

# 2014 Annual Report



# PEOPLE ARE THE PRIORITY

The Michigan Environmental Council's work in 2014 made it clear that protecting Michigan's environment goes hand-in-hand with taking good care of the people who live here.

Take, for instance, our focus in 2014 on building a 21st century transportation system in Michigan. Making our streets safer for walking and biking and improving public transportation options are important strategies for reducing the air pollution and carbon emissions that come with auto-centric infrastructure. At the same time, pedestrian- and bike-friendly communities offer safe places for healthy outdoor activities, and good transit opens gateways to opportunity for our friends and neighbors who rely on public transportation to get to work, the doctor's office and the grocery store. Modern transportation also is an important tool for keeping more of our college graduates in Michigan and attracting talented innovators and entrepreneurs to live here. Transportation policy is all about people.

Or look at the work we do on behalf of Michigan's public lands. There's inherent value in protecting biodiversity, wildlife habitat and intact ecosystems. But we're also preserving the special places that have provided life-changing experiences and cherished family memories for generations of Michiganders.

Peel back the layers on any issue MEC worked on in 2014, and you'll see it's about making Michigan an even better place for the people who live here. Our Detroit program is all about engaging residents and giving them



**Chris Kolb, President**

a voice in shaping a sustainable future for their city. Our success in securing funds to prevent lead poisoning has enabled hundreds of Michigan families to get the help they need to make their homes safe, healthy places where children can thrive. Shifting from dirty fossil fuels to pollution-free power, keeping our water safe for swimming and drinking, expanding access to healthy food—these are people issues.

Maybe that's why MEC has such a strong record of success at getting things done in the State Capitol. Whatever our differences, we always approach lawmakers,

governors, department heads and other decision makers with respect, recognizing them not just as officeholders but as people—fellow Michiganders who share our love for this state and a desire to make it better.

And it's people—generous supporters like you—who put MEC in a position to do this important work. Without your contributions, we could not have achieved any of the progress detailed in this annual report. My colleagues and I deeply appreciate all you do for our organization and for the people of this state, and we take seriously our obligation to continue earning your support.

Thanks for helping to make 2014 another successful year. Here's to great things to come in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Chris Kolb

# KEEPING OIL OUT OF THE GREAT LAKES



**James Clift**, Policy Director

**S**urrounded by the world's greatest freshwater treasure, you can bet that protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan's inland waters will always be at the heart of MEC's mission.

The Straits of Mackinac was a focal point of that work in 2014. There, just west of the iconic bridge linking our state's

two peninsulas, 23 million gallons of oil pass through the Great Lakes each day. The oil flows through twin pipelines, installed in 1953, that run along the lake bottom—part of the Canadian company Enbridge's Line 5 from Wisconsin to Ontario.

Given its strong, erratic currents and importance to the state's tourism economy, the straits would be "the worst possible place for an oil spill in the Great Lakes," according to a report from the University of Michigan and the National Wildlife Federation. Further fueling concerns about the pipeline is the fact that Enbridge was the company responsible for the 2010 Kalamazoo River disaster—at one million gallons, the worst inland oil spill in U.S. history.

MEC engaged deeply in this issue in 2014, led by Policy Director James Clift and Traverse City-based Energy Specialist Kate Madigan. As part of the Oil and Water Don't Mix campaign, we lent our policy expertise and relationships in Lansing to our partners' community engagement and grassroots organizing work.

A chief goal of the campaign is to convince Gov. Snyder and Attorney General Schuette they have the authority and duty to prevent a spill by applying the Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act, which was enacted after the straits pipelines were installed. Applying the law would require Enbridge to seek a permit for the pipelines, triggering a public proceeding to evaluate the risks they pose and determine whether they need repair, replacement or removal.

As awareness of this issue grew—thanks in large part to the Oil and Water Don't Mix campaign—members of



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Congress, local business owners, community leaders and thousands of Michiganders joined our calls for action. In June 2014, Gov. Snyder created a state pipeline safety task force to look into the issue. We welcomed the creation of the task force, but were concerned that the public had little access to information about its proceedings.

Throughout 2014 we worked to draw attention to Line 5 and make a clear and compelling case that this significant threat to our Great Lakes demands transparency, not closed-door meetings. Among other activities, we hosted and helped organize an October press event that created a fresh wave of media coverage; weighed in with an op-ed in the *Detroit Free Press*; and made our case directly to state leaders at the December meeting of the pipeline task force.

Preventing a spill in the Straits of Mackinac will remain an MEC priority until the threat has been fully dealt with. Meanwhile, your support enabled MEC to make progress on a number of fronts in 2014 to protect Michigan's water resources.

## Protecting water from toxic algae bloom

Another headline-grabbing Great Lakes story was the toxic algae bloom that left half a million Toledo-area residents without safe drinking water for four days in August. The scope and public visibility of the crisis were unprecedented, but its root cause—nutrient pollution from large-scale agriculture, sewer overflows and other sources—was nothing new. Seizing the urgency created by the bloom, MEC met with Snyder administration officials and made our voice heard in the media, urging decision makers to enact the stronger protections we've been pushing for years.

## Improving new fracking rules

Safeguarding our water against the threat of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, was a focus throughout 2014. When the Department of Environmental Quality proposed fracking rules that didn't go far enough to protect our water, MEC testified publicly, met behind the scenes with top regulators and made our case in the news. The final rules are imperfect, but they include crucial protections called for by MEC and allies. For instance, fracking



**Kate Madigan**, Northern Michigan Representative and Energy Specialist, with her family.

operations now must disclose what chemicals they'll use before they inject them into the ground—not 60 days later, as previous rules held. Drilling companies also are now subject to water withdrawal regulations, and must test local water quality before drilling so they can be held accountable if they cause contamination.

## Cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks

At former gas stations and industrial facilities in nearly every Michigan community, underground storage tanks are leaking hazardous chemicals—often directly over drinking water aquifers. MEC has long worked toward expanding the storage tank cleanup program. Those efforts brought about a major success in 2014 when lawmakers approved a new program to help facility owners finance repairs on leaking tanks. Our consistent calls for action also yielded a new focus by state officials on sorting through the 8,000 leaking underground storage tanks on “orphan sites”—where the owner can't pay or has abandoned the site—to prioritize them for cleanup.

## SETTING THE STAGE FOR A CLEAN ENERGY STRATEGY

A key focus for MEC in 2014 was laying the groundwork for policies that will shape Michigan's energy system long into the future.

We need a comprehensive strategy because Michigan's clean energy laws, passed in 2008 with strong leadership from MEC, are set to reach a plateau. They require our utilities to generate at least 10 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the end of 2015 and achieve annual electricity savings of 1 percent. The power companies have met those targets, reducing greenhouse

gas emissions and generating billions of dollars in new investment in Michigan along the way. To keep that stunning economic development on track and continue shrinking Michigan's carbon footprint, we need new legislation that maps out a comprehensive clean energy policy for our state's future.

Led by Energy Program Director Sarah Mullkoff and Policy Director James Clift, MEC argued in testimony, in the media and in meetings with decision makers that a viable long-term energy strategy must control costs, protect ratepayers from price spikes, ensure excellent reliability and promote economic development, all without compromising public health or our environment.

At Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) proceedings, we argued against coal's continued viability as an energy source and in favor of clean energy alternatives. Financial support from friends like you has enabled MEC to build a strong legal team and establish a role as an influential intervenor in MPSC cases. Our



Sarah Mullkoff, Energy Program Director

job there is to represent Michigan residents' best interests by challenging utilities' attempts to inflate the cost of renewable energy, discount the cost savings of energy efficiency programs or build unneeded power plants that saddle customers with higher rates.

That work paid off in 2014 when Consumers Energy eliminated the charge it added to customer bills for renewable energy. The company had already reduced that surcharge twice since 2008, as MEC and allies demonstrated to MPSC regulators

that the true cost of clean energy was lower than anticipated, and falling all the time.

Another notable success was the MPSC's creation—at the urging of MEC and our partners—of a Solar Working Group to develop a fair rate for consumer-generated solar power. We met throughout the summer as part of that body and helped produce a report that stressed the exceptional value and economic development potential of solar power. (We also practiced what we preached by taking the first steps toward installing solar panels on the rooftop at MEC headquarters.)

Under the Capitol dome, meanwhile, we promoted ideas that will lead to greater investment in energy efficiency and renewable power. MEC's role as an energy policy leader in Lansing earned us a seat at the table when Senate Energy and Technology Committee chairman Mike Nofs assembled a work group to shape his energy reform package. Throughout 2014 we met with this group of utility executives, clean energy

# Energy

entrepreneurs, manufacturers and other stakeholders, and made a compelling case for strengthening Michigan's commitment to energy efficiency and renewable power.

We also participated in the "Adopt a Decision Maker" project organized by our partners in the Midwest-wide RE-AMP network of climate advocates. Armed with RE-AMP polling that showed 80 percent of Michiganders were more likely to support candidates who favored clean energy policy, Sarah met with numerous candidates for office to bring them up to speed on energy policy. Introducing MEC to these leaders early in their legislative careers helps them to recognize our organization as a respected voice and helpful resource for anyone who shares our focus on solutions.

The legislature likely won't pass a comprehensive energy package until the end of 2015, but in 2014 there were positive signs that our messages were getting through.

## Helping homeowners invest in clean energy

Lawmakers approved a bill allowing customers of municipal utilities to take loans for clean energy investments in their property and pay it back on their bill. Signed into law by Gov. Snyder, it's an important boost to help homeowners cover the upfront cost of better

