

# MSU Water



*Promoting Science, Technology, Education and Collaboration*

# MSU Water Water Science Network

## Dual Degrees, Certificates & Specializations

Water

EEBB

ESPP

## Departments & Degrees

BAE

CEE

EES

FW

Geol

MMG

Zool

## Centers & Institutes

WSN

ESPP

IWR

KBS

## Global Water Initiative

Capacity  
Building

## Research Programs

Hydrogeology

Landscape  
Limnology

Water &  
commerce

Water and  
Health

# Creating MSU Water : A Graduate Curriculum

- Interest in a water curriculum by faculty began back in 2013
- Goal: Attract high quality students & advance water science
- Doctoral dual major degree



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# Potential Cross- and Sub-Themes



**Water  
Security**



**Water  
Science**



**Water  
Technology**



**Water  
Diplomacy**

**Water Use – Climate Change – Resource Management**

# KEY AREAS of Excellence

- Nature and People
- Water and Health (pollutants, stormwater, animal health, invasive species, beaches)
- Water Training and Teaching Laboratories.
- Ecosystem Services (wetlands, groundwater-surface water, shoreline)
- Clean-Smart Water Technologies (water testing, water treatment, waste water, animal waste)
- Precision Ag



# People and Nature

Changing attitudes to better the environment and human health

Janice Albers, Aimee Baier, Halil Dertli, Nicole Watson





# Positive relationships with nature

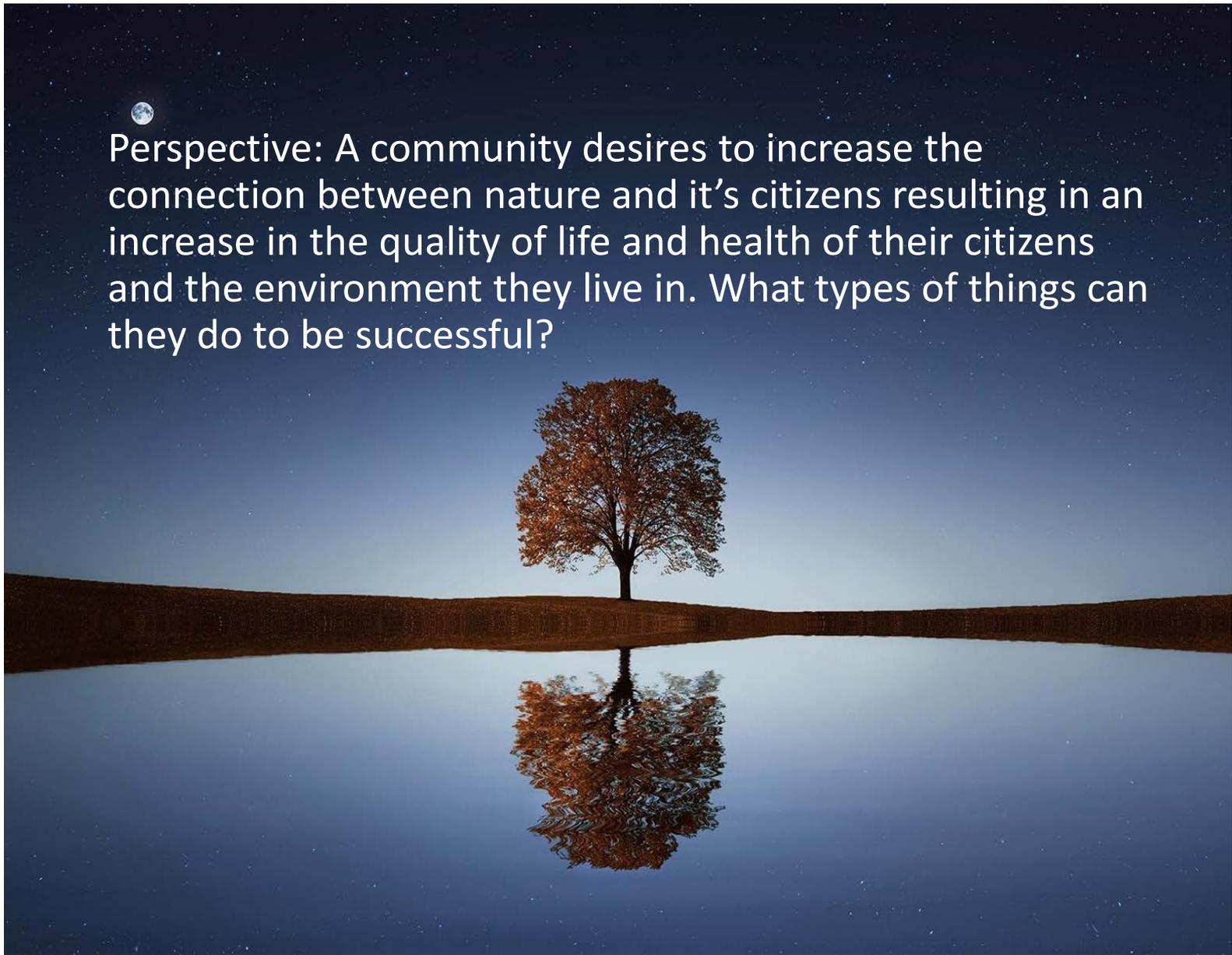
- Psychology
- Healthy functioning
  - cognitive, affective and social
- Precursors for physical human health
- Objective measures of human health

