

**MAEAP Advisory Council Meeting  
Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC)  
Monday, January 14, 2013  
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**ATTENDEES**

Tom Coon, Max Benne, Jeffrey Zimmer, Melissa Higbee, Lori Phalen, Sam Hines, Phil Korson, Jim Scott, Paul Zuger, James Clift, Dean Letter, Michelle Napier-Dunnings, Jim Johnson, Allen Krizek, Joe Kelpinski, Jan Wilford, Emily Ries, Heather Casteel (Scribe)

**GUESTS**

Andrea Stay, Executive Director, Eaton Conservation District, Jennifer Silveri, MAEAP Water Stewardship Technician, Eaton and Ingham Conservation Districts, and Michelle Beloskur, Executive Director, Ingham Conservation District.

Tom Coon, Co-chair, started the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

**WELCOME TO THE MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS**

- Tom began the meeting by thanking the Michigan United Conservation Club for hosting this meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

- Members introduced themselves around the table.
- Tom asked if there were any corrections to the meeting notes. Hearing none; the meeting minutes were approved.
- No additional agenda items.

**AROUND THE HORN**

- Jan reported that she intends to have a conversation with Shelly Janick, Mendocino City Resource Conservation District, California. Shelly is looking for a similar program in California. Jan will update the group after that conversation takes place later this week.
- Phil Korson informed the group that the Michigan Cherry Commission is having their annual meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. They will be encouraging growers to get verified or re-verified. Also, Phil will have a Farm and Garden interview coming up this Wednesday.
- Lori Phalen informed the group that the MACD will be promoting MAEAP during their "Legislative Day" on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Lori Phalen introduced their guests Andrea Stay, Michelle Beloskur and Jennifer Silveri, from the Eaton and Ingham Conservation Districts.
- Michelle Napier-Dunnings reported that Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) will be having their annual '2013 Michigan Family Farms Conference' in Battle Creek where they will have MAEAP information and a display. They are expecting over 450 attendees this year. They will offer a variety of sessions for conservation. Michelle passed around a brochure, English and Spanish versions, promoting the event, which will be on Saturday, January 19, 2013.
- Tom Coon said MSU has a new Dean, Fred Poston, who will be at the January 29<sup>th</sup> Partnership meeting, and will take a few moments to speak.
- Jim Johnson said the Quality of Life group has been conducting the Leadership Academy, which has 52 staff from three different departments; MDARD, MDNR and

MDEQ. There is potential for a session on MAEAP that will be held during one of their week-long sessions. Jim suggested that they could take a few members of the partnership to set up a panel that could relate their leadership and partnership with MAEAP.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS**

### **LIVESTOCK**

- Dean Letter reported that the Livestock System Sub-committee (LAS) work group met to discuss the hurdles / roadblocks for MAEAP verification. Their discussion led to putting together a survey for the technicians regarding discussions on BODA and Composting.
- FAS 112 Bulletin review is in progress and should be completed in the next few months.

### **FARMSTEAD**

- Jeffrey Zimmer provided handout (attached) and read through the report.
- Farmstead System Sub-committee (FAS) will go through the risk assessment questions at their next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Summary of issues is expected to be ready by the next AC meeting in March.

### **CROPPING**

- Allen Krizek provided handout (attached) with report. The Cropping System Sub-committee (CAS) had recommendations for changes in two of the tools.
- CAS will have a recommendation after their meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS WORK GROUP**

- Emily Ries provided a handout (attached) with the Communications Work Group report.

### **WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

- Tom Coon reported to the group for Lauri and said the Water Quality Monitoring group is scheduled to meet this Friday, January 18, 2013.

### **REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE TEAMS (REAT)**

- Melissa Higbee reported that the REAT team has several questions:
  - Who is the designee responsible for each focus area?
  - Who would be responsible for the on-going maintenance of each focus group?
  - Suggested that the team could serve for one year terms.
  - What type of support will the REAT team's need?
  - Who could administer and keep them accountable?
  - Regional teams should have a more local appointment for recruiting.
- Paul Zuger suggested that we could evaluate the favorite places for farmers to go where they talk about things going on in the area. Could include those places to give the message of MAEAP to farmers, since it is already known to be a trusted source.