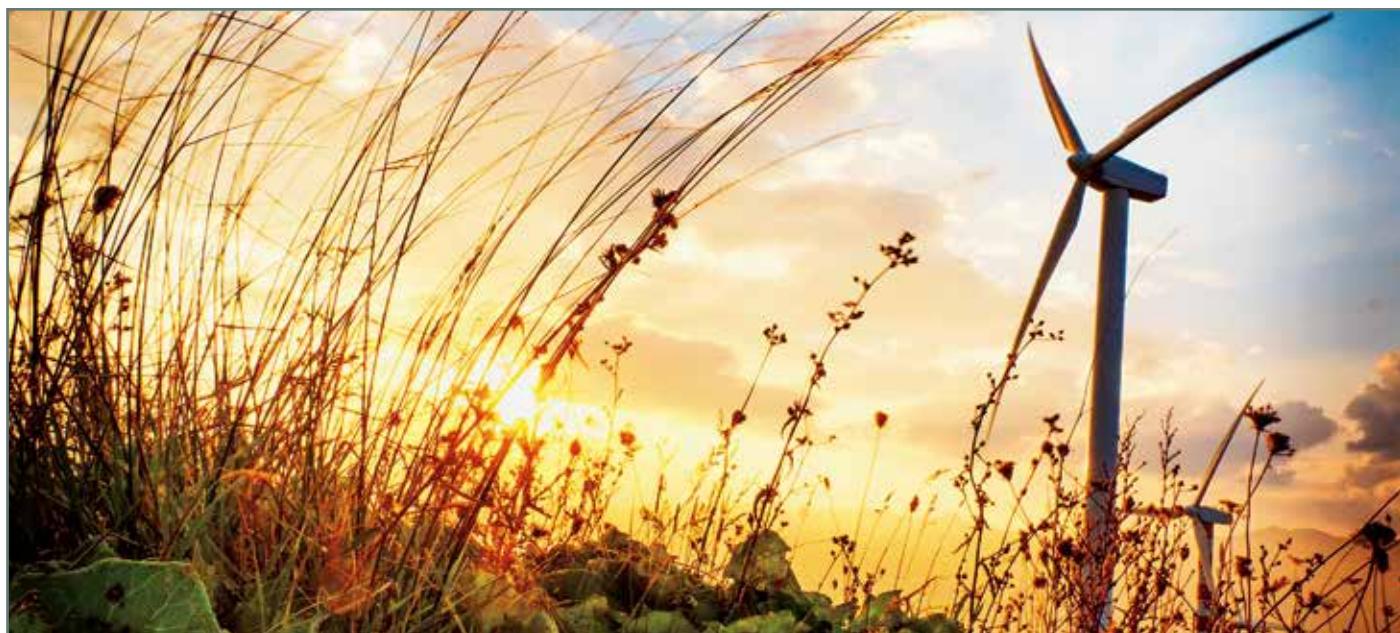
insulation, rooftop solar panels or other clean energy projects. We're working to expand this program to include customers of all Michigan utilities.

## Building support for 25 percent renewable energy standard

A bipartisan group of legislators proposed a bill package late in 2014 that reflected priorities MEC spent the year promoting. The legislation would increase Michigan's renewable energy standard to 25 percent over the next decade and ramp up annual energy savings targets, among other positive provisions. While the bills didn't get a committee hearing, they provided a solid starting point for ongoing energy policy debates in 2015.

## Blocking "renewable energy" scrap tires

MEC and our partners blocked an attempt to change the state's legal definition of "renewable" energy sources to include scrap tires, railroad ties and other hazardous waste. This ugly proposal would have put at risk the health of Michiganders and the success of homegrown companies providing legitimate renewable energy. Fortunately, our messages got through and the Senate declined to take up the bill before the clock ran out on the legislative session.



## INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CITY LEADERS

**A**s the city exited bankruptcy and infusions of talent and capital accelerated downtown's rebirth, the national conversation about Detroit shifted from a story of Rust Belt ruin to one about the Next Big Thing.

Still, a true comeback must extend far beyond downtown to the city's neighborhoods and families. MEC Community Engagement Director Sandra Turner-Handy is a lifelong Detroiter who is committed to ensuring that all of her fellow residents have a voice and role in shaping Detroit's reinvention.

Her dedication, passion and effectiveness earned Sandra a lead role in Detroit Future City (DFC), a strategic citywide initiative that points Detroit to a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future.

In 2014, Sandra continued to serve as a driving force and guiding presence for a DFC project that challenges seniors at Denby High School—located in her northeast side neighborhood—to imagine solutions for Detroit's future and get their hands dirty putting ideas into action.

To earn their diplomas, members of Denby's class of 2014 had to complete a rigorous capstone project. Each



**Sandra Turner-Handy**, Community Engagement Director

student was matched with an adult mentor to lend insights and inspiration as they identified from the DFC framework a tangible solution—with an environmental component—to a neighborhood challenge. At the end of the school year, students made formal presentations of their findings to neighbors, educators, DFC leaders and others.

This was no mere academic exercise. While working on their capstone projects, the students took immediate steps to move their neighborhood forward. They knocked on doors in the blocks surrounding the school to connect with residents

about their project. Out of those conversations grew the Denby Neighborhood Alliance, which has become an intergenerational forum for planning and action.

Working with their new Denby Alliance partners, the students took part in neighborhood cleanups and made their school routes safer by boarding up vacant properties and convincing the city to remove an ominous, abandoned structure across the street. They've also worked to transform Skinner Playfield, which is adjacent to the school, into a community gathering space with sports fields, a play area and performing arts space. And

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they planted raised-bed gardens to provide a neighborhood source of fresh fruits and vegetables while learning the basics of operating a small business.

Sandra rolled up her sleeves every step of the way. As DFC Director of Operations Heidi Alcock told the class of 2014 as their work wrapped up, “This project was fueled by one of your neighbors, Ms. Sandra Turner-Handy, who is one of the most inspiring and effective leaders working in the city today.”

The Denby project has earned praise from city leaders, foundations, the media and even federal education officials, who see it as a template to help schools across the city revitalize neighborhoods and inspire a new generation of community leaders.



With your support, this model will continue to take root throughout the city and play a transformative role in making Detroit’s neighborhoods safer, more vibrant and richer in opportunity.

While making Sandra’s work at Denby stronger in 2014, your generosity also provided a big boost to a variety of other MEC initiatives in Detroit.

## Expanding curbside recycling in Detroit

As a lead member of the Zero Waste Detroit coalition, MEC played a key role in expanding curbside recycling from a limited pilot program to a citywide service available to all single-family homes. When city officials negotiated a new waste-hauling contract, they required citywide, curbside pickup—a step that reflected the effort we’d put into educating them about recycling’s benefits. We set to work immediately to inspire residents to participate and

make the program a success.

## Working to end waste incineration

With ZWD partners, we also made important strides in ending waste incineration at the trash-burning facility near Midtown, which emits toxic chemicals and foul odors that undermine neighborhood quality of life and contribute

to high asthma rates. We hosted public meetings and distributed more than a thousand leaflets informing residents how to report smells to the Department of Environmental Quality. And report they did!

The incinerator accounted for the vast majority of complaints filed with the DEQ in 2014—complaints that led to major fines and a consent agreement with the state, requiring the company to install multimillion-dollar odor-control equipment.

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## Protecting funds to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure

While Toledo's drinking water scare drew national attention, MEC continued our longstanding work to shape the massive investments in Detroit's water and sewer system that are required to reduce stormwater overflows that contribute to mass algae blooms and other troubling symptoms in Lake Erie. When it appeared that \$400 million in Detroit Water and Sewerage Department funds would be diverted as part of the city's bankruptcy plan, we raised red flags with city leaders, state legislators, and Snyder administration officials. We also shared our views with the media, including publishing a viewpoint in the *Detroit Free Press*. Thanks in part to our efforts, those funds remained at DWSD where they will be used for urgently needed infrastructure upgrades.



## Impact profile: COMING BACK HOME

A multi-sport athlete, National Honor Society vice president and Class of 2014 co-salutatorian at Detroit's Denby High School, Hakeem Weatherspoon is going places.

"But at the end of the day, I'm coming back home," says Hakeem, who is now studying journalism at Michigan State University.

Returning to Detroit wasn't always in his plans. But the innovative Detroit Future City project MEC's Sandra Turner-Handy is helping to lead at Denby opened his eyes to the challenges his city faces and the role he can play in its rebirth.

For his senior capstone project, Hakeem took a hard look at the city's glut of vacant properties, and imagined new uses for those lands that could contribute to a stronger, more sustainable Detroit.



And Sandra was always there to encourage him.

"She was on me like cheese on macaroni," he says. "Sandra was always pushing me to do better."

With a few years of college still ahead, Hakeem is already making a difference in his hometown. Thanks to his excellent capstone project, he landed a summer internship in 2014 with Detroit City Councilman André Spivey. He's also spending the summer of 2015 working with incoming Denby freshmen at a Detroit Future City orientation event.

Hakeem is bursting with ideas for improving life in Detroit after he graduates from MSU.

"I want to come back to the city and give back," he says. "That's what Detroit Future City inspired in me. It inspired my heart to give back to my city."

# KEEPING TRANSIT IN THE FUNDING FORMULA

**E**ffective bus service is a necessity for Michiganders who lack access to a vehicle or cannot drive because of a disability. For others, good transit is part of an ideal hometown and lifestyle. In fact, two-thirds of Millennials rank public transportation in their top three factors when deciding where to live.

Whether by need or by choice, Michiganders take public transit 95 million times each year, and their ranks are swelling. Statewide ridership saw an 18 percent increase from 2005 to 2009, while per-capita driving in Michigan has dropped more than 7 percent since 2005.

That's good news for the quality of our air, the health of our families, and our progress in meeting the challenges of climate change. And it's why, with your support, MEC made a strong push in 2014 to ensure that state leaders included our complete transportation system in the major funding proposals they debated.

Several times over the course of the year the Legislature tried and failed to pass a major transportation funding package. Locked in a stalemate until the closing hours of the lame-duck legislative session, the governor and legislative leaders finally reached an eleventh-hour compromise that left voters to decide on a sales tax increase to generate significant new revenues.

While that ballot proposal was complicated, imperfect and ultimately failed at the polls, the

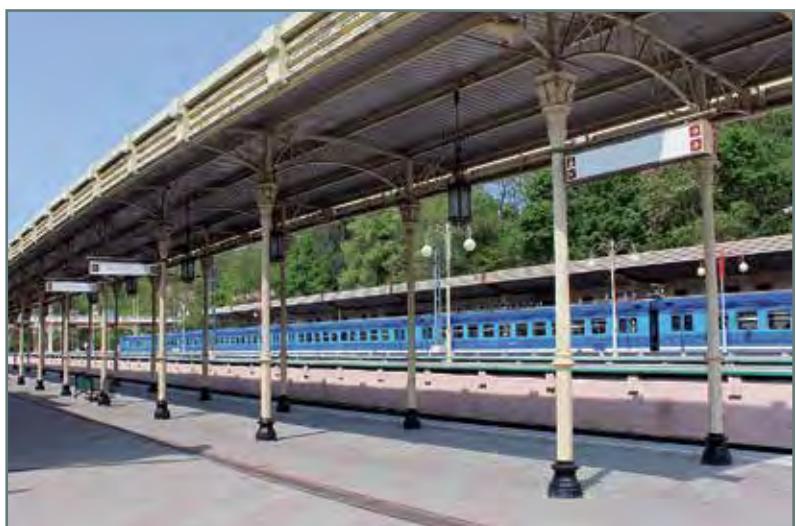


**Elizabeth Treutel**, Policy Associate

fact that it included \$116 million per year in new investments for public transit—what would have been the first structural funding boost for transit since 1987—was a testament to MEC's effective work in 2014.

A handful of policymakers tried throughout the process to cut transit, bike lanes, walking paths and other non-motorized projects out of funding proposals. Every step of the way, MEC and our allies responded immediately and decisively.

We made our case to Gov. Snyder and his advisors; brought transit advocates to the Capitol for meetings with their elected representatives; rallied our coalition partnership to make their voices heard; submitted guest columns to newspapers and appeared on talk radio programs; and used our blog



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and other social media tools to spread the word to the public, our members and supporters.

