environmental spotlight

Water Week 2009

The DEQ and the Southeast Michigan Partners for Clean Water are pleased to announce Water Week 2009. Water Week is celebrated each year through local activities and events which recognize and celebrate Michigan's greatest natural resource, water.

Governor Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed the week of Saturday, June 6, 2009 through Sunday, June 14, 2009 as Water Week once again this year. Water Week serves as an excellent opportunity to celebrate, learn about, and enhance the abundant water resources that Michigan harbors through recreation, education, and stewardship activities. Water Week events will take place throughout Michigan in numerous communities such as Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties.



Water is Michigan's most significant natural resource, providing our state with economic and social benefits such as tourism, fishing, manufacturing, agriculture, and other imperative needs. Known for its Great Lakes which together contain one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water, Michigan is also home to some 11,000 lakes and ponds and over 36,000 miles of rivers and streams. It hosts recreation in over 7,000 miles of canoeing streams, 13,000 miles of trout waters, and over 700 access sites for boating.

Approximately 100 activities have been scheduled throughout the week. Some activities will include the Friends of the Rouge Rescue 2009; Canton River Day 2009 of Canton Department of Public Works; the Clinton River Watershed Council's River Day 2009; the St. Claire County 2009 River Day; the Beach Party Celebration 2009 of St. Claire Shores Waterfront Advisory Council; as well as river and stream cleanups, fishing events, nature walks, and river crossing sign installations throughout the region.

For more information regarding events in your area, visit the SEMCOG Website at www.semcog.org.