### **VERIFICATIONS – JAN**

- Jan described the new verification numbers and the new people on board.
- Regional coordinators have been asked to collect the Conservation Districts goals and report back to the MAEAP team. Expected to have that compiled within the week.

- Jan read through the Verifications Over Time spreadsheet handout (attached).

### **ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE – JAN**

- Jan described the annual report and listed the activities that this group is primarily responsible for.
  - Intent is to report activities from this group to the Director.
- Jan asked the group for specifics on what they would like to tell the partners of their overall accomplishments.
  - Tom Coon suggested that we include the Standards documents were revised and approved in less than six months.
  - Jim Johnson suggested that we include that the barrier/parking lot issues were handled quickly by each systems sub-committee.
  - Water quality monitoring committee thorough work with recommendations within the time frame given.
  - Emily reported that the Communications work group and MI Farm Radio advertisements are gaining visitors each month on Facebook and Farm Bureau's website.

### **JANUARY 29, 2013 MAEAP PARTNER MEETING**

- Jim Johnson updated the group and directed them to the RSVP list for the 2013 Partnership Meeting. (attached)
- Jim read through the agenda (attached) and described the recognition of 3 individuals who will be honored at this meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Andrea Stay said that she would like to thank the group for the extended invitation to the AC meeting.
- Andrea said it is very valuable to the districts to come to these meetings and listen to the process.
- Jennifer Silveri told the group that it is very 'eye-opening' for the technician to see how it all comes together.
- Michelle Beloskur also said that she appreciates the offer to come to this meeting.

### **MEETING LOCATIONS FOR 2013**

- Tom Coon polled the group on the offer from Ken Blight to have our next AC meeting at Andersons Ethanol plant in Albion, MI.
- Tom also asked the group if an alteration of 1:00 p.m. start with the plant tour, and a 2:00 p.m. start of our next AC meeting, is acceptable to members.
  - Everyone agreed it will be a good location and tour, and the tour and meeting time are acceptable.

Melissa Higbee made the motion to adjourn, Tom Coon seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING LOCATION**

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 2013 hosted by Ken Blight at Andersons Ethanol plant in Albion, MI.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Heather Casteel

**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**  
**Environmental Stewardship Division**  
Farmstead System Subcommittee  
Report to the MAEAP Advisory Council  
January 14, 2013

1. Farmstead Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

- December 4, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- March 6, 2013 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- January 10, 2013 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- June 26, 2013 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

2. Project Updates

- a. Review/revision of FAS 112S, *Supplemental Risk Assessment and Tools*
  - i. *Proper Disposal of Dead Animals* worksheet.  
Lead: Joe Kelpinski. Expected completion for review: 03/01/2013.
  - ii. *Manure Storage Review* worksheets.  
Lead: Laura Doud. Expected completion for review: 03/01/2013.
  - iii. Well isolation distance exceptions:  
Leads: Michelle Crook/Laura Doud with input from MDEQ.
- b. Review/revision of E-2575, *Emergency Planning for the Farm*
  - i. Develop reference document for emergency responders.  
Lead: Kyle Mead. Expected completion for review: 11/01/2013.
- c. Develop Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures
  - i. Develop draft document.  
Lead: Laura Doud. Nation Milk Producers Federation's SPCC adopted; to be posted on MAEAP web page. Status: completed.
- d. Other Issues Identified by Technicians
  - i. Well isolation distances from manure storages: See 2.a.iii.
  - ii. Fuel storage isolation distances from surface waters: Referred to Cropping System Subcommittee.
  - iii. Separation of human and animal waste disposal systems: Deleted; separation of systems is required by law.
  - iv. Acceptable backflow/back-siphoning prevention devices:  
Leads: Josh Appleby and Erin Satchell.  
Expected draft listing training resources: 03/01/2013.
  - v. On-farm transportation of portable toilets: Mark Swartz's committee is addressing this issue.
  - vi. SARA Title III requirements – outreach and education to purchasers of products containing Extremely Hazardous Substances regarding reporting.  
Leads: Josh Appleby and Kyle Mead.  
Expected draft of guidance document: 03/01/2013.
- e. Review/revision of risk assessment questions and answers in FAS 107, *Farm\*A\*Syst for Michigan Producers*.
  - i. Fertilizer Storage and Handling - Question 5.20's low- and medium-risk answers are being amended to reflect Regulation 642 requirements.  
Lead: Kyle Mead.  
Expected draft of amended questions: 01/25/2013.