With your continued backing, we'll employ similar tactics in 2015 as policymakers take another crack at solving our transportation funding crisis. That kind of full-court-press advocacy, which involved sophisticated lobbying, strategic communications with the media, and an array of efforts to rally supportive organizations and individuals, also led to the following progress in 2014.

## **Coast-to-Coast passenger rail**

MEC is the lead voice in Michigan for restoring passenger train service on a Coast-to-Coast route connecting Detroit to Lansing and Grand Rapids and ultimately reaching Lake Michigan in Holland. We're the project manager for a federal grant to assess the demand for this service and the costs of making it operational. In 2014, that involved placing language in the state budget calling for the study and raising \$20,000 in required matching funds from cities and towns, local chambers of commerce, and other community institutions along the corridor. We formed and led a stakeholder advisory group to provide input for the study and a steering committee to hire and manage the technical research firm that's gathering and analyzing all the relevant



data. And we planned a major community engagement campaign that will involve more than a dozen community meetings along the corridor in 2015 to include and inspire Michiganders. At the same time, we partnered with allies who are leading efforts to achieve new commuter rail service from Ann Arbor to Howell and restore long-forgotten passenger rail service connecting Southeast Michigan to Traverse City.

## **Coordinated regional transit in Southeast Michigan**

MEC joined many allies in the successful 2012 campaign to establish the Southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority (RTA), which will expand and integrate bus and rail service in Metro Detroit. Since then, we have provided strong leadership in advocating for the state and local funding that the RTA needs to fulfill its critical mission. In 2014, we helped form a coalition that will educate residents, business executives, and nonprofit, faith and civic leaders about the myriad benefits of coordinated transit with an eye to a potential region-wide ballot measure to raise major revenue for the RTA.

# Transportation

## Adding accountability to highway expansion plans

Michigan's failure to maintain its existing roads and adequately support public transportation hasn't stopped officials in Southeast Michigan from resuscitating plans to widen I-94 in Detroit and U.S. 23 in Washtenaw County. In 2014, MEC and our partners weighed in on those efforts through written comments, testimony at public meetings and communications with the media. We also encouraged residents and community organizations to raise their voices with us. While making the case that resources would be much better spent on repairing our existing infrastructure and improving transit options, we pressed regional leaders to update or redo outdated studies—required by federal law—to assess the environmental impacts of proposed projects.



## Impact profile: TRANSIT GETS THINGS DONE

James Kleimola  
doesn't give up.

The 23-year-old Ypsilanti resident has cerebral palsy, along with cognitive impairment caused by a shortage of oxygen to his brain when he was born. He struggles with his speech and motor skills, and his vision is impaired. He'll never be able to drive.

"That doesn't stop me," he says.

He volunteers at his church. He's on the board of directors for the Eastern Michigan University chapter of Best Buddies, an international organization that pairs college students with people with disabilities. And he helps manage equipment for his beloved EMU Eagles football team.

James is able to live a full, active life because of public transit and his bicycle.



He learned how to ride a bike and the bus with help from Programs to Educate All Cyclists, or PEAC, an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit that teaches people with disabilities to ride safely and navigate public transit.

Biking gives him freedom and independence, but not in

winter. When snow and ice make biking treacherous, he relies on The Ride—the local transit agency—to get him where he needs to go. Even in the warmer months, some destinations are too far or too unsafe to reach by bike.

"People with disabilities need the bus," he says. "There's no way to do anything without it. I would be stuck."

# STANDING UP FOR SCIENCE AND SPECIAL PLACES

While no natural feature can compete with the Great Lakes in defining our state, Michigan wouldn't be Michigan without our magnificent forests. And it's the rich variety of life in the woods—from a red-eyed vireo's song to the smell of sweet fern in autumn—that lures people into our great outdoors for adventure, relaxation and memories.

Biodiversity also is a fundamental trait of healthy ecosystems, and a basic principle of scientific wildlife management. Natural communities with diverse species and genetic traits are more productive and better able to resist invasive pests that can devastate less diverse ecosystems. They also are more stable in the face of climate change.

Yet, despite staunch opposition from MEC and our allies, lawmakers approved a bill in 2014 that would have blocked state agencies from designating land for the purpose of protecting biodiversity. Driven by ideology and a narrow view of economics, the bill would have taken away basic tools Michigan's natural resource professionals use to keep our public forests healthy.

The bill threatened to have serious consequences. For instance, it imperiled Michigan's certifications for sustainable forestry by removing the conservation of biodiversity from the forest management duties of the



**Brad Garmon**, Director of Conservation & Emerging Issues

Department of Natural Resources. Because the law applied to all of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, it also would have hamstrung DNR efforts to control the spread of invasive species and jeopardized Michigan's compliance with federal threatened and endangered species laws.

Led by Brad Garmon, our director of conservation and emerging issues, MEC staff testified before legislative committees, published op-ed pieces opposing the bill, helped coordinate and publicize the staunch opposition of 133 leading Ph.D.-level scientists, spoke with journalists and rallied our members and allies to take a stand.

Lawmakers passed the bill anyway.

Fortunately, Gov. Snyder saw the anti-science bill for the mistake it was. In a letter explaining why he vetoed it, the governor used language that reflected comments we personally shared with him and his advisors about why the legislation was a bad move for Michigan. The veto letter was a testament to the power of the relationships and influence MEC has built over 35 years at the Capitol, with help from generous friends like you.

Your gifts to MEC also made possible plenty of other important work in 2014 to preserve and celebrate Michigan's wild and scenic lands and parks.

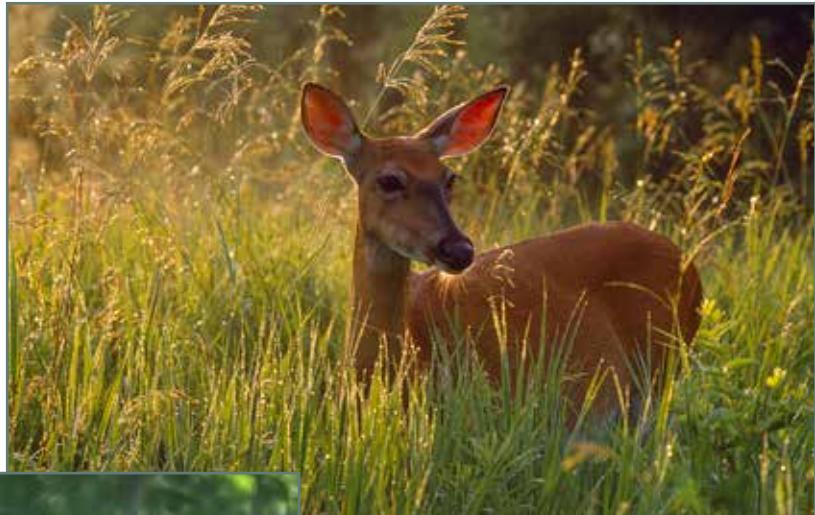
## *Conservation*

### **Hartwick Pines saved from drilling**

MEC had a hand in protecting one of Michigan's best-loved parks from oil and gas drilling. In October the state was set to auction off the rights to explore and potentially extract oil and gas from beneath Hartwick Pines State Park, home to some of the last remaining old-growth forest in the Lower Peninsula. While no drilling would have been allowed within the park, companies could have developed adjacent property to reach the oil and gas below with directional drilling. In our public comments to the DNR and private meetings with its leaders, we argued that the sights, sounds and smells from such development would spill into the park itself, spoiling its recreational value. Fortunately, members of the Hartwick family—who donated the land to the state in 1927 with the intent to conserve its resources—weighed in against the leases, and DNR Director Keith Creagh made the wise decision to take the one-of-a-kind park off the auction block by reclassifying its underground resources as “non-development.”

### **Bring science to coastal dunes management**

Brad also led an innovative project to bring the latest science to bear on the management of Michigan's iconic coastal dunes. Funded by a Coastal Zone Management grant through the Department of Environmental Quality's Office of the Great Lakes, the project was designed to bring the latest research in geospatial analysis, dune ecology and geology to the table so decision makers can take better care of the species, habitats and landscapes of these global



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treasures. As 2014 came to a close and project activities wrapped up, a picture was emerging of the dunes as a dynamic system that must be managed carefully to limit risks and protect ecological and scenic value. In 2015 we plan to issue a report with our findings and new resources for better understanding—and better protecting—Michigan's coastal dunes.

### **Outdoor assets: more than just nice places to visit**

Yet another focus of our conservation work in 2014 involved making the case that outdoor recreational assets like our parks, dunes and forests are more than just nice places to visit. They also can help address one of Michigan's biggest economic and social challenges by attracting young families and new enterprises. Brad traveled to conferences all over Michigan and neighboring states to present a blueprint for re-envisioning the role outdoor assets play in community economic development—a message that resonated with many parks professionals and local leaders. With your continued help, we will keep working to make those ideas a fundamental piece of Michigan's economic reinvention.

## SECURING FUNDS TO PROTECT FAMILIES

**E**nding childhood lead poisoning in Michigan. It's one of MEC's boldest goals. It's also entirely achievable. Although it will take years to get there, MEC accelerated our progress toward that end in 2014, led by our Health Policy Director Tina Reynolds.

In a year of belt-tightening in Lansing, Tina and her partners in the Michigan Alliance for Lead Safe Homes (MIALSH) successfully advocated for a \$500,000 increase in state funding to protect children from lead hazards. It was a significant boost to the \$1.25 million we secured in the previous budget year, which made 122 homes lead-safe for Michigan families.

When Tina made preventing lead poisoning an MEC priority a few years ago, many lawmakers she met with didn't realize it was still a problem. In reality, more than 70 percent of homes in our state—in urban, rural and suburban areas—were built before the 1978 ban on lead paint. More than 5,000 Michigan children under six years old have tested positive for lead poisoning—and most of our at-risk kids aren't even tested. Half of children in Detroit Public Schools have a history of lead poisoning.

The heartbreaking irony is that some of children's most innocent behaviors—sucking their thumbs, putting their fingers in mouths after crawling across the floor, pulling themselves up on a window sill—can have serious, lifelong consequences. Lead poisoning causes brain damage linked to lost IQ, learning difficulties, aggressive behavior, memory loss and other symptoms. Research shows lead-poisoned children are seven times more likely than average to drop out of high school, six times more likely to enter the juvenile justice system and 50 percent more likely to do poorly on standardized tests.



Tina Reynolds, Health Policy Director

In 2014 we worked to build momentum for ending lead poisoning with unflashy but tried-and-true tactics. We led regular meetings of MIALSH to keep the coalition strong, growing and focused. We met with dozens of lawmakers, many of them during our MIALSH Lead Education Day, which brought impacted families to the Capitol to show lawmakers the human face of this issue. And we used our blog, newsletter, social media and relationships with reporters to help educate and energize the public.

