

# Michigan Water School and Resources

MSU Extension Water School is a policy-neutral, fact-based program. The objective of this program is to provide local decision-makers, appointed and elected officials, and municipal staff with critical, relevant information needed to understand Michigan's water resources, including the fundamentals of water science, in order to support sound water management decisions and increase awareness of current and future local and state water issues.

As an elected or appointed official, you are a valued leader with a unique opportunity to make important decisions regarding the future of our water resources.

The program will include sessions on water quantity; water quality; water finance and planning; and water policy issues. Topics to be covered include:

- ▶ The Blue Economy
- ▶ Fiscal benefits of water management
- ▶ Incorporating water into local planning and placemaking
- ▶ Resources to help address water problems
- ▶ Water policy at the federal, tribal, state, and local levels

If you're interested in learning more about these topics, view the webinars below or visit the [Michigan Water School website](#)

## **SESSION 1: WATER QUANTITY**

Presenter Ruth Kline-Robach, Academic Specialist; Institute for Water Research  
[Water School Water Quantity](#)

## **SESSION 2: WATER QUALITY**

Presenter Erick Elgin, Water Resource Extension educator  
[Water School Water Quality](#)

## **SESSION 3: WATER ECONOMICS, FINANCE, AND PLANNING**

Presenter Steve Safferman, MSU Department of Biosystems and Agriculture Engineering; and Brad Neumann, Land Use Planning Extension educator  
[Water School Water Economics, Finance, & Planning](#)

## **SESSION 4:**

Presenter Terry Gibb, Water Resource Management and Public Policy Extension educator; Harmony Fierke-Gmazel, Government and Community Vitality Extension educator; and Emily Proctor, Tribal Extension educator  
[Water School Water Policy](#)

## **HOW TO USE YOUR POLICY TOOLBOX**

Presenter Dr. Pat Norris, former MSU Community Sustainability Department professor  
[Water Policy Toolbox Explanation](#)

The [Water Policy Toolbox](#) is a detailed explanation of water policy laws in Michigan.