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MPART Citizens Advisory Workgroup

October 12, 2026

Agenda

- Roll Call – Community Updates
- GLPAN - Fish Consumption Advisory Map Update
- PFAS Awareness Week Recap and Discussion
- MPART Updates



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MICHIGAN PFAS ACTION RESPONSE TEAM

Roll Call and local updates/events/sharing from communities



Great Lakes PFAS Action Network (GLPAN)

Fish Advisory Map Update

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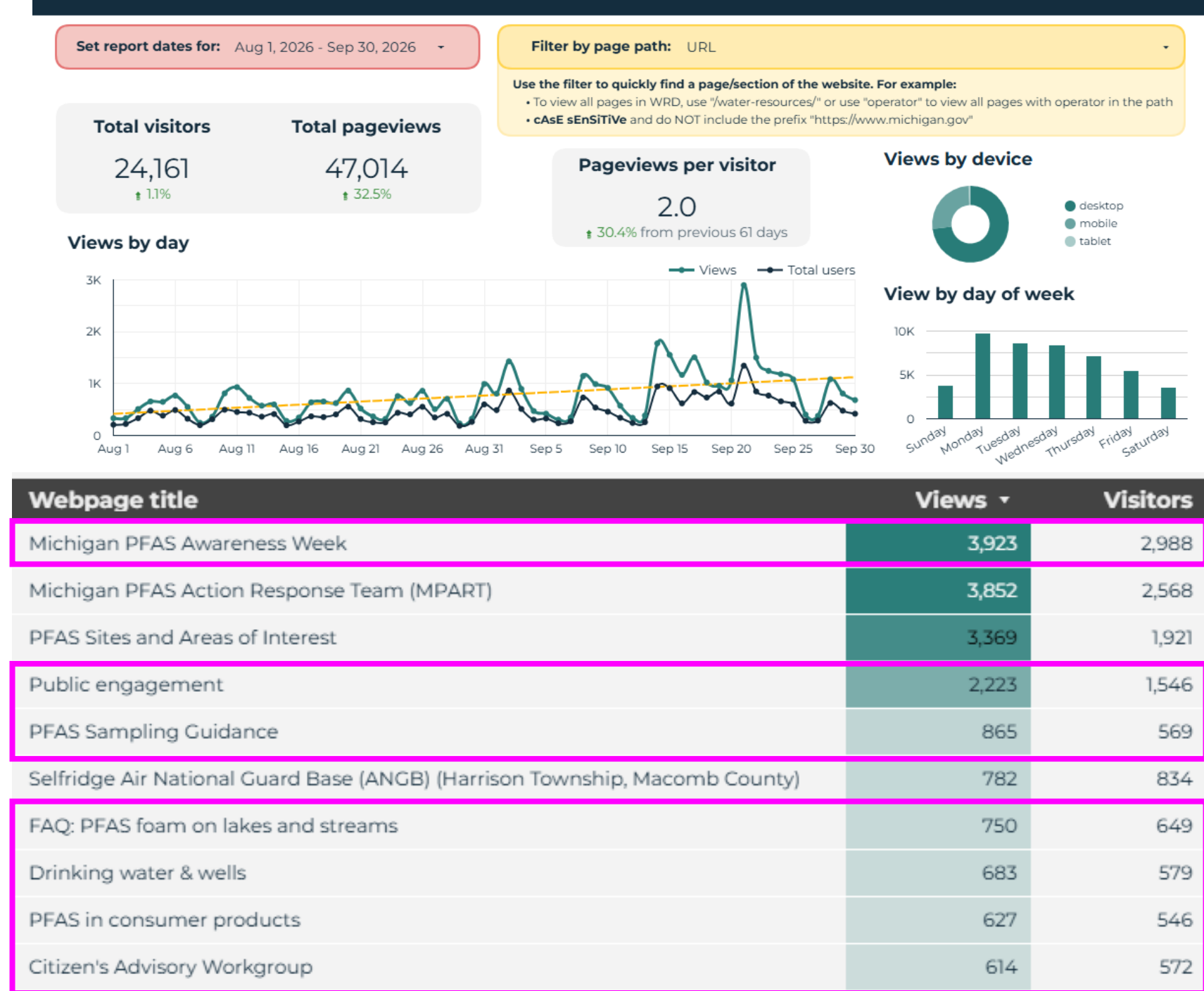


