

GLSNRP Dialogues 2024

August 20-21, 2024 • Shoreline Inn & Conference Center • Muskegon, Michigan

AGENDA

Objectives:

- Current and former Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program (GLSNRP) grantees gather to discuss shared obstacles and solutions as we work together to improve Great Lakes water quality.
- Participants acquire new skills through field trips and keynote speakers.
- Our network of conservation practitioners in the Great Lakes basin is strengthened through in-person conversation.

Time	Topic	Speaker/Lead Facilitator
8:30 a.m.	Gather in the Shoreline Inn's Drawing Room (across from the lobby) for optional field trip	Local hosts from the office of the Muskegon Water Resources Commissioner (MWRC) & GLC staff
9:00	Buses depart: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point of interest along the way: solar installation at Fruitville highway exit• Stop #1: MWRC's GLSNRP-funded wetland restoration project benefitting Pierson Drain, a tributary of White Lake• Stop #2: Michigan's "fruitbelt" and the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program• Stop #3: Lower Muskegon River Wetland Restoration Project (<i>work supported by the GLC's Coastal Habitat program partnership with NOAA</i>)	
12:30	Return to the Shoreline Inn, pick-up nametag and lunch, prepare for afternoon presentations & discussion	
1:00	Welcome to the 2 nd GLSNRP Dialogues Event <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Dialogue agenda & new "face book" for building our real life social network	Nicole Zacharda, GLC Program Manager
1:10	Muskegon's environmental challenges and restoration progress	Fallon Chabala, West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
1:30	Introductions among tablemates	
1:40	Climate Outlook for the Great Lakes	Nicole Zacharda

1:45	When it rains (or melts), it drains: water management solutions in Great Lakes states	Brenda Moore, Muskegon Water Resources Commissioner (MI) Stacy Haviland, Fort Wayne City Utilities (IN) Dave Giordano, Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (WI)
2:30	Dialogue #1: Outside of municipal separate storm sewers (MS4s), who is in charge of drainage in your part of the Great Lakes basin? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to work together • Past successes or challenge • Big ideas 	All participants, working in smaller multi-state teams
3:00	Take a break!	
3:30	Wrap up discussion and prepare to present ideas to the larger group as a team (15 minutes per team)	
4:00	Teams share what they have learned	
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn and depart for optional social hour at The Deck. Everyone is welcome; however, we do not have specific space or tables reserved for our group.	

Participants are free to make their own Muskegon adventure for dinner and the remainder of the evening. The Deck does have food and is located on Lake Michigan at Pier Marquette Beach. It is not recommended that participants walk from the Shoreline Inn.

Day 2

Time	Topic	Speaker/Lead Facilitator
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:30	Reconvene for Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of any back-of-a-napkin ideas from last night 	Nicole Zacharda, GLC
8:45	Placing practices in the right locations: tutorial on the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework and update on GLC's pilot microgrant program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the GL-WMS to build scenarios and understand options for ACPF-identified locations 	Connor Roessler, GLC Program Specialist Jeremiah Asher, Assistant Director, MSU Institute of Water Research
9:30	Dialogue #2: How are your teams working to maximize water quality benefits in your watersheds? How do water storage/climate resilience needs influence efforts to install long-term structures (that may often be expensive to install and maintain)?	
10:15	Morning break & social time	
10:45	Teams prepare for debrief on table discussions	
11:00	Teams share what they've learned	

noon	Plated lunch	
12:30 p.m.	Keynote address: What does regenerative agriculture mean in Michigan?	Mike Alexander, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
1:00	Large group discussion: what does regenerative agriculture mean in your part of the Great Lakes basin?	All participants
1:40	Fresh perspective: other work happening at the GLC	Nicole Zacharda, GLC
2:00	Fresh perspective: new approaches for watershed-based collaboration with agriculture	Jessica Schultz, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Ian Smith, Finger Lakes Institute
2:50	Closing thoughts & next steps	All participants and GLC staff
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn	