



Western Lake Erie Basin Advisory Group and Science Panel Meeting

Wednesday December 13th | 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Adrian Tobias Center at Adrian College

Ritchie Marketplace, Adrian, MI 49221

Meeting Objectives:

- Build trust among Advisory Group, Science Panel, and Quality of Life Agencies
- Opportunity for Advisory Group to ask questions of the Science Panel and Quality of Life Agencies
- Gather more of your thoughts and ideas on existing and planned Quality of Life Agency projects and efforts
- Learn about the magnitude and cost of best management practice implementation in the WLEB
- Learn about and provide ideas on ways to enhance engagement with producers and landowners and increase adoption of conservation practices.

9:00 AM: Check-in and Light Breakfast

9:30 AM: Call to Order Dr. Alison Bressler, University of Michigan Water Center

9:40 AM: Structured Meet and Greet

10:00 AM: Presentations

Magnitude and Cost of BMP Implementation: Strategic Planning for Michigan's Priority Subwatersheds

Derek Schlea, Principal and Senior Ecological Engineer, LimnoTech

Elevating Farmers and Creating Peer to Peer Networks: Farmer Advocates for Conservation

Stephanie Singer, Agriculture Outreach Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

10:40 AM: Break

11:00 AM: Science Panel Q and A about Science Panel Report

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| • Dr. Steve Hamilton | • Dr. Silvia Newell |
| • Dr. Fred Sklar | • Jeremiah Asher |
| • Dr. Adam Reimer | • Dr. Margaret Kalcic |
| • Rich Batiuk | • Dr. Gregory Dick |

11:15 AM: Session A: Rotating Breakout Groups

Session A

1. Input and feedback on expanding nonpoint source water quality monitoring in the WLEB
2. Creative ideas to implement the Cost to Comply findings
3. Pitching best management practices with return-on-investment data – What information resonates with producers?
4. Producer outreach and engagement – your ideas on how to apply lessons learned from other jurisdictions
5. Wetland protection and restoration in the Western Lake Erie Basin – How do we best identify and gain landowner support to implement these types of projects?

12:10 PM: Lunch

1:10 PM: Continue Session A: Rotating Breakout Groups

1:40 PM: Session B – Rotating Breakout Groups

Session B

1. Provide feedback on the interactive Great Lakes Watershed Management System dashboard
2. Ideas on collaboration among organizations to increase best management practice adoption
3. Gaining buffer strip permanent easement buy-in from producers and landowners for long-term management
4. Demystifying the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program
5. Moving forward with the Agricultural Inventory and Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework Model

2:45 PM: Break

3:00 PM: Quality of Life Agencies Panel Q and A

3:20 PM: Wrap Up

3:30 PM: Adjourn

WLEB Community Guidelines

Open-mindedness: Listen to and respect all points of view.

Acceptance: Suspend judgment as best you can.

Curiosity: Seek to understand rather than persuade.

Discovery: Question assumptions, look for new insights.

Sincerity: Speak from your heart and personal experience.

Brevity: Go for honesty and depth, but don't go on and on.