



# MICHIGAN WATER COLLABORATION WORKSHOP

## Building and Sustaining State-University Partnerships

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center

### GOALS

- Highlight successful partnerships between the State's quality of life agencies and our public colleges and universities
- Identify opportunities for new state-university partnerships to emerge
- Provide networking opportunities for state agency personnel and water-related faculty from Michigan's colleges and universities

### AGENDA

#### 9:30 AM - REGISTRATION & MEET AND GREET

#### 10:00 AM - INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

- Dina Klemans, *Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)*
- Jen Read, *University of Michigan Water Center*

#### PLENARY - PANEL SESSION: DIVERSE UNIVERSITY-STATE PARTNERSHIPS

##### **Long-term Wetland Monitoring**

- Don Uzarski, *Professor and Director, Institute for Great Lakes Research & Biological Station, CMU*
- Anne Garwood, *Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Ecologist, MDEQ*

##### **High Impact Targeting (HIT) Tool**

- Jeremiah Asher, *Director of Information Technology, Institute for Water Research, Michigan State University*
- Joseph Kelpinski, *Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division, MDARD*

##### **Long-term Cooperative Facility Agreement**

- Ashley Moerke, *Professor and Co-Director of the Aquatic Research Laboratory, Lake Superior State University*
- Gary Whelan, *Fisheries Project Manager, MDNR*

#### 12:00 PM - NETWORKING LUNCH

#### 1:00 PM - POSTER AND NETWORKING SESSION

#### 1:30 PM – PLENARY - PANEL SESSION: UNIVERSITY-STATE PARTNERSHIP DEEP DIVE

##### ❖ **State-wide Beach Monitoring Program**

- Shannon Briggs, *Toxicologist, MDEQ*
- Erin Dreelin, *Associate Director, Center for Water Sciences, MSU*
- Tami Sivy, *Associate Professor, Chemistry Department, SVSU*
- Christina Vernier, *Clerk/Technician, Central Michigan District Health Department*

#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

*Identifying and scoping new state-university partnerships for water resource management*

#### FINAL DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

#### 4:00 PM - ADJOURN