- ii. Septic System Management - Risk questions and answers being amended to include non-tank and drain field systems, such as lagoons and privies, permitted by local health departments.  
Lead: Erin Satchell (first amendments submitted).  
Expected final draft amendments: 03/01/2013.
- iii. General Livestock Management - Risk question 9.01 and answers being clarified regarding Site Selection and Odor Control GAAMPS.  
Leads: Kristin Esch/Laura Doud, with input from Siting Committee.  
Expected final draft amendments: 03/01/2013.
- iv. Livestock Manure Storage - Risk question will be added pertaining to well isolation distances from livestock lots and manure stacking areas.  
Lead: Allen Krizek, with input from Livestock System Subcommittee.  
Expected final draft amendment: 03/15/2013.

## MAEAP Cropping System Committee Meeting – Summary Notes

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, Constitution Hall

**Attendance:**

|               |              |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Max Benne     | Lauri Elbing | Josh Appleby  | Kyle Mead    |
| Laura Doud    | Allen Krizek | Jan Wilford   | Kristen Esch |
| Joe Kelpinski | Tim Boring   | Erin Satchell | Dan Busby    |
| Emily Ries    |              |               |              |

- 1) Additions to the agenda
  - a. What can be done to encourage more producer participation? Added to item (4)
  
- 2) 2013 Crop A Syst changes and new bulletins
  - a. Changed registering large quantity water withdrawals from an educational question to a MAEAP Standard
  - b. Added chemigation management risk question (2012 GAAMPs change) as a MAEAP Standard
  - c. Added soil fumigation management plan as an educational question
  
- 3) New issues for consideration
  - a. Compost pile in the greenhouse and nursery assessments not currently uniformly treated: MAEAP standard in Greenhouse A Syst and not in the Nursery/Christmas tree assessment.

**Committee recommendation: Revise question and answers to be consistent in both assessments and require for system verification.**

| Risk Question                                             | Low                                                                                                                                                         | Medium | High                                                                                                                                               | Records or evidence                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| How are unwanted media and other organic wastes disposed? | Media and organic wastes are separated from containers and composted or land applied. Compost pile stored in a location protected from leaching and runoff. |        | Media and organic wastes stored in an unprotected site. <b>Nutrients can leach into the groundwater or runoff into surface water.</b> <sup>4</sup> | Environmentally safe disposal demonstrated. |

- b. Copper footbaths on livestock farms. Should we have an educational question about the potential buildup of Copper in the soils?

**Committee recommendation: No change needed. This issue was researched previously by the Livestock Committee and determined not to be an environmental issue in Michigan.**

- c. Should there be an educational question on lead in the soil for urban vegetable farming?

**Committee recommendation: No change needed. This is a food safety issue rather than an environmental issue. Lead in the soil could be added to the Safe Food Risk Assessment targeting small direct market producers.**

- d. New irrigation systems that apply water based on soil maps are not uniform. Do we need to make an adjustment to the uniformity standard?

**Committee recommendation: No change needed. This is a future issue since variable rate irrigation systems are just being developed and evaluated. They are not in use by commercial producers in Michigan.**

- 4) What lower cost practices could be cost shared to increase grower participation in MAEAP? Added to this question was simply what else can technicians do to promote grower participation. **The committee felt any of the below items can help increase participation in MAEAP.**

|                             |                                                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Soil tests                  | \$11.00 for the regular test + \$5.00 for O.M. at MSU in 2012 |
| Manure tests                | \$30.00 - 40.00 with ammonium                                 |
| Irrigation uniformity       | \$0.75 per foot for center pivot systems                      |
| Irrigation scheduling       | \$15.00 per week per site                                     |
| Rain gauge                  | \$10.00- 40.00                                                |
| Pesticide spill cleanup kit | \$50.00- 150.00                                               |
| Plugging abandoned well     | \$500 - ??                                                    |