PFAS Awareness Week Recap and Discussion

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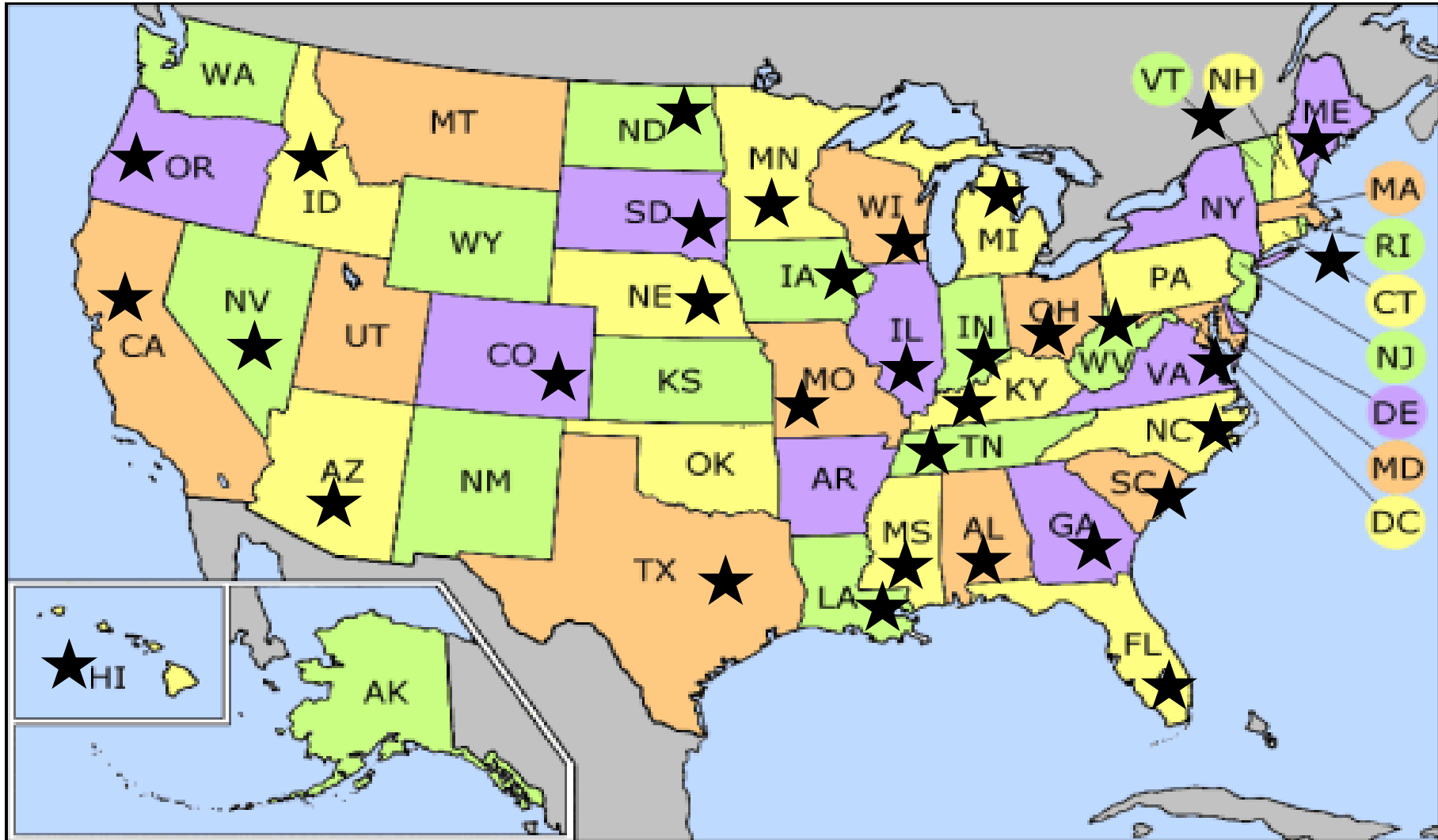
Awareness travels across the country



Michigan researchers tackle 'forever chemicals' during PFAS Awareness Week

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States

Awareness travels across the country



Several Groups Announce Awareness

PFAS Awareness Week

**ITS PFAS
AWARENESS
WEEK**

WHERE IT STARTED

This week wasn't a government idea.

**IT CAME FROM
THE PEOPLE
LIVING WITH
PFAS.**

PFAS Awareness Week came directly from the Citizens Advisory Workgroup — Michiganders personally impacted by contamination.



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Michigan and Other States Recognize First PFAS Awareness Week

September 25, 2026



Michigan Environmental Council

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**MICHIGAN PFAS
AWARENESS WEEK**

Sept 21-25 2026 • First Ever



Protecting Our Water • Protecting Our Health

TAKE ACTION THIS WEEK



Test Your Well
Request a free PFAS water test
for private wells



Check Eat Safe Fish Guide
Review consumption advice
for Michigan waterways



Avoid Foam on Water
Foam may contain PFAS —
do not touch or play in foam



Reduce PFAS Products
Choose PFAS-free cookware,
packaging & fabrics



Learn More & Get Resources:
Michigan.gov/PfasResponse

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PFAS Awareness is the first step toward prevention and advocacy. As we recognize PFAS Awareness Week, this article sheds light on the ongoing impact of PFAS contamination across Michigan and the importance of environmental health in protecting our communities.

