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“All things water”

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June 4 through June 12 – declared ‘Water Week’

<http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,1607,7-277-58031-256959--,00.html>

Several communities throughout the state are celebrating ‘Water Week’ through various River Cleanups, Native Planting Events, and much more! Visit the following links for information on how YOU can participate:

<http://therouge.org/index.php?id=687629>

<http://www.crowc.org/crowcevents/riverday.html>

<http://www.riverdayfun.com/>

Great Lakes article – Detroit Free Press

Water shaped our (Michigan’s) past. Now it’s a key to our future. This article is excellent reading for everyone with an interest in water and our future.

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011106050496>

City of Wyoming Clean Water Plant joins DEQ Clean Corporate Citizen program

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has awarded one of its highest environmental stewardship honors to the City of Wyoming’s Clean Water Plant.

The Clean Water Plant earned designation as a member of the state's Clean Corporate Citizen Program in February. The C3 Program is a voluntary environmental program that recognizes environmental stewardship at Michigan facilities. Candidates demonstrate facility-specific environmental management systems, have active pollution prevention initiatives at their facilities, and have a consistent record of compliance with state and federal environmental requirements.

The Clean Water Plant has a comprehensive Environmental Management System that is based on a national Biosolids Environmental Management System; it is certified by the Water Environment Federation's National Biosolids Partnership. The Biosolids Environmental Management System manages all critical control points at the plant in order to protect the environment and public health.

The Clean Water Plant provides wastewater treatment for the City of Wyoming, Kentwood, Byron Township, Gaines Township, and Grandville, a population of more than 168,000.

For more information on the C3 program, visit the DEQ Web site at http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3585_57802_4134---,00.html.

'Fracking' regulations increase environmental protection and public transparency

Michigan DEQ officials today announced a series of new regulations for the oil and gas industry that will increase public disclosure and better protect public health and the state's natural resources.

Hydraulic fracturing, or 'fracking,' is a process used to extract natural gas by pressurizing underground wells with water and sand and chemicals to break-up formations and maximize well production. The process came under national scrutiny in recent months as other states discovered environmental damage from the ways that certain operators disposed of used 'fracking fluid' and constructed their wells.

For more information click on the link below.

<http://mi.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135--256844--,00.html>

Michigan Fishing

Michigan is home to four of the Great Lakes and *outstanding* walleye, salmon and trout fishing, just to name a few. To find detailed information on Michigan Fishing, Lake Michigan Fishing, Michigan Fishing Resorts, Michigan Fishing Charters, Michigan Salmon Fishing, Michigan Campgrounds, Michigan Fishing Reports and More go to:

<http://www.michiganfishingonline.com/>

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program Review

Over 300 Michigan Municipalities are required to meet stringent new federal regulations dealing with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)....

Click here to see entire article.

Water Festivals Around Michigan

There are so many things to do in Michigan that are all too often overlooked due to hectic schedules and commitments. Festivals in Michigan and Michigan fairs stand out as some of the best in the country. There are water festivals all around Michigan that are fun and exciting for the entire family. Here are a few ideas to make your summer more enjoyable.

Click here to see entire article.

Dinner Cruises

Have you ever considered taking a cruse...in Michigan! Yes, Michigan dinner cruises offer a delightful array of scenery and tastes: from pan-seared sea bass on the Great Lakes to char-broiled New York Strip while viewing Michigan coastlines.

Click here to see entire article.

World Water Monitoring Day

World Water Monitoring Day™ (WWMD) is an international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies.

An easy-to-use test kit enables everyone from children to adults to sample local water bodies for a core set of water quality parameters including temperature, acidity (pH), clarity (turbidity) and dissolved oxygen (DO). Results are shared with participating communities around the globe through the WWMD Web site.

World Water Monitoring Day is officially celebrated on **September 18**; however, the monitoring window was extended for the first time in 2009 from March 22 (World Water Day) until December 31. Participants are encouraged to celebrate with WEF and IWA in September or to observe their own WWMD anytime during the extended window. The deadline for submitting data to the WWMD database is December 31.

The coordinators of WWMD, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the International Water Association (IWA) plan to expand participation to one million people in 100 countries by 2012.

http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/About/About_Main.html

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