**Other cropping system practices suggested by the committee:**

- provide manure sampling bottles
- nutrient management assistance
- Secondary containment liners for liquid products (\$100 – 300)
- Pesticide recordkeeping books for fruit producers
- Free RUP pesticide applicator recertification for certified Cropping Systems - \$75.00

- 5) Next meeting: March 6, 2013, 11:00 AM

# MAEAP Communications Workgroup Report

January 14, 2013

- **2012/2013 Communications Plan**

**Verification Releases**– November: 9 and December: 5 verification press releases were sent out on January 15.

**Facebook** - Analytics: 184 Likes.

- 58.5% of fans are female and 39.9% of fans are male.
- The majority of our fans are between 25-34 years of age, 33.4%.
- Per post we reach around 60 people but it is increasing. The last 4 posts reached an average of 109 people.
- In the last month we have had 144 visitors to our timeline.

**Website** - Analytics: 914 visits in the last month to [www.maeap.org](http://www.maeap.org).

- 41.69% of those visits are new visitors.
- Most visits come from users searching through Google to find us, 268 visits.
- 267 visits from directly entering through the address bar.
- 398 new visitors in the last month which accounts for 43.54% of our total visitors
- 62 visitors were referred from Facebook to our Website in the last month.
- 60 mobile visits, via phone or tablet, in the last month

- **Project Task Forces**

- 2013 Outreach Ideas – The following are ideas the workgroup has identified for outreach and communications needs in 2013. We plan to meet after the Partnership Meeting to review partner recommendation/feedback during our discussion and MACD Annual Meeting comments from the districts.
  - Michigan Farm Radio Network – 4 weekly interviews and one 60- second public service announcement (PSA) per month. Yearly Rate: \$9,600
  - “From the Farmer” consumer piece brochure
  - Updated MAEAP DVD
  - Michigan Farm News Piece – Preparing the 2013 editorial calendar for the partnership’s month whole page piece.
  - Continued website support with updated features and graphics
  - Increase Facebook involvement
  - Reprinting of MAEAP brochures, flyers, one pager, etc.
  - Phase 1 Webinar for farmers across the state
  - MAEAP Smartphone App
  - Wineries of Old Mission Peninsula (WOMP) Event (April or May 2013)

- **Events**

- Partnership Meeting (Jan. 29) – Flash Drives: include all MAEAP outreach materials and a tip sheet for promoting MAEAP on Facebook and other social media channels. Additionally, we will be distributing outreach materials to any partners for upcoming winter meetings.

- **2013 MAEAP Communications Workgroup Meeting**

- All meetings are from 2 – 4 p.m. at Greenstone Farm Credit Services.
  - January 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14.



# Total MAEAP Verifications

Note: All dates are fiscal year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)