Kuo 2013; Twohig-Bennett 2018; Kaplan and Kaplan 2011





Perspective: A community desires to increase the connection between nature and it's citizens resulting in an increase in the quality of life and health of their citizens and the environment they live in. What types of things can they do to be successful?



# Nature-Based Solutions

for sustainable ecosystems and water resource management, addressing socio-environmental challenges.

Sustainable science for managing aquatic, coastal or wetlands systems to tackle issues such as disasters (e.g., floods), water pollution, water and food security, or ecological & human health.

## **NEED:**

- >50% of world pop near a major river or coastline.
- Amongst the various ecosystems, coastal systems and wetlands are under the greatest threat.
- Wetlands are disappearing at alarming rate, putting wildlife, fisheries and humans at risk from floods and pollution.
- UN World Water Development report emphasis on nature-based solutions.

A scenic view of a beach with dunes, green vegetation, and the ocean under a clear blue sky. The foreground is dominated by tall, green grasses and shrubs growing on a sandy dune. In the middle ground, a wide, sandy beach stretches towards the ocean. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a clear, light blue. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# Risks & Health Issues

NOV 26, 2018



## ELEVATED LEAD LEVELS FOUND IN BENTON HARBOR, MICH.

10 homes have found lead levels double the federal action level in drinking water



Elevated lead levels discovered in drinking water

Elevated lead levels in drinking water have been found in Benton Harbor, Mich. While the city was put under an advisory for its drinking water results in October, additional homes have detected lead above the federal action level of 15 ppb.

An additional 27 out of 159 homes tested found lead levels above the federal action level, with 10 of those homes reporting lead more than double the action level.

News

## Disturbing Discoveries In Toronto's Waters Indicate Why E. Coli Levels Are Still So High

The water pollution in the Toronto Harbour is worse than ever.



## Bill to require water testing in schools passes committee

### contaminants



chemical contaminants into per investigation.

an Industrial Pretreatment

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## US water security falls short

BY SERA YOUNG, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR — 11/18/18 03:00 PM EST  
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

29 SHARES



## Homeless People Dying Of Hepatitis A



By Alex Berezow — November 2, 2018



Credit: Storyblocks

The homelessness crisis in several major cities across the United States is a national embarrassment. And the news keeps getting worse.

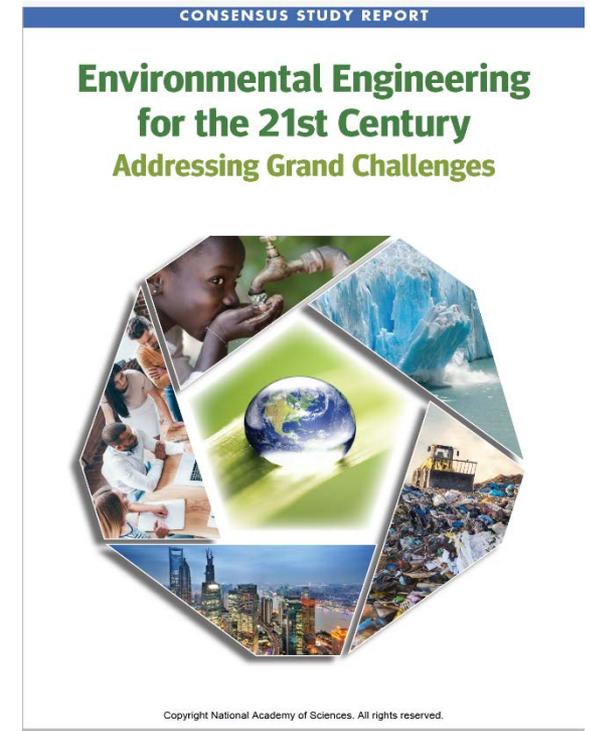
Beginning in November 2016, the homeless population in San Diego underwent an outbreak of hepatitis A that just now ended, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune. During that two-year-long nightmare, more than 600 people got sick and 20 died.

## Hepatitis A Outbreaks Hit Four U.S. States, Killing 41

CDC reports that four states in 2017 (California, Michigan, Utah, and Kentucky) experienced outbreaks of hepatitis A, 1,521 people got sick and 41 died. (All of the deaths occurred in California and Michigan).

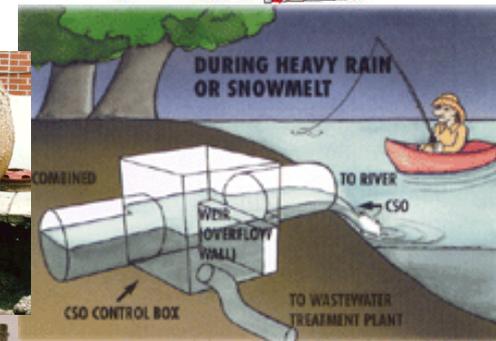
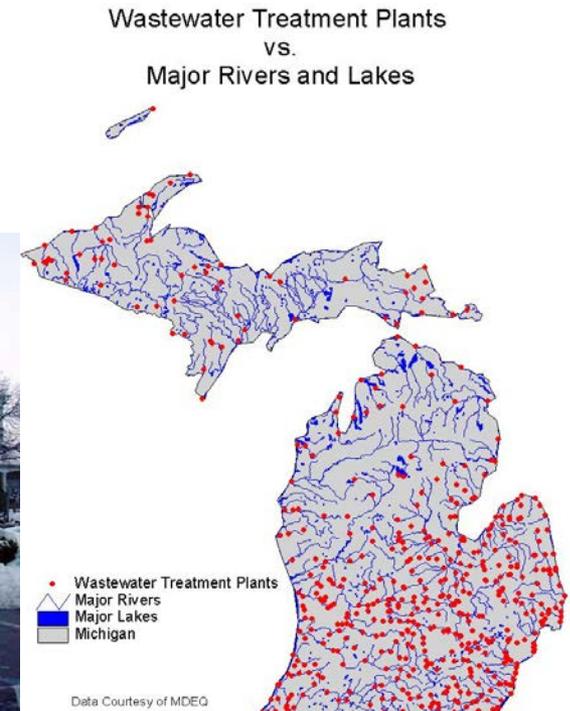
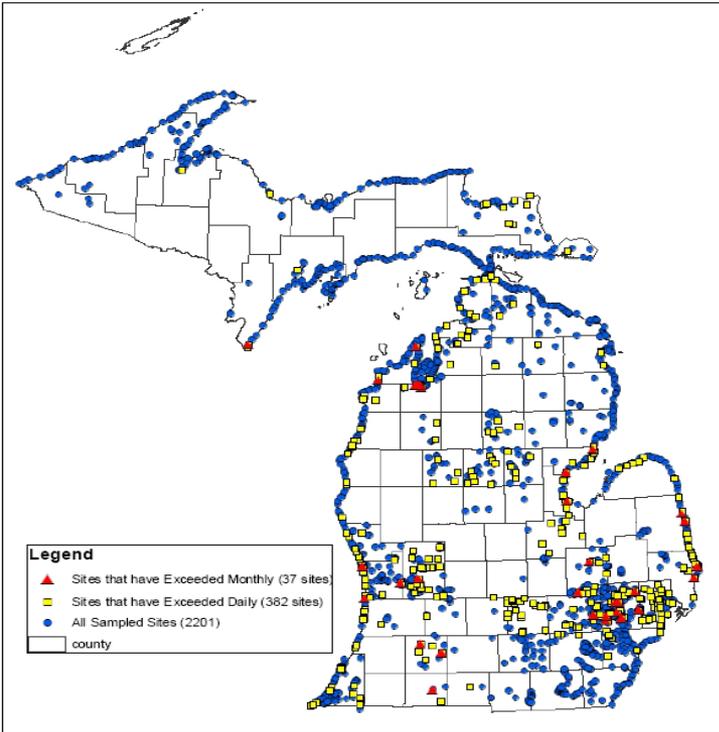
# Explosion of Discovery

- 30 States have now found PFAS in their drinking water
- The Global Horizon Scanning Project (GHSP) is an innovative initiative that aims to identify important global environmental quality research needs
  - Antibiotic resistance
  - Toxic algal blooms
- NAE Grand Challenges
  - Design a future without pollution or waste
  - Water Infrastructure
- Michigan Water Rich- Data Poor

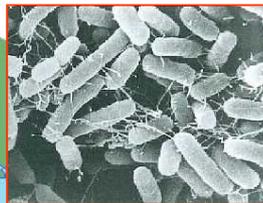
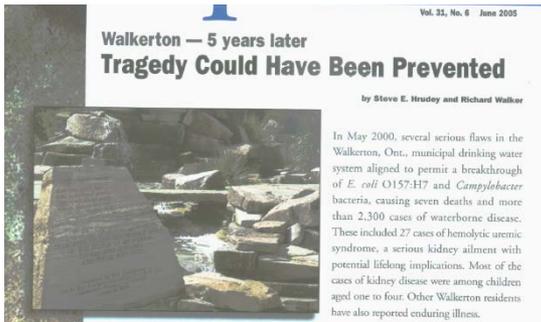


# Michigan's challenges

## Sites Exceeding *E.coli* Standard



# Waterborne pathogens threaten human health in the Great Lakes region



*E.Coli 0157H7 and Campylobacter*

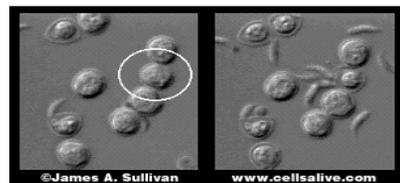
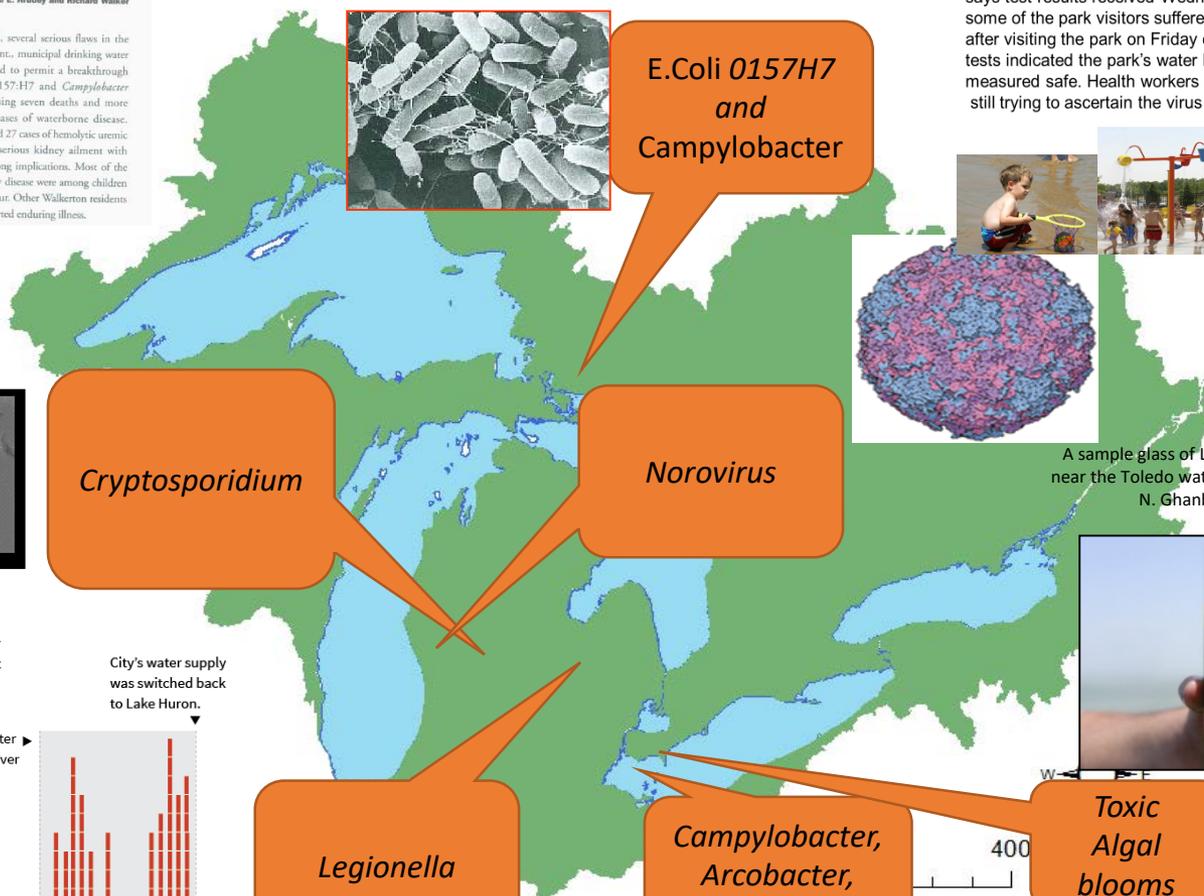
Jul 22, 2010 [Norovirus Outbreak Sickens 100 and Closes Park in Michigan](#)