Michigan's PFAS Awareness Week (September 21-25, 2026)
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PFAS Awareness Week September 21-25, 2026
Governor Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed September 21-25, 2026, as PFAS Awareness Week in Michigan. This week highlights the importance of understanding PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), often referred to as "forever chemicals," and the potential environmental and health concerns associated with them.

The Village of Bluefield encourages residents to take advantage of these free educational webinars offered during PFAS Awareness Week:

- September 24 | 12:00-1:00 PM EST
PFAS & Fish: What to Know About Michigan's Eat Safe Fish Guide
Do you fish in Michigan or enjoy eating fish from local lakes and rivers? Learn how Michigan fish are tested for contaminants and how to use the Eat Safe Fish Guide.
- September 25 | 12:00-1:00 PM EST
Michigan's Response to PFAS and Public Engagement
Learn how Michigan is addressing PFAS through the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART), including efforts involving public water supplies, wastewater, fish, and private residential drinking water.

Learn more about PFAS Awareness Week at <https://www.michigan.gov/pfas-awareness-week>

PFAS Cycle
PFAS Awareness Week #PFAS #PublicHealth #WaterQuality

Michigan Senate Democrats
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This PFAS Awareness Week, learn about new research efforts helping Michigan better understand and respond to PFAS contamination in our food and water systems. Read more <https://www.michigan.gov.../about-environmental-justice>

TAKING ACTION ON PFAS

- Invested \$75M+ in toxic cleanup since 2023
- Expanded financing tools
- PFAS remediation projects
- Strengthened water monitoring and research efforts

Michigan PFAS Awareness Week 2026

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

How much do you know about PFAS... and what can you do to reduce your exposure? Michigan's first ever PFAS Awareness Week is Sept. 21-25, with 15 events across the state and online.

Hear from researchers and health experts, join community conversations and get practical information about PFAS in drinking water, fish and everyday products — including steps you can take to reduce your exposure to these "forever chemicals."

Find an event near you or join a webinar <https://www.michigan.gov.../2026-michigan-pfas-awareness-week>

Mid Michigan District Health Department
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Michigan PFAS Awareness Week: reducing exposure
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This week is PFAS Awareness Week! During this week, everyone in Michigan is urged to take steps to reduce their exposure to PFAS.

Questions? Swipe to read more! Or you can visit www.michigan.gov/pfas-awareness-week

Michigan PFAS Awareness Week
READ MORE

What are PFAS?
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There are simple steps you can take to reduce your exposure to PFAS.

Scientists continue to study PFAS and their potential health effects.

Michigan State University
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Michigan State University's PFAS Awareness Week events (September 21-25, 2026)
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Mark your calendars: September 21-25 is PFAS Awareness Week! During that week, there will be multiple PFAS-related events located around the state and online, including two events located at MSU.

MSU PFAS Lecture Series: 9/21 and 9/23 from 6-7:30 pm
<https://www.msu.edu/news/2026/09/19/pfas-awareness-week>

For more information about other events in Michigan, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/pfas-awareness-week>

PFAS Awareness Week
September 21-25, 2026

PFAS Awareness Week: Reduce Exposure, Lower Health Risks
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PFAS is a group of widely used and potentially harmful chemicals. PFAS exposure has been linked to several health effects, including thyroid disease and liver damage. Reducing your PFAS exposure can lower your risk of developing health effects.

Share this post to promote PFAS Awareness Week from September 21-25 and help educate others about PFAS. Learn more at [Michigan.gov/pfas-awareness-week](https://www.michigan.gov/pfas-awareness-week)

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
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PFAS Awareness Week
September 21-25, 2026

PFAS Awareness and Research Event at Central Michigan University
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Join us on September 23rd for the PFAS Awareness and Research Event. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), CMU faculty, campus organizations for an engaging event focused on PFAS education, research opportunities. This event provides an opportunity to explore current PFAS research, meet experts, and engage with students and community partners working to protect our environment.

Michigan Geological Survey
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2026 Michigan PFAS Symposium at Western Michigan University
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Join the Michigan Geological Survey (MGS) and Western Michigan University (WMU) for PFAS Awareness Week at the 2026 MGS/WMU PFAS Symposium. The event will bring together researchers, practitioners, and community members to explore current PFAS research, resources, and response efforts.

To learn more information or register for in-person or virtual attendance check out our site: <https://www.michigan.gov.../2026-michigan-pfas-symposium>

Michigan PFAS Symposium
In-Person & Virtual Attendance
Friday 09/25 10 AM - 3:30 PM
Dunbar Hall

Registration & additional information

Jackson County Health Department
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PFAS Awareness Week: Learn About PFAS Exposure Risks and Protect Your Health
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Macomb County Health Department
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Be Register for an upcoming PFAS webinar presented by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. The webinar is part of Michigan's first ever PFAS Awareness Week (Sept. 21-25).