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|                    | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | Ends on<br>Sept. 30,<br>2012 | From<br>Oct. 1,<br>2012 -<br>Jan. 14,<br>(FY2013) | Totals | FY 2013<br>Goal |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Livestock          | 9    | 7    | 33   | 51   | 74   | 46   | 52   | 63   | 24   | 71   | 77                           | 5                                                 | 512    |                 |
| Farmstead          |      | 3    | 20   | 38   | 62   | 54   | 52   | 68   | 36   | 52   | 121                          | 23                                                | 529    |                 |
| Cropping           |      | 1    |      | 19   | 41   | 17   | 19   | 16   | 56   | 20   | 158                          | 37                                                | 384    |                 |
| <b>Totals:</b>     | 9    | 11   | 53   | 108  | 177  | 117  | 123  | 147  | 116  | 143  | 356                          | 65                                                | 1425   | 2060            |
| Accumulative Total |      |      |      | 181  | 358  | 475  | 598  | 745  | 861  | 1004 | 1360                         | 1425                                              |        |                 |
| Verifications      | 9    | 20   | 73   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                              |                                                   |        |                 |
| Livestock          |      |      |      | 2    |      | 7    |      |      | 23   |      |                              |                                                   | 35     | 8               |
| Reverification     |      |      |      |      |      |      | 9    |      | 11   |      | 28                           |                                                   | 28     | 151             |
| Farmstead          |      |      |      | 1    |      | 3    |      |      | 23   |      | 44                           |                                                   | 54     | 15              |
| Reverification     |      |      |      |      |      |      | 23   |      | 23   |      | 97                           |                                                   | 97     | 272             |
| Cropping           |      |      |      | 0    |      | 2    |      |      | 3    |      | 37                           |                                                   | 47     | 10              |
| Reverification     |      |      |      |      |      |      | 13   |      | 19   |      | 67                           |                                                   | 67     | 198             |
| <b>Totals:</b>     |      |      |      | 3    |      | 12   |      |      | 38   |      | 109                          |                                                   | 136    | 33              |
| Accumulative Total |      |      |      |      | 3    | 15   |      |      | 53   |      | 260                          |                                                   | 396    | 888             |
| Reverifications    |      |      |      |      |      |      | 98   |      | 151  |      | 588                          |                                                   | 621    |                 |

# MAEAP Partner List

Updated 1/14/2013

| Partner                                    | First    | Last            | RSVP           |                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cherry Marketing Institute                 | Philip   | Korson          | Yes            |                                   |
| Conestoga-Rovers & Associates              | Ryan     | Bayne           |                |                                   |
| Corn Marketing Program of Michigan/Mic     | Jim      | Zook            |                |                                   |
| Dairy Farmers of America                   | Jerry    | Peterson        |                |                                   |
| Food Bank Council of Michigan              | Kareemah | El-Amin         | Yes            |                                   |
| Greenstone Farm Credit Services            | Dave     | Armstrong       |                |                                   |
| Herbruck Poultry Ranch Inc.                | Brian    | Geerlings       | Yes            |                                   |
| Institute of Water Research                | Jon      | Bartholic       |                |                                   |
| MBG - The Blueberry People                 | Lorrie   | Merker          | Yes (Stand In) | Tom Barnes, MBG in Lorri's Place  |
| Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association   | Tony     | Raney           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Agribusiness Association          | James    | Byrum           | No             |                                   |
| Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, Inc.   | George   | House           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Apple Committee                   | Diane    | Smith           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Aquaculture Association           | Daniel   | Vogler          | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Asparagus, Plum, Onion Advisor    | John     | Bakker          |                |                                   |
| Michigan Association of Conservation Dist  | Art      | Pelon           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Bean Commission                   | Joe      | Cramer          | No             |                                   |
| Michigan Boer Goat Association             | Karen    | Ibarra          |                |                                   |
| Michigan Cattlemen Association             | Kathleen | Hawkins         | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Christmas Tree Association        | Marsha   | Gray            |                |                                   |
| Michigan Custom Manure Applicators Ass     | Dan      | Shaw            |                |                                   |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and F   | Jamie    | Clover-Adams    |                |                                   |
| Michigan Department of Environmental Q     | Dan      | Wyant           | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Equine Partnership                | Val      | Vail-Shirey     |                |                                   |
| Michigan Farm Bureau                       | Scott    | Piggott         |                |                                   |
| Michigan Farm Radio Network                | Nicole   | Heslip          | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Farmers Union                     | Sandy    | Nordmark        |                |                                   |
| Michigan Floriculture Growers Council      | Don      | Marvaso, Jr.    |                |                                   |
| Michigan Food and Farming Systems          | Michelle | Napier-Dunnings | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Food Policy Council               | Jane     | Whitacre        |                |                                   |
| Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council   | Linda    | Jones           | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Grape Society                     | Ed       | Kerlikowske     |                |                                   |
| Michigan Grazing Lands Conservation Initi  | Howard   | Straub          |                |                                   |
| Michigan Horse Council                     | Mike     | Foote           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Maple Syrup Association           | Larry    | Haigh           | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Milk Producers Association        | Ken      | Nobis           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Nursery and Landscape Associat    | Amy      | Frankmann       | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Peach Sponsors                    | Don      | Baiers          |                |                                   |
| Michigan Pork Producers Association        | Sam      | Hines           | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Potato Industry Commission        | Mike     | Wenkel          | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Sheep Breeders Association        | Maury    | Kaercher        | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee       | Keith    | Reinholt        |                |                                   |
| Michigan State Horticultural Society       | Allyn    | Anthony         | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan State University AgBioResearch    | Steve    | Pueppke         | No             |                                   |
| Michigan State University College of Agric | Fred     | Poston          | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan State University Elton R. Smith-E | Mary     | Schulz          |                |                                   |
| Michigan State University Extension        | Tom      | Coon            | Yes            |                                   |
| Michigan State University Product Center   | Tom      | Kalchik         | No             |                                   |
| Michigan Sugar Company                     | Ray      | VanDriessche    |                |                                   |
| Michigan United Conservation Clubs         | Erin     | McDonough       |                |                                   |
| Michigan Vegetable Council                 | Dave     | Smith           |                |                                   |
| Michigan Wheat Program                     | Jody     | Pollok-Newsom   |                |                                   |
| NorthStar Cooperative, Inc.                | Gary     | Smith           |                |                                   |
| Organic Growers of Michigan                | Craig    | Kovacic         |                |                                   |
| The Nature Conservancy                     | Helen    | Taylor          | Yes            |                                   |
| True Blue Farms                            | Shelly   | Hartmann        | No             |                                   |
| USDA-NRCS                                  | Garry    | Lee             | Yes (Stand In) | Kim Wieber, NRCS in Garry's Place |
| US-EPA Region 5                            | Susan    | Hedman          |                |                                   |
| Welch's/National Grape Co-Op               | Terry    | Holloway        |                |                                   |
| Welch's/National Grape Co-Op               | John     | Jasper          |                |                                   |
| Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.   | Clark    | Benton          |                |                                   |

