Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Files Amicus Brief with the Michigan Supreme Count in the Holton v. Ward Riparian Rights Case

In an attempt to encourage the Michigan Supreme Court to “identify a clear definitional difference between ponds and lakes in Michigan for purposes of the common law, as well as to decide whether (property owners living on) artificial lakes can have riparian rights”, Michigan Lake and Stream Associations has filed an amicus curiae brief with the Michigan Supreme Court in the Holton v. Ward case. An amicus curiae, literally “friend of the court”) is someone who is not a party to a case, who offers relevant information that bears on the outcome of the case but who has not been solicited by any of the parties to assist the court in its decision. Recent Michigan Court of Appeals decisions in the Persell v. Wertz and Holton v. Ward cases have “created a legal vacuum for all lot owners on the many artificial lakes throughout Michigan. Those decisions have created great uncertainty in a key area of Michigan real property law,” according to Clifford H. Bloom, attorney-at-law, senior partner in the firm Bloom Sluggett Morgan PC of Grand Rapids. Tens of thousands of Michigan citizens own lakefront homes and/or property on artificial lakes, that is, on lakes that have been created primarily through the impoundment of natural rivers. It is believed that as many as 800 such “artificial” lakes exist within Michigan.

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What is Riparian?
by Clifford H. Bloom
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Grand Rapids, Michigan

The words “riparian” and “riparianism” are used frequently, not only by this magazine, me and the courts, but also by
many lay people. This month’s column is a basic primer of what the work “riparian” really means.

Technically, in Michigan, a property that touches or has frontage on a lake (whether an inland lake or one of the Great
Lakes) is “littoral.” Properties touching or having frontage on a flowing body of water, such as a river, creek, or stream,
are “riparian.” Nevertheless, the word “riparian” has been commonly used for many years to refer to any property
fronting on or touching any body of water (whether a lake, stream, river, or creek, but not a wetland or pond), such that
even the Michigan courts typically refer to all such properties as “riparian.”[1] See Glass v Goeckel, 473 Mich 667; 703
NW2d 58 (2005); Thies v Howland, 424 Mich 282; 380 NW2d 463 (1985); Thompson v Enz, 379 Mich 667; 154 NW2d
473 (1967). “Riparian” is sometimes also used to refer to the owner of a riparian or waterfront property.

In Michigan, property that touches or fronts on a body of water is riparian. See Thies v Howland, 424 Mich 282; 380
NW2d 463 (1985); Rice v Naimish, 8 Mich App 698; 155 NW2d 370 (1967); Hall v Wantz, 336 Mich 112; 57 NW2d
462 (1953); Hess v West Bloomfield Twp, 439 Mich 550; 486 NW2d 628 (1992). Conversely, property that does not
touch or front on a body of water is usually not riparian. See Thompson v Enz, 379 Mich 667; 154 NW2d 473 (1967),
and Little v Kin, 249 Mich App 502; 644 NW2d 375 (2002); aff’d in part and reversed in part, 468 Mich 699; 664
NW2d 749 (2003). Unfortunately, that simple concept is often misunderstood. Non-riparian properties (often referred
to as off-water properties or “backlots”) can have access to a body of water pursuant to a number of lake access devices
such as private easements across riparian properties, road ends, parks, outlots, walks, alleys, and community
beaches. Sometimes, those lake access devices are “public” (whereby any member of the public can utilize the lake
access device, not just nearby backlot property owners), while other lake access devices are “private” (limited to the use
of certain or all backlot property owners). In either case, those backlots are not “riparian” simply because they have
access to a nearby lake, river, or stream. Even in those cases where an easement accords a backlot express written
enumerated rights almost equal to those of a riparian property owner, the backlot property owner still is not a ripari-

For properties adjacent to the waterfront, isn’t it easy to ascertain whether or not a particular property is
“riparian” simply by reviewing the legal description, the original plat (if it is a platted lot), or a survey? Unfortunately,
it is not always that simple. In some cases, the property appears to be waterfront (or at least an apparently
unencumbered waterfront), only to have it turn out later that there is a property “gap” between the parcel
or lot involved and the water that is owned by someone else. Or, situations arise where there is a platted road,

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walk, park, or land strip located between the body of water and the lot or parcel involved. It is not uncommon for a person who purchased what they believed to be an unencumbered waterfront property to have a rude awakening later when a shoreline “gap” is discovered or members of the public or backlot owners in the plat involved start utilizing the shoreline of the property with the full support of Michigan law due to the presence of a previously-forgotten dedicated easement, road right-of-way, walk, park, or alley located between the purchaser’s new lot and the water.