PFAS & Fish: What to know about Michigan's Eat Safe Fish Guide. Do you or your family fish in Michigan? Do you enjoy eating fish from your local lake/river? Do you know what testing has been done on Michigan fish? Check out this webinar for more information to better understand the basics of how fish are caught, processed, and analyzed for contaminants, and how to use Michigan's Eat Safe Fish Guide.

Register today at <https://www.michigan.gov/pfas-awareness-week>

Date & time: Thursday, September 24, 12 - 1 PM EST

Livingston County Health Department
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Governor Gretchen Whitmer has declared September 21-25, 2026 as PFAS Awareness Week. We've probably heard about PFAS in the news, but what are they and where do they come from? PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a group of man-made chemicals used in making things like firefighting foam, stain repellents, and non-stick cookware. PFAS can't break down easily in the environment and some PFAS can build up in our bodies, which can lead to health risks.

Webinar: PFAS & Fish: What to know about Michigan's Eat Safe Fish Guide
Thursday, September 24
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Health and Community Services Health Department
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PFAS have been found in Michigan's:
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Soil
Air
Fish & wildlife
People

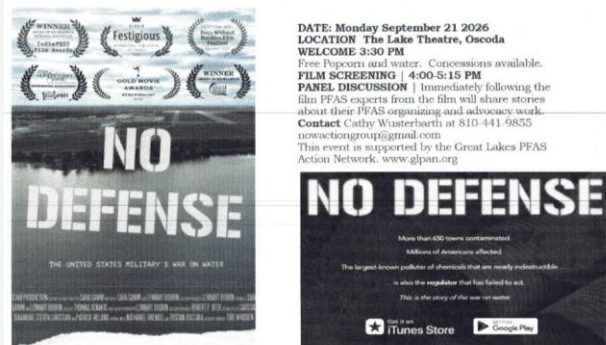
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Social Media Announcements

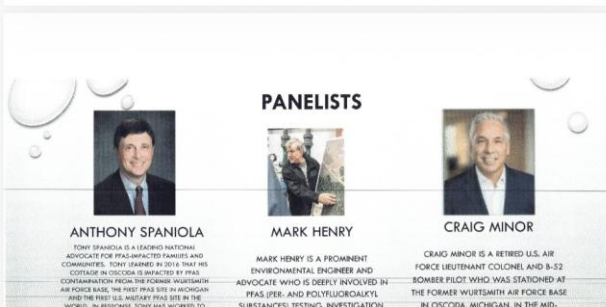
CAWG Members Share Their Story During A Roundtable Discussion – Honors the Legacy of AJ Birkbeck

[Michigan Environmental Council -
Michigan's persistent PFAS problem](#)
(838 subscribers)





DATE: Monday September 21 2026
 LOCATION: The Lake Theatre, Oscoda
 WELCOME 3:30 PM
 Free Popcorn and water. Concessions available.
 FILM SCREENING | 4:00 5:15 PM
 PANEL DISCUSSION | Immediately following the film PFAS experts from the film will share stories about their PFAS organizing and advocacy work.
 Contact Cathy Wusterbarth at 810-441-9855
 nowactiongroup@gmail.com
 This event is supported by the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network. www.glpfn.org



Oscoda – “No Defense” Screening and Panel Discussion

- 75 highly engaged people in attendance
- Another event likely over the winter



Every Conversation Matters

MDHHS Outreach at Events

- Calvin College: 18 engagements
- Holly: 17 engagements
- Central Michigan University: 24 engagements
- Rockford: 21 engagements
- Grand Valley State University: 20 engagements
- Western Michigan University: 30 engagements

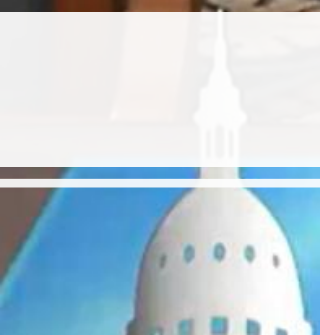




Policy - Working to Influence Change

Natural Resources and Agriculture

Binsfeld Office Building - Lansing





MDARD Marks PFAS Awareness Week by Supporting New PFAS Research Projects

September 21, 2026

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) today announced \$1.9 million in grants for groundbreaking research to better understand and address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in agriculture.

"MDARD is investing in research that will strengthen our ability to protect Michiganders, our land, and our livestock from PFAS and other emerging contaminants," said **MDARD Director Tim Boring**. "By better understanding how these chemicals move through agriculture systems, we can implement measures to reduce their impact. Today's grants reflect MDARD's commitment to investing in proactive science and research to protect Michigan's food and agriculture sector now and in the future."