Grand Rapids, Michigan's Millennium Park closed early for cleaning Wednesday evening after an outbreak of [Norovirus](#) sickened about 100 people last weekend. The Kent County Health Department says test results received Wednesday confirmed that some of the park visitors suffered from Norovirus after visiting the park on Friday or Saturday. But tests indicated the park's water bacteria level measured safe. Health workers are still trying to ascertain the virus source.

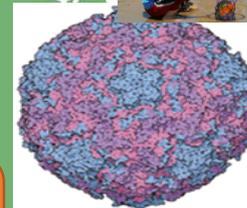
Kent County Millennium Park



Beach and Splashpad



*Cryptosporidium*



*Norovirus*

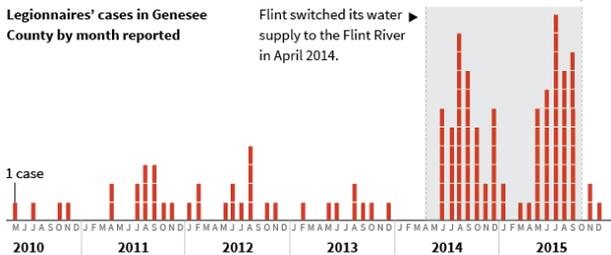
A sample glass of Lake Erie water is photographed near the Toledo water intake crib in Lake Erie. (Haraz N. Ghanbari/Associated Press)

No official link has yet been detected between the city's water supply switching to the Flint River and the uptick in cases, but dozens have been sickened since April 2014.

City's water supply was switched back to Lake Huron.

Legionnaires' cases in Genesee County by month reported

Flint switched its water supply to the Flint River in April 2014.



Note: Monthly case values are approximated for May/June 2015 and August/September 2015.



*Toxic Algal blooms*

*Legionella*

*Campylobacter, Arcobacter, Giardia*

Ohio blames groundwater for Lake Erie island outbreak Tuesday, February 22, 2005

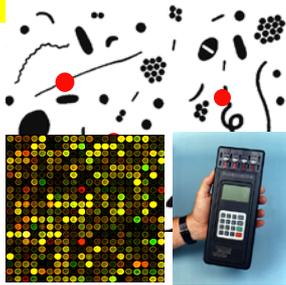
# Risk & Communication



▪ Risk assessment and management

# Environmental Sources and Fate

# Water quality diagnostics Contaminant databases



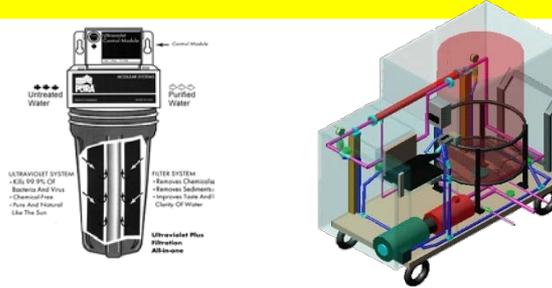
- Target organisms
- Genetic variation
- Detection technologies

