



Water Week 2007

The Southeast Michigan Partners for Clean Water, coordinated through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is pleased to announce Water Week 2007. Governor Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed the week of June 2, 2007 as Water Week throughout Michigan which will be celebrated from Saturday, June 2, 2007 through Sunday, June 10, 2007. SEMCOG celebrates Water Week annually through organized local activities and events which recognize and celebrate Michigan's great natural resource of water.

Water Week events will take place throughout Michigan in many locations such as Anchor Bay, the St. Clair River, Johnson Creek, Lake St. Clair, and the Detroit River. Activities will include the Friends of the Rouge, [Rouge Rescue 2007](#); the Clinton River Watershed Council's [River Day "All Across the Watershed"](#); the [St. Clair County River Day](#); the [Livingston Waterfest](#) (PDF); as well as river and stream cleanups, fishing events, nature walks, and river crossing sign installations throughout the region.

Water week is intended to motivate Michigan's citizens to celebrate, learn about, and enhance the abundant water resources that this state harbors through recreation, education, and stewardship activities.

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. Our Great Lakes contain one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water, and Michigan is also home to some 11,000 lakes and ponds and over 36,000 miles of rivers and streams. Michigan hosts recreation in over 7,000 miles of canoeing streams, 13,000 miles of trout waters, and over 700 access sites for boating.

With the many benefits of preserving Michigan's water, community awareness and education are a means to aid in the conservation of this resource. Community conservation and environmental protection efforts also provide opportunities for partnerships among government, environmental groups, businesses, and citizens. Through community partnerships on celebrating Michigan's water, individual communities will have the opportunity to express and share unique approaches to water-related activities.

Every community in Michigan is welcome to sponsor an event during Water Week. If you would like an event publicized through the MDEQ please contact Thomas Occhipinti, occhipit@michigan.gov or 517-373-2379. If your event is scheduled to take place in Southeast Michigan, you may also contact Susan Stefanski at SEMCOG, stefanski@semcog.org for additional distribution of your



event announcement. For more information regarding events in your area, visit the [SEMOG Website](#).