Such waterfront problems tend to fall into one of two categories. First, situations arise where the lot or property involved does not actually extend to the water’s edge (and as such, is usually not riparian). There is a “land gap” between the lot and the water. If the land gap is relatively large, the nearby lot or parcel that does not touch the water is normally not riparian or waterfront. That is true regardless of whether the land gap is owned by someone else (due to a reservation in an earlier deed) or even if it is unclear who owns the land gap. However, there is a limited exception to the rule that all riparian property must touch a body of water. In some cases where the land gap is relatively small, no other party has claimed the property comprising the land gap for many years, and the first tier lot or parcel owners have treated the land gap as their own, the Michigan appellate courts have indicated that they will disregard an insignificant land strip and will treat the first tier lots or parcels as being riparian. See *Sands v Gambs*, 106 Mich 62 (1895) and *Kranz v Terrill* (unpublished decision by the Michigan Court of Appeals dated September 20, 2012; Case No. 305198). The second situation involves the above-mentioned so-called “parallel” easements or lake access devices benefitting the public or other lot owners within the plat such as an easement, road right-of-way, park, walkway, or alley. These items often run along the waterfront. The parcel or lot may still be riparian or waterfront, but subject to the usage rights of others.

In Michigan, legal descriptions for waterfront properties almost never expressly extend beyond the water’s edge or shoreline and rarely describe the bottomlands of a body of water. In fact, legal descriptions for waterfront property in Michigan almost never expressly state that the property involved is riparian. In almost all cases, however, where a *bona fide* legal description in the chain of title for a particular property describes the property as “extending to the water’s edge,” “ending at the water’s edge,” “going to the water’s edge,” “extending along the water’s edge,” “running along the shore,” “going to the lake (or river),” or similar language, it means that the property is riparian. Furthermore, Michigan courts generally interpret that language on inland lakes as meaning that the bottomlands adjacent to that property are also included within the legal description, even though the legal description indicates or implies that the property “ends” at the water’s edge. See *Hilt v Weber*, 252 Mich 198; 233 NW 159 (1930); *Mumaugh v McCarley*, 219 Mich App 641; 558
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NW2d 433 (1996); Bauman v Barendregt, 251 Mich 67; 231 NW 70 (1930). Of course, such language does not rule out the presence of an easement, road right-of-way, etc., along the waterfront that must be ferreted out by the due diligence of a prospective purchaser.

What is a “meander line”? Despite popular misconceptions, it is generally not a boundary line or an indication of specifically where a lakefront lot ends or the water was located when the lot or parcel was created. A meander line is often defined as a traverse of the margin of a permanent natural body of water. The original government surveys for properties in Michigan (from 150 years ago or even earlier) often used meander lines to ascertain the amount of dry land remaining after separating out the water area. Normally, the lake, river, or stream itself determines boundary lines, not meander lines.

What is a “traverse line”? A traverse line is a technique used by surveyors to describe an area along a lake or shoreline, without having to actually survey every nook and cranny along an irregular shoreline. Typically, a surveyor will legally describe a traverse line that is slightly landward of the body of water, and then indicate that the legal description for the lot or parcel also includes all property located between the traverse line and the body of water.

These are some of the basics of riparianism.


[2] And, in fact, this can create a real problem regarding the apportionment of bottomlands—that is, which waterfront property owner owns which bottomlands.
**Great Lakes Conference Celebrates 25 Years**  
Submitted by Dr. Lois Wolfson, MSU Institute of Water Research

The Great Lakes are a valued resource to Michigan, providing water for recreation, consumption, and power; world-class fisheries, and multiple other uses. They are subject to a variety of challenges including invasive species, conservation and restoration; tributary impacts, habitat loss, harmful algal blooms, and other water quality issues. Celebrating its 25th year, the conference will address many of these key topic areas and highlight some of the latest research and management efforts being developed for the Great Lakes and its surrounding watershed. The conference will be held at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing on Tuesday, March 10. It is free and open to the public; however, advanced registration by Thursday, March 5th is requested.