Thanks to MEC's generous supporters and dedicated partners, our state leaders are beginning to

understand the scope of the problem. They're beginning to see that spending millions of dollars to solve a problem that costs our state more than \$4 billion every year is the definition of a wise investment. And that figure doesn't begin to count the deep suffering we can save Michigan families by putting lead poisoning in Michigan's rearview mirror.

While we still have a long way to go, we're on the road to a lead-free Michigan and we're picking up speed—thanks to generous friends like you.

Your vital support also strengthened the many other key initiatives of MEC's health program in 2014, including three described below.

### Bringing fresh local foods to underserved communities

MEC helped the American Heart Association (AHA) develop a state policy initiative to attract grocery stores to underserved communities and encourage convenience store owners to provide fresh local foods in areas where healthy options are scarce. Working with AHA and our partners in the Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan coalition—and leveraging Tina's role as chair of that coalition's

Healthy Food Access policy action team—we plan to play a lead role in building the broad support needed to bring this Healthy Food Financing Initiative to fruition.

## Keeping schools out of toxic sites

We also ramped up our focus in 2014 on ensuring that Michigan schools are healthy places for our children to learn. University of Michigan research has shown that students are more likely to miss school and score poorly on tests if their school is located in areas with high levels of air pollution. Unfortunately, Michigan has no rules to prevent schools from being built near sources of industrial pollution. Researchers from U-M invited MEC to lend our policy expertise to help develop guidelines for safe school siting. When that's finished, we'll urge policymakers to put

rules on the books that keep our kids safe when they're at school.

## Connecting environmental and public health advocates

We also worked in 2014 with MEC member group the Ecology Center to strengthen ties between environmental advocates and the public health community. Doctors and nurses see firsthand the impact of environmental hazards on their patients, and policymakers see those medical professionals as trusted messengers. By partnering with health leaders and building their capacity as advocates, we will increase our ability to achieve positive change on issues like clean energy, lead poisoning prevention and asthma awareness.

## Impact profile: A MOTHER'S PEACE OF MIND

Cheryl Johnson has enough to worry about.

The Detroit resident works hard as a home health aide. A single mom, she keeps up the home she bought four years ago in the city's Morningside neighborhood. And she has the daily responsibilities any parent is familiar with: pay the bills, put meals on the table, get the kids to school, sports practices and doctor appointments on time.

Cheryl's burden grew heavier when she learned from her doctor that Tyrelle, her youngest daughter, had high levels of lead in her bloodstream. It's an experience shared by too many Michigan parents.

"It was scary, because I really didn't know much about lead," she says. "You don't hear a lot about lead poisoning."

Fortunately, help was available. Cheryl reached out to CLEARCorps/Detroit, an MEC member group that



works with families to identify and remove lead hazards. They helped her apply for some of the lead-abatement funding that MEC and our allies secured in the state budget.

Soon contractors arrived and did extensive renovations to make Cheryl's home lead-safe. They installed all new windows since, like in many homes, the window frames were coated in peeling lead paint. They also put on a new back porch, put fresh paint on doors and addressed other lead hazards.

The Johnsons are just one of hundreds of families who are safer in their homes, thanks in large part to the generous supporters who make MEC's work possible.

"I was kind of losing interest in the house," Cheryl says. "I thought it was too much to handle, taking care of the kids on my own and taking care of the house. This made it easier. It made it safer."

# WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT MICHIGAN'S PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT

**M**ichigan Environmental Council's clout in the Capitol gains support and credibility through the depth and breadth of our member groups. Conservation groups, state chapters of national organizations, public health advocates and local groups working to improve the quality of life in their local communities all serve as compelling constituents when we meet with state lawmakers.

Organizations that join MEC are diverse in focus and geography, but united in the belief that a strong presence in the Capitol is essential. Member groups consistently rank both our representation of their organizational interests through meetings and legislative hearings and the support they receive from MEC staff for lobbying, crafting policies and campaigns, and effective messaging as top benefits of membership.

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## WHATEVER THEIR STORIES, MEC SUPPORTERS MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN

**A**s with MEC's work on lead poisoning, transportation and other issues, there are people and stories behind every slice of the pie charts and every figure in the tables on this page and the next.

Some of our 2014 donors helped build MEC from the very beginning 35 years ago. They're true heroes of Michigan's environmental movement who back us to carry forth their legacy.

Others became supporters more recently. Maybe something they read online or heard on the radio inspired them to act. In fact, just about every year we receive a contribution from a school where students have learned about the environment in class and raised money for MEC as a service project.