MDARD is among the first state agriculture departments in the country to launch a research grant program focused on understanding PFAS impacts on agricultural systems. These research grants will help build a framework for mitigating PFAS and other emerging contaminants.

The innovative PFAS research grant program, with awards of up to \$400,000, will fund the following five projects:

- **Dr. Subhasis Giri, Assistant Professor at Michigan State University**, is leading a team that received a \$400,000 grant to measure how much PFAS is in the soil, how PFAS moves through fields, and how much PFAS corn and soybeans take up. Dr. Giri's team will also research how well certain farming practices – like planting cereal rye as a cover crop and reducing tillage – help keep PFAS from moving through soil, moving through water, or reaching crops. The research team includes experts from Purdue University and Michigan State University Extension.
- **Dr. Dinesh Maddipatla, Assistant Professor at Western Michigan University**, received a \$395,790 grant that will fund his team's efforts to create and test a simple, low-cost disposable sensor that can quickly check for key PFAS chemicals in irrigation water, soil-water samples and runoff. Readings will help find PFAS hotspots, decide where more testing is needed and track soil and water cleanup efforts. Collaborating institutions include the New Jersey Institute of Technology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and SampleServe, Inc.
- **Dr. Judith Perlinger, Professor Emerita at Michigan Technological University**, leads a team that received a \$397,999 grant to evaluate how applied composted fish waste affects PFAS levels in garden, growing vegetables. Dr. Perlinger's team includes Michigan Technological University Extension, Michigan State University Extension, and the University of Michigan.

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Sparty Shares PFAS in Agriculture at Sturgeon Palooza



US Senator Gary Peters spreads awareness and calls for action



Senator Gary Peters

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I'm proud to join Michiganders in recognizing our first PFAS Awareness Week.

PFAS contamination continues to threaten the health of Michiganders, the Great Lakes, and our environment. I'll never stop fighting to clean up contaminated sites, keep PFAS out of our drinking water, and hold polluters accountable.

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MICHIGAN NEWS

Peters calls for action to clean up toxic chemicals

By Gary Peters Office | September 24, 2026 | 3 min read



Gary Peters

TRENDING

- 1 Matthews has murder charges dropped
- 2 Court of Appeals affirms trial court decision in Trout murder...
- 3 Phillips preliminary examination waived, case moves to Circuit...
- 4 From Alpena's tarmac, to the hospital's door
- 5 Alpena Township fire chief will not renew contract; last day is...

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) released a video statement during Michigan PFAS Awareness Week calling for continued action to address toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Commonly known as "forever chemicals," PFAS contamination has harmed communities, residents, and ecosystems across Michigan. Peters has long worked to combat PFAS contamination, accelerate cleanup efforts, and enact policies to prevent future exposure and protect Michiganders. His message comes as the Department of Defense (DOD) continues to delay cleaning up PFAS contamination at military sites in Michigan.

"The decisions we make today will determine the quality of the water our children and grandchildren inherit," Senator Peters said. "That means doing everything we can to clean up contaminated sites, keep PFAS out of our drinking water, and hold polluters accountable. That's why I'll never stop fighting to address these toxic chemicals, and to protect the health and safety of Michiganders and our environment."

Local Health Departments Raise Awareness



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The banner for Michigan PFAS Awareness Week features a dark blue background. On the left is a white molecular structure graphic. In the center, the text "Michigan" is in white, "PFAS Awareness" is in large green letters with a drop shadow, and "Week" is in large white letters. To the right is a yellow triangular hazard sign with a black skull and crossbones, followed by a blue banner with "PFAS" in white. At the bottom right is a white button with the text "LEARN MORE" and a white arrow pointing to the right. The Mid-Michigan District Health Department logo is in the bottom left corner.

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PFAS Awareness
Week

Mid-Michigan District
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Creating Awareness at the Local Level



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Michigan PFAS Awareness Week 2026

The City of Monroe, Michigan 5d ·  [Follow](#) 

 **PFAS Awareness Week: September 21-25** 

PFAS are a large group of human-made chemicals used since the 1940s. They have been linked to harmful health effects and found in Michigan's water, soil, air, fish, wildlife and people.

While PFAS Awareness Week brings added attention to these contaminants, protecting public health and water quality is a year-round responsibility.

The City of Monroe regularly tests its drinking water for PFAS, with results continuing to show levels well below established drinking water limits.

And that work is looking ahead. The City is exploring opportunities to expand its PFAS removal capabilities as part of a continued commitment to addressing emerging contaminants and protecting Monroe's drinking water for generations to come.

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[PFAS Awareness Week - The City of Monroe, Michigan](#)

PFAS Awareness Week Makes Way Into Political Announcements



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It's PFAS Awareness week in Michigan. These toxic "forever chemicals" are contaminating our water supply—and Michigan has more identified PFAS sites than any state in the nation.