Please visit: [www.iwr.msu.edu/events/ANRWeek](http://www.iwr.msu.edu/events/ANRWeek) to see a complete agenda and registration form.

To register for the 25th annual Great Lakes Conference, [click here](http://www.iwr.msu.edu/events/ANRWeek).

For further information, contact: Lois Wolfson <wolfson1@msu.edu>, 517-353-9222.

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**Shoreline and Shallows Conference Registration Open**  
Submitted by Dr. Lois Wolfson, MSU Institute of Water Research

The Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership’s 2015 Shoreline and Shallows Conference will return to Michigan State University’s Kellogg Center on Wednesday, March 11, in East Lansing, MI. The title of this year’s conference is “Challenges and Successes” and will feature a natural shoreline research and policy presentation by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. This year’s conference will also include two presentations on design considerations when planning for river bank versus lakeshore restoration. Guidance on costing out natural shoreline projects will be offered and speakers will explore subtle siting details that may be affecting two of the Certified Natural Shoreline Partnership demonstration sites.

The agenda for the one-day conference, along with a link to online registration, is available at [www.mishorelinepartnership.org](http://www.mishorelinepartnership.org) and then clicking the MNSP Shoreline and Shallows Conference option on the menu bar. Early bird registration is $35.00 and includes lunch. Regular registration after February 25 is $45.00, including lunch. Walk-ins are accepted but lunch is not guaranteed. The conference is sponsored by the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership. Co-sponsors include: the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Water Resources Division; Institute of Water Research, Michigan State University; MSU Extension Greening Michigan Institute; Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc.; and the Michigan Chapter, North American Lake Management Society. For further information, please contact: Lois Wolfson at wolfson1@msu.edu or 517-353-9222.
Apply Now for the 2015 Lake and Stream Leaders Institute!
by Dr. Jo Latimore, Michigan State University

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Each of us has a role to play in protecting Michigan’s magnificent lakes and streams. Are you ready to play your part? If so, the Michigan Lake and Stream Leaders Institute is looking for you! The Institute is an outstanding experience for people who are willing to step up in their communities and within their organizations as volunteers, leaders, or professionals. We invite you to apply for the Class of 2015!

Since 2002, the Institute has developed local water resource leaders who are familiar with current lake and stream science and management practices, and have the leadership skills to work through challenging issues with their communities. Participants gain an understanding of the regulatory landscape, organizations, and agencies that guide water resource protection and management in Michigan, and learn how to develop productive partnerships. The Institute is a partnership program of Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc., and the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

“I feel far more confident taking proactive steps in my lake community and providing information to persuade or motivate others,” wrote a 2013 Institute graduate who is a Lake Association Board Member. “I am more prone to speak up, even to a less than receptive audience. I feel more connected and vested in my own lake.”

The Institute combines classroom and small group learning, field experiences, and independent work. Instructors are leaders and experts in their fields including university faculty, extension educators, state and local agency professionals, leaders from non-profit organizations, and Institute Alumni. Participants attend Institute sessions, complete homework assignments, and conduct an independent project which is shared with their peers and Institute alumni during a Poster Symposium on graduation day. After graduation, participants can engage in an Institute Alumni Program that promotes continued opportunities for learning and service.

“You will meet enjoyable, good spirited people who are kindred to your own care and concern for our lakes and streams,” says a 2013 Institute graduate. “Spending time with such kindred spirits is energizing, motivating, and promotes hope and courage and stamina to keep trying to be a positive force for our beautiful Michigan Water-Wonderland. And an added bonus is spending time at the delightful locations of the meetings. It is balm to a nature lover’s soul and a true educational retreat.”

Past participants have included natural resource agency staff, lake association and non-profit organization leaders, natural resources students, drain commissioners, educators, and interested citizens. Today, nearly 100 Institute alumni are hard at work for Michigan’s lakes and streams in a variety of ways, such as leading lake associations, working within state and local natural resource agencies, serving on planning commissions, and monitoring water quality.