## Water Safety



- Surface water, groundwater, distribution system
- Disinfection/deactivation
- Modeling for decision support system

# Innovative Technology



Flexible control technologies (physical and temporal scales)

# Risk Frameworks

# Network of Michigan qPCR Labs

## Dr. Shannon Briggs: DEQ-MSU partnership Water Quality Training and Teaching lab

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Lake Superior State University  
Northwest Michigan Regional Lab  
NPS- Sleeping Bear Dunes  
Central Michigan Health District  
Ferris State University  
Saginaw County Dept of Public Health  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Grand Valley State University  
Hope College  
Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services  
Michigan State University  
USGS- Lansing  
Oakland County Health Department  
Oakland University



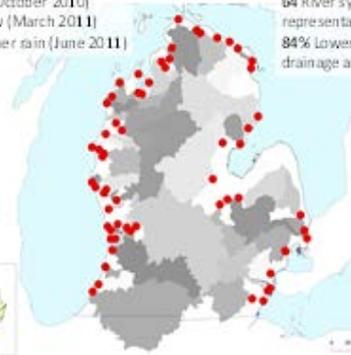
# MICROBIAL SOURCE TRACKING

STUDY LOCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

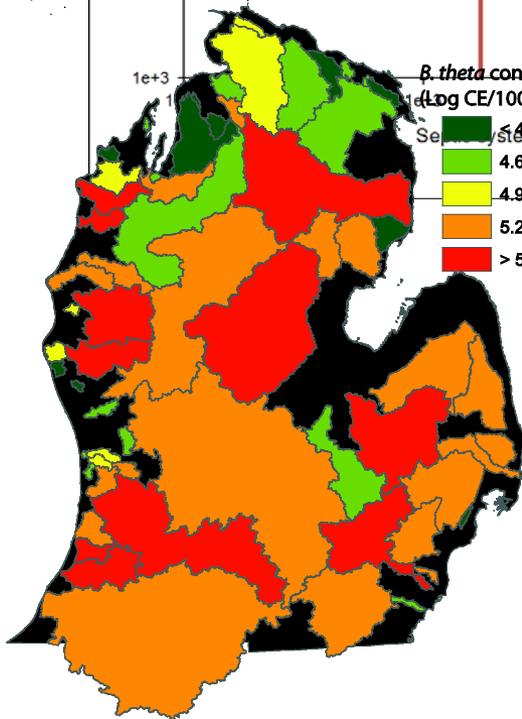
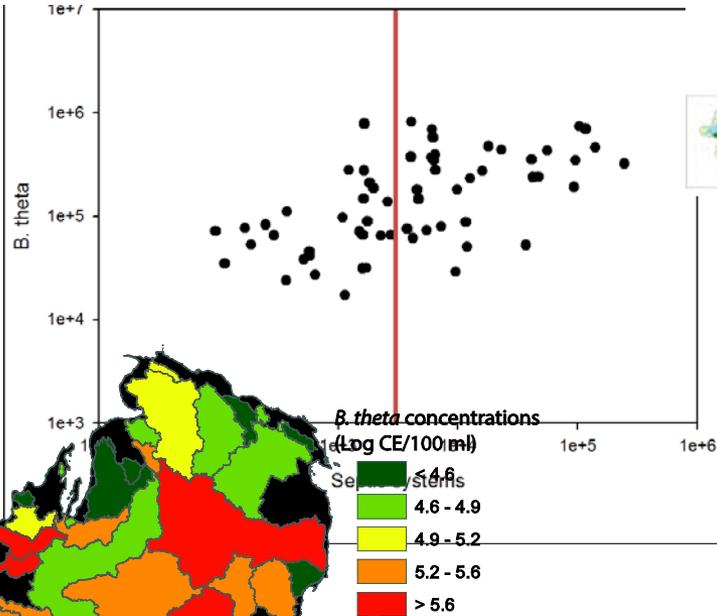
- Baseflow (October 2010)
- Spring thaw (March 2011)
- Early summer rain (June 2011)