As your next AG, I have a very simple message to corporate polluters: You make a mess, you clean it up. And I'll ensure accountability as Attorney General.

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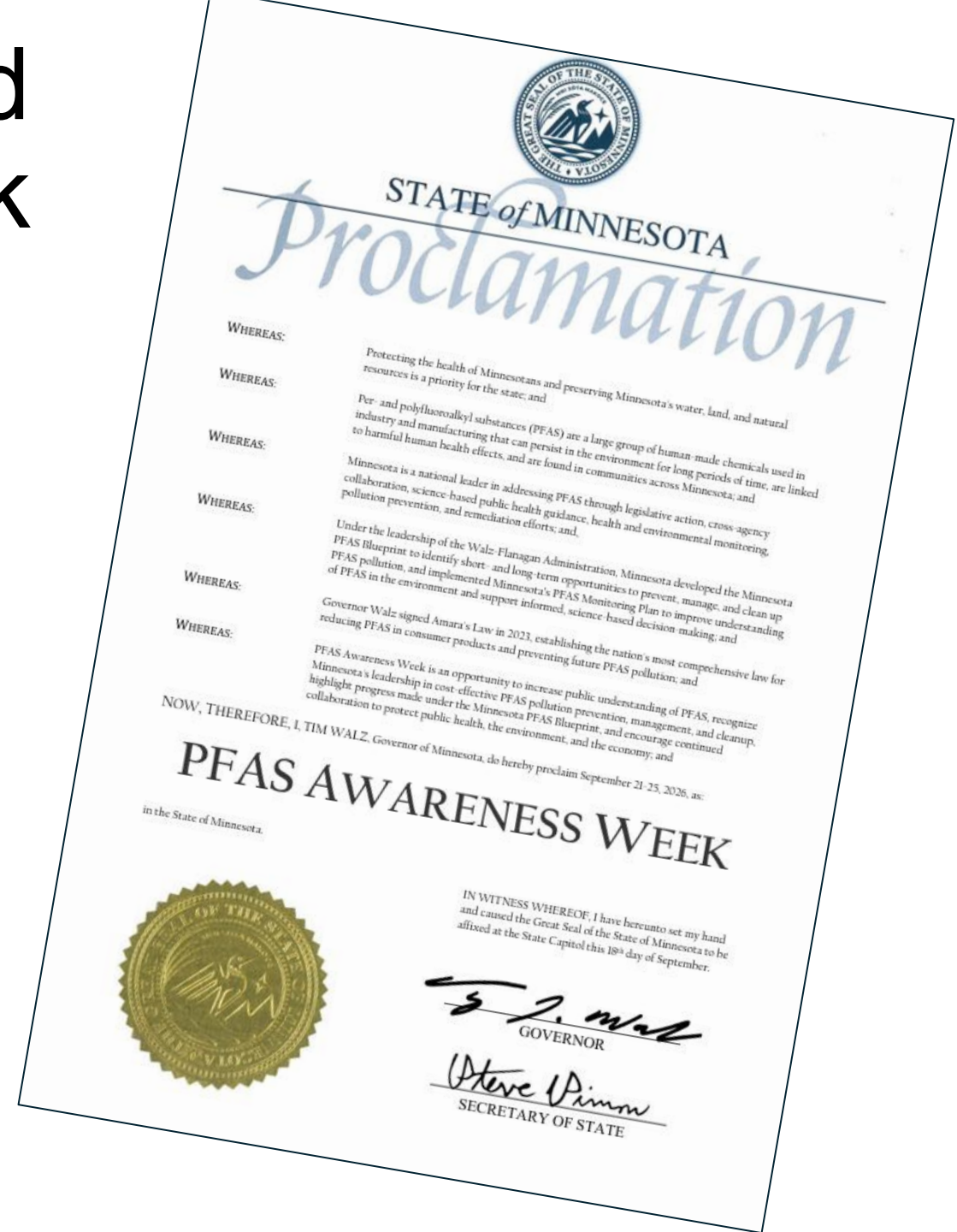
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Wisconsin - Proclaimed PFAS Awareness Week



**THE
HEALTH
THREAT
IS REAL**

**PROTECT
AMARA'S
LAW**





Looking forward to PAW 2027!

Thank you to all who contributed and participated in Michigan's first PFAS Awareness Week!

We look forward to working with you—and many more people—in 2027.