Make plans to be a part of the Class of 2015! The first session will take place May 15-16 at the DNR’s Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center on Higgins Lake. The second session will be held July 31 – August 1 at Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) near Kalamazoo. The final one-day session, including the Poster Symposium and Graduation, will take place in October in the Lansing area. The application deadline is March 30, 2015. Tuition for the 2015 Institute is $375, and includes all instruction, materials, meals, field trips, boats, and overnight lodging at the RAM Center and KBS. Limited scholarships are available.

For application forms and more information about the 2015 Institute, visit the website: http://goo.gl/zec62q, or visit MSU Extension (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) and search for “LSLI”. You can also contact the Institute Director, Dr. Jo Latimore, at MSU (latimor1@msu.edu or 517-432-1491).
Michigan Shoreline Educator Training: A Train-the-Trainer Program

The Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (MNSP) is offering a professional training for individuals interested in becoming a part of the MNSP Shoreline Educator Network (SEN).

**Topic:** Participants will learn how to conduct homeowner workshops on the benefits of natural shoreline landscaping, bioengineering and erosion control on inland lakes.

**Course Content:**
- Healthy Lake Ecosystems
- Ideas for Natural Landscapes on Lake Shorelines
- Problems with High Impact Landscape Methods
- Use of Native Plants in Shoreline Landscape
- State of Michigan Rules and Regulations

Participants will receive the **Shoreline Educator Network Homeowner Tool Kit**, which includes:
- MNSP Homeowner Manual
- Workshop Presentation
- Workshop Promotion Materials

**Date and Location:**
**April 24, 2015**  
8:30 am—4:00 pm  
Mid Michigan Community College  
1375 South Clare Avenue  
Harrison, Michigan 48625

**Registration:**
Register online at [http://events.anr.msu.edu/MNSPEducator2015/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/MNSPEducator2015/)  
Fees include lunch, refreshments & workshop materials

- **Early Registration:** $65  
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**Questions:**
Contact Marybeth Denton at 989-539-7805 or Denton.Marybeth@anr.msu.edu

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2015 Training Locations

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April 11, 10am
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Jackson MI 49201

May 23 9am
Cass County Extension
120 N Broadway St Ste 209
Cassopolis, MI 49031

June 11 6pm
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Traverse City, MI 49684

July 9, time 10am
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- Shoreline soils, plants and ecosystems (including native plant communities)
- Michigan water law and how to complete a successful permit application
- How to assess a shoreline property for problems and potential
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Please note that the East Lansing course is the only CNSP course being offered in 2015. Please see session dates and details on the registration form included in this issue of The Michigan Landscape. Register soon as seating is limited. If you have questions about the program please email Dr. Robert Schutzki at schutzki@msu.edu, phone 517-420-4041.

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MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program enrollment for the 2015 season began on 1 October 2014. Enroll on-line at www.micorps.net or contact ML&SA CLMP Program Administrator Jean Roth at 989-257-3715 or e-mail: jroth@mlswa.org
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You know how it works. When the legislature is pushed to weaken water resource protection measures, they will do just that—unless we speak out to protect our lakes and streams. It is difficult for one person or one lake association to carry the burden of protecting 11,000 lakes. And though we’d like to think that right will always prevail, one lone voice is not enough to get the attention of the leaders in state government. That is why we must join together to make our collective voice heard in Lansing. These efforts were utilized in getting legislation passed, this year, to restrict use of phosphorus fertilizer on turf.

To get our message out, we retain professional lobbyists who are skilled and experienced in issue advocacy. While this expertise is very effective, it is also costly. As such, we ask you to join or renew your individual membership for $50, Lake Association membership for $100 or your Corporation membership for $200 per year.

Please note the line “MWA Legal Assistance Fund” on the enclosed return envelope and form. After costly filing on two (2) Amicus Briefs (Appellate court and Supreme Court) and direct mail fundraising campaigns (to Lake Charlevoix residents), MWA incurred a total cost of over $3000 on just this one case regarding the loss of riparian rights by court action. The MWA Board of Directors voted, last December, to create a MWA Legal Assistance Fund to provide the funds to support significant legal cases relevant to the mission of MWA. Funds will be disbursed in a manner consistent with MWA bylaws.

We need to build this Legal Assistance Fund as soon as possible. Please be as generous as you can.

Your past understanding and support has been appreciated and necessary in order to continue a professional campaign for water resource protection.

Please send back the application below plus give a copy to a like minded neighbor or friend.

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