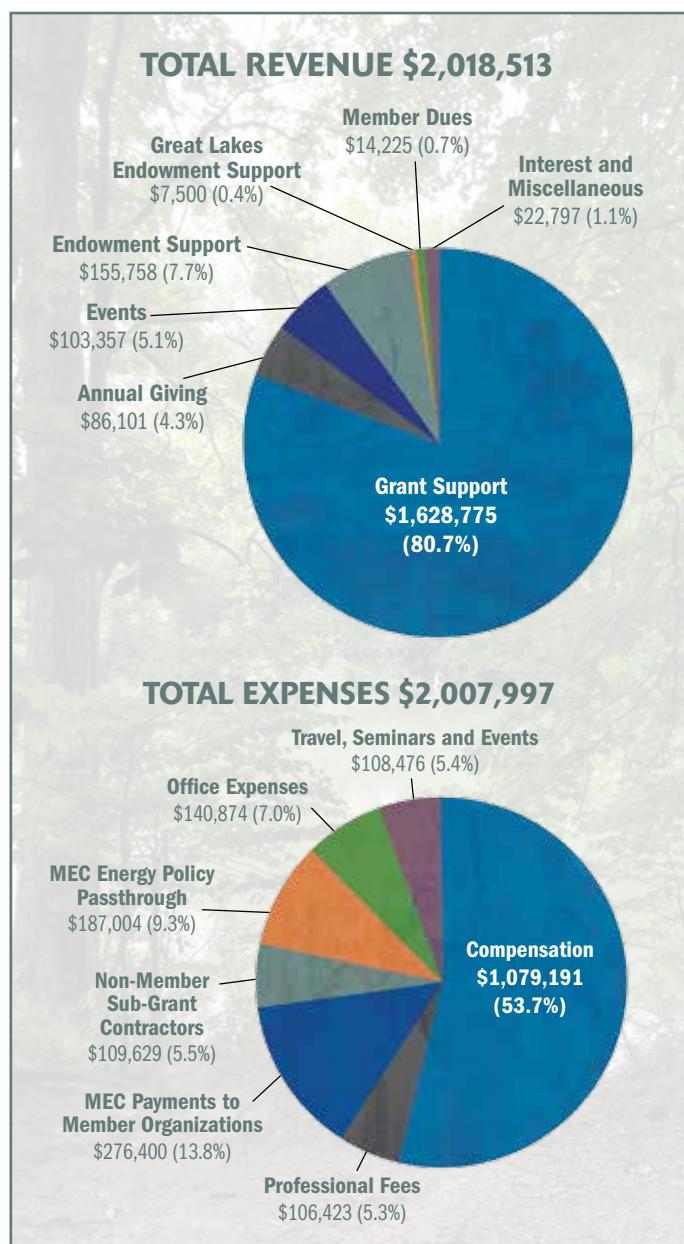
Some contributors have a special place in mind when they give—a river or lake, trail or forest, beach or park. Others honor a deceased family member who lived with a passion for Michigan's great outdoors or a grandchild suffering from health problems linked to an environmental hazard.

Our donor list includes spouses, parents, brothers, sisters, in-laws and dear friends of our staff. It's graced by families who have lived in Michigan for generations, and others from all over the map who just discovered all our state has to offer as a vacation destination.

Lobbyists who respect our work—even some who occasionally take opposite sides in the State Capitol—are also well represented. So are corporations, universities and other institutions with a stake in Michigan's future and a strong voice in shaping it.

Like the narratives in this report showing how our work betters the lives of our fellow Michiganders, the stories of why our donors support MEC provides a constant reminder of why we do what we do. Those stories are a thread connecting our supporters to the progress we're making in Lansing and the specific policy outcomes that improve the lives of everyone who calls Michigan home.

As we move through 2015 and beyond, we hope you'll take a moment now and then to reflect on your story and what motivated you to make a generous donation to MEC in 2014. And we hope you'll keep supporting the work of MEC and our members to preserve and protect all that makes your story special.



# You Make it Happen

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2014

### UNRESTRICTED OPERATIONS

#### REVENUE

Grant Support	\$1,628,775
Annual Giving	\$86,101
Events	\$103,357
Endowment Support	\$155,758
Great Lakes Endowment Support	\$7,500
MEC Action Fund Support	\$0
Member Dues	\$14,225
Interest and Miscellaneous	\$22,797
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,018,513</b>

#### EXPENSE

Compensation	\$1,079,191
Professional Fees	\$106,423
MEC Payments to Member Organizations	\$276,400
Non-Member Sub-Grant Contractors	\$109,629
MEC Energy Policy Passthrough	\$187,004
Office Expenses	\$140,874
Travel, Seminars and Events	\$108,476
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$2,007,997</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$10,517</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED OPERATIONS

Awarded Grant Revenue	\$1,280,450
Endowment Giving	\$100
Endowment Net Earnings	\$70,931
Action Fund Giving	\$500
Action Fund Net Earnings	\$2,381
Transfers to Unrestricted Operations	-\$1,486,156
<b>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED OPERATIONS</b>	<b>-\$131,794</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FUND ACTIVITY

February 22, 2005 through December 31, 2014

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Transfers from MEC unrestricted net assets	\$0
Contributions: Cash	\$175,800
Contributions: Pledges	\$105,000
Earnings and Capital Appreciation	\$43,494
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Management Fees	\$5,850
Transfers to support MEC unrestricted activities	\$252,312
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$66,132</b>

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2014

### ASSETS

Unrestricted Cash Assets	\$327,058
Total Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$1,437,398
Unrestricted Property Net Assets (Bldg & Equipment)	\$519,906
Endowment Net Assets at Fair Market Value	\$2,221,997
Action Fund Assets at Fair Market Value	\$66,133
Prepaid Expense	\$10,600
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,583,092</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$830,912</b>
Total Temporary Restricted Net Assets	\$911,705
Total Endowment Net Assets	\$2,221,997
Total Action Fund Net Assets	\$66,132
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$552,346
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,752,180</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,583,092</b>

## PERE MARQUETTE FUND ENDOWMENT ACTIVITY

December 4, 2000 through December 31, 2014

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Transfers from MEC unrestricted net assets	\$300,000
Contributions: Cash	\$1,601,890
Contributions: Pledges	\$260,000
Earnings and Capital Appreciation	\$1,012,662
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Management Fees	\$79,411
Transfers to support MEC unrestricted activities	\$873,144
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$2,221,197</b>



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