64 River systems representative of 84% Lower peninsula drainage area



The distribution of the human sewage marker *Bacteroides*

- Increasing *B. theta* related to more septic tanks



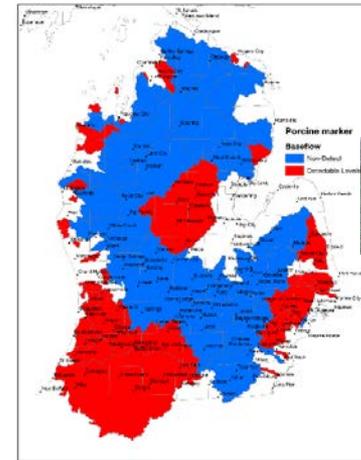
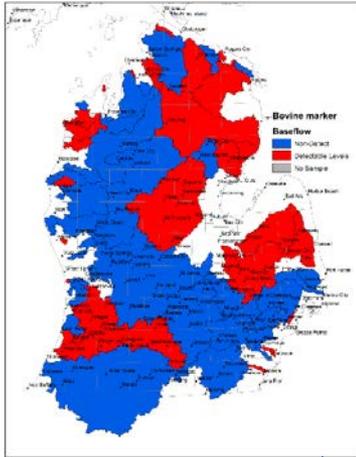
*B. theta* concentrations (Log CE/100 ml)

Septic tanks	≤ 4.6
	4.6 - 4.9
	4.9 - 5.2
	5.2 - 5.6
	> 5.6

Significant Knowledge Gaps Exist for Septics

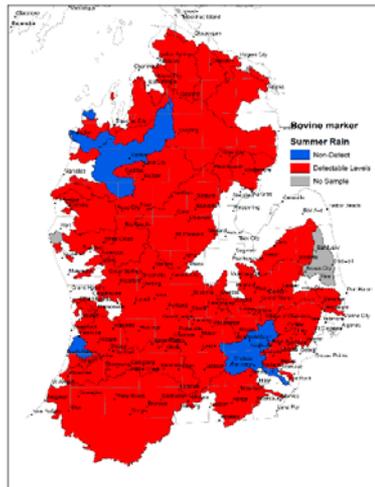


# Transport of animal fecal source tracking markers during summer rains 64 watersheds



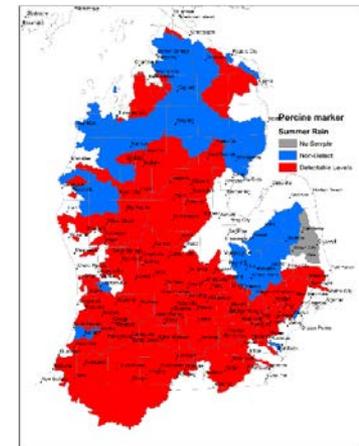
a) Base flow

b) Summer rain



Agricultural Environments

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# Vision: What if?

We had more...

- Water Business R&D Centers
- Water Quality and Health Laboratories
- Advanced Water Technologies Test Beds
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Farms
- Urban-Water Beautification and Green Centers
- Public Education Water Networks

# Recommendations

- To achieve “Safe Water”
  - Continue to invest in the Advanced Water Quality Diagnostic Labs.
  - Use new water diagnostic tools such as molecular source tracking tools.
  - Promote and ensure community engaged research.
  - Build monitoring data bases, groundwater and distribution systems have been neglected.
  - Improve understanding of the impacts of septic tanks, blending wastewater facilities, and storm water on water quality.
  - Build Innovative pilot systems. Join the National Technology Testbed Network.
  - Use a Risk framework to develop better policies and move science into practice.

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# Learning Outcomes

- Integrate concepts from multiple disciplines to address water-related issues and ideas
- Create appropriate inquiry protocols to investigate water-related issues and ideas
- Employ a systems perspective to understand the scale & scope of water-related issues and ideas
- Generate new insights & recommendations related to water issues and ideas
- Evaluate the disciplinary, cultural, and contextual uses and bias of data, methods, and solutions
- Analyze the purpose, role, & influence across a range of water-related organizations (e.g., governmental, non-profit, profit)
- Approach water-related issues, ideas and decision-making, including trade-offs, with an eye for power and equity
- Model conflict management and dialogue skills as means of engaging with diverse people & perspectives
- Design communications appropriate for academic, professional, lay, and student audiences & contexts
- Interpret common data related to water-related issues and ideas