# MAEAP Partner 'CC' List

Updated 1/14/2013

| Partner                                                  | First       | Last             | RSVP (Y or N)  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Gongwer News Service                                     | Christopher | Klaver           |                |
| Greenstone Farm Credit Services                          | Paul        | Anderson         |                |
| Greenstone Farm Credit Services                          | Melissa     | Rogers           |                |
| Michigan Apple Committee                                 | Gretchen    | Mensing          |                |
| Michigan Association of Conservation Districts           | Lori        | Phalen           |                |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Josh        | Appleby          | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Elaine      | Brown            | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Dan         | Busby            | ✓              |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Heather     | Casteel          | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Jim         | Johnson          | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Joe         | Kelpinski        | ✓              |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Allen       | Krizek           | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Erin        | Satchell         | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Steve       | Shine            |                |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Heather     | Throne           | ✓              |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Gordon      | Wenk             |                |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Wayne       | Whitman          |                |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Jan         | Wilford          | ✓              |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Tom         | Young            | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | Michael     | Bolf             | Yes            |
| Michigan Department of Environmental Quality             | Bill        | Creal            | Yes (Stand In) |
| Michigan Department of Environmental Quality             | Ernie       | Birchmeier       |                |
| Michigan Farm Bureau                                     | Laura       | Campbell         | Yes            |
| Michigan Farm Bureau                                     | Emily       | Ries             | Yes            |
| Michigan Farm Bureau                                     | Emily       | Beutel           |                |
| Michigan Food and Farming Systems                        | Robert      | Kran             |                |
| Michigan Milk Producers Association                      | Dean        | Letter           | Yes            |
| Michigan Milk Producers Association                      | Mary        | Kelpinski        |                |
| Michigan Pork Producers Association                      | Ben         | Tirrell          |                |
| Michigan Sheep Breeders Association                      | Tim         | Boring           |                |
| Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee                     | Gail        | Frahm            |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Tom         | Dudek            | No             |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Charles     | Gould            |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Kevin       | Gould            | Yes            |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Amy         | Irish-Brown      |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Lyndon      | Kelley           |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Jill        | O'Donnell        |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Wendy       | Powers-Schilling | No             |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Dale        | Rozeboom         |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Kurt        | Thelen           |                |
| Michigan State University Extension                      | Larry       | Merrill          |                |
| Michigan Township Association                            | Paul        | Zugger           |                |
| Michigan United Conservation Clubs                       | Larry       | Nobis            |                |
| Nobis Dairy Farms                                        | Michelle    | Haarer           |                |
| NorthStar Cooperative, Inc.                              | Tom         | Davenport        | Yes            |
| US EPA Region 5                                          | Paul        | Thomas           |                |
| USDA-NRCS                                                | Sue         | Reamer           |                |
| USDA-NRCS                                                | Jim         | Scott            | Yes            |
| Wells Fargo Insurance Services, USA, Inc.                | Judy        | Tracy            |                |