MPART Updates

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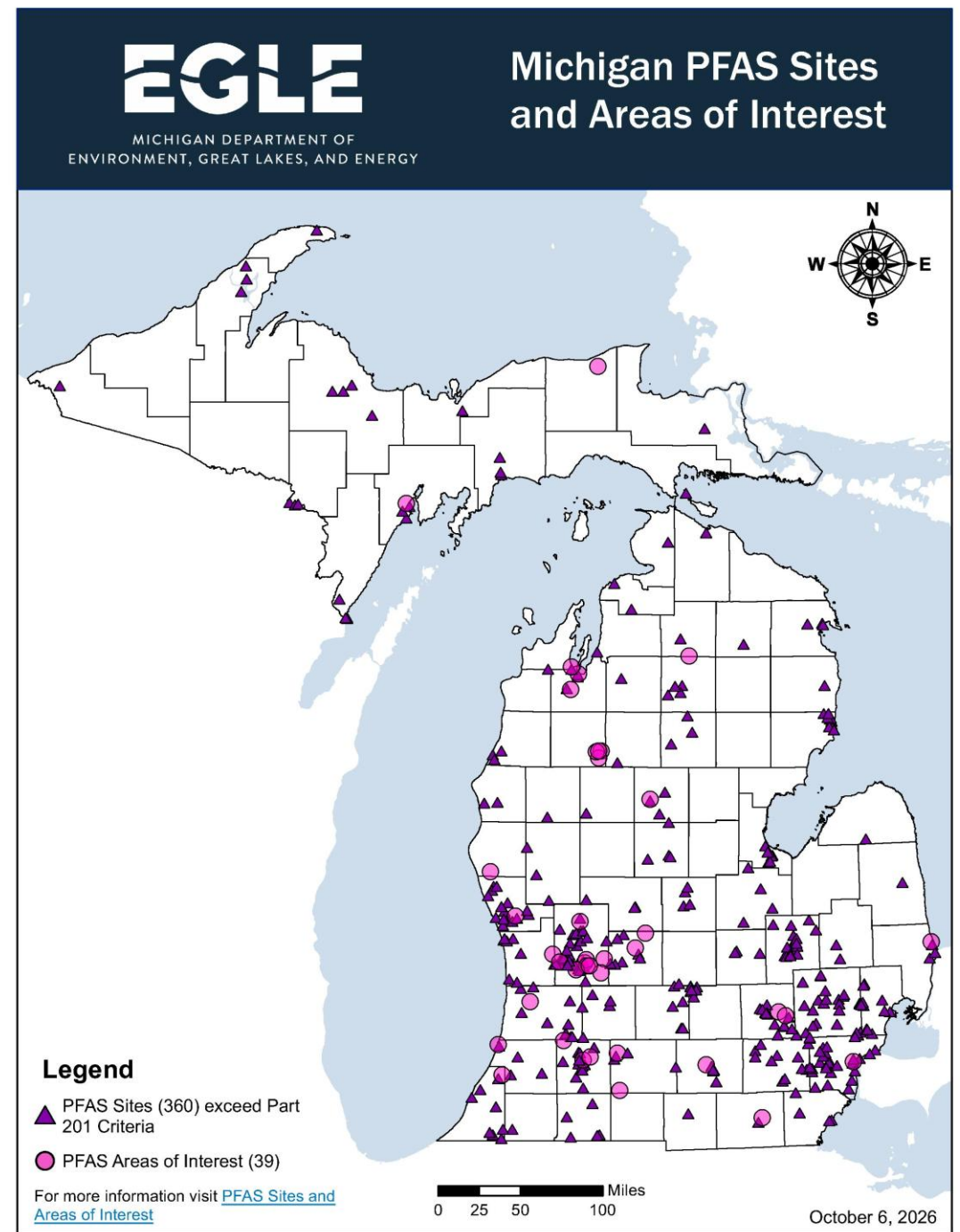
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MDHHS Updates

- **New webpage:** There is a new [PFAS and Foam webpage](#). You can access it by clicking the foam box on the [Michigan.gov/PFAS](#) homepage, or by going to the Resources tab.
- **MDHHS PFAS media campaign:** The paid search results and promoted social media posts have been highest performing media tactics.
 - Billboards are scheduled to run through the end of October.
 - MDHHS submitted a request for the campaign to be extended through March 2028. It is currently scheduled to run through March 2027.

New MPART Sites / Areas of Interest

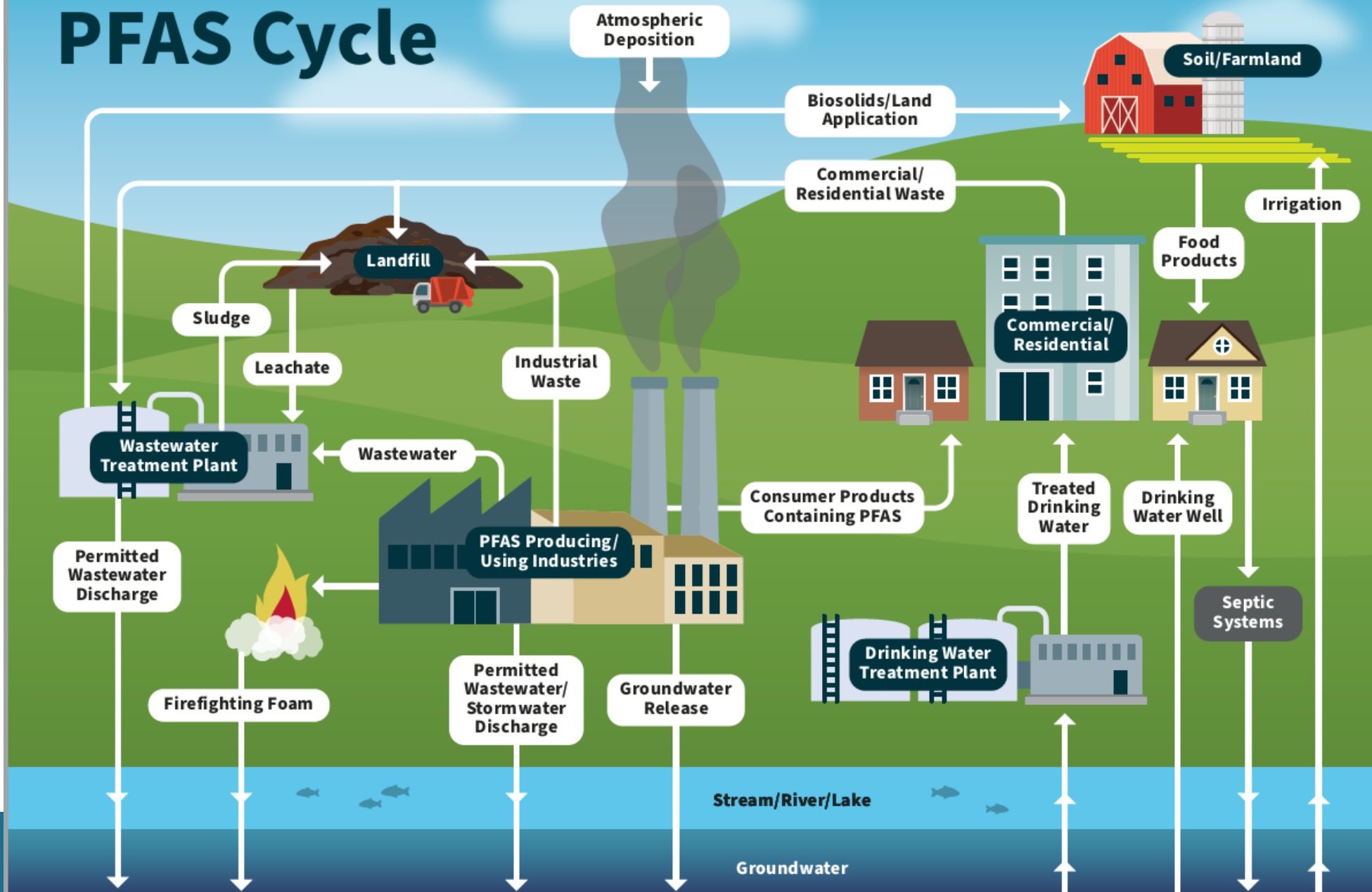
- ElectroVoice Superfund Site
Buchanan, Berrien County
- Grand Traverse Overall Supply Co. Superfund
Area of Interest
Greilickville, Leelanau County
- Chem Central
Wyoming, Kent County
- Rochester Hills Multi-site:
 - Highland Park Woodfill
 - Allen Park Landfill
 - J&L Landfill
- Cannon Township Fire Department, Station #2
Rockford, Kent County



MPART Updates

- New Webpages
 - [How MPART evaluates and samples drinking water wells as part of investigations](#)
 - [PFAS criteria and other values](#)
- Update to firefighting foam page coming soon

PFAS Cycle



SAVE THE DATE!

**7th Annual Great
Lakes PFAS Summit**
December 1-3, 2026

**1st Treatment
Technology
Symposium**
December 9-10, 2026

Registration Open

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Great Lakes **VIRTUAL** PFAS SUMMIT

Virtual Event

Save the date to Join the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the 7th annual *virtual* Great Lakes PFAS Summit December 1 – 3, 2026, and the PFAS Treatment Technology Symposium, December 9-10, 2026.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) continue to present some of the biggest challenges in chemical contamination across the world. States throughout the nation, including the Great Lakes region, are finding PFAS contamination in a growing number of locations where these persistent chemicals pose a threat to human health and the environment. The Great Lakes PFAS Summit will bring together environmental program managers, policy experts, researchers, and contractors from around the Great Lakes region to share new methods of addressing this contamination and present innovative technical solutions developed to address these “forever” chemicals.

**2026 Great Lakes PFAS Summit and
Treatment Technology Symposium**

<https://egle.idloom.events/2026-PFAS-Summit>

**Next Meeting:
November 10, 2026**

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MICHIGAN PFAS ACTION RESPONSE TEAM (MPART)

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