Pete Ostlund MDEQ in Bill's place

## Extra RSVPs

Updated 1/14/2013

| Partner                         | First    | Last      | RSVP            |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Retired                         | Steve    | Davis     | Yes             |
| Retired                         | Natalie  | Rector    | Yes             |
| Retired                         | Gary     | Trimner   | Yes             |
| (Gary's Wife)                   | Carolyn  | Trimner   | Yes             |
| Michigan Apple Committee        | Gretchen | Mensing   | Yes             |
| Greenstone Farm Credit Services | Tom      | Urban     | Yes             |
| Advisory Council                | Max      | Benne     | Yes             |
| Commissioner                    | Bob      | Kennedy   | Yes             |
| Commissioner                    | Diane    | Hanson    | No              |
| MSU Institute of Water          | Jon      | Bartholic | Yes             |
| MSU Institute of Water          | Karli    | Anderson  | Yes             |
| Commissioner                    | Don      | Coe       | Yes (Tentative) |
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## Potential Partners

Updated 1/14/2013

| Partner                  | First | Last     | RSVP |
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| Crop Production Services | Clay  | Martz    |      |
| Grand Valley University  | Al    | Steinman | No   |
| Star of the West         | Jim   | Howe     |      |
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(MAEAP) PARTNERSHIP MEETING  
Lansing Community College West Campus  
5708 Cornerstone Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917  
January 29, 2013**

**AGENDA**

- 11:30 a.m.           **Registration**
- 12:00 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m.           **Partner Recognition-Key Contributors, Now Retired:**  
❖ Gary Trimner, Michigan Milk Producers Association  
❖ Natalie Rector, Michigan State University Extension  
❖ Steve Davis, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 1:00 p.m.           **Welcome and MDARD MAEAP Overview**  
❖ Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship  
Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural  
Development (MDARD)  
❖ Jamie Clover Adams, Director, Michigan Department of  
Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
- MAEAP Partner Support**  
❖ Fred Poston, Dean, Michigan State University, College of  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
❖ Dan Wyant, Director, Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- The Power of Partnership** (facilitated by Josh Appleby,  
MDARD MAEAP Verifier)  
❖ Shelly Hartman, True Blue Blueberries (invited)  
❖ Marc Johnson, Chateau Chantal (invited)  
❖ Emily Ries, Michigan Farm Bureau
- We Have a Dream...and a Goal**  
❖ Scott Piggott, Chief Operations Officer, Michigan Farm  
Bureau  
❖ Jim Johnson, Division Director, MDARD Environmental  
Stewardship Division

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**Moving the Program Forward – Critical Partner  
Feedback** (facilitated by Tom Coon, Director, Michigan State  
University Extension)

- Regional Environmental Assurance Team Focus Groups
  - ❖ Lauri Elbing, The Nature Conservancy
- Water Quality Monitoring
  - ❖ James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council

**Partner Feedback – MAEAP Communications &  
Promotion** (facilitated by Tom Coon)

- Partner Promotion Items, Needs and Plans for 2013
  - ❖ Heather Throne, Co-chair, MAEAP Communications  
Task Force

**Partnership Agreement 2013**

- Opportunity to Renew an Ongoing Commitment
  - ❖ Phil Korson, Executive Director, Michigan Cherry  
Commission

4:30 p.m.

**Wrap Up & Adjourn**