



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **GREAT LAKES BEACH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN MARQUETTE**

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), together with the Great Lakes Beach Association (GLBA), the City of Marquette and Superior Watershed Partnership, will host the 16<sup>th</sup> annual GLBA Conference Oct. 4 to 7 in Marquette. This will be the first GLBA Conference along the Lake Superior shoreline.

The three-day program provides a unique forum for learning and discussion of important issues and fosters idea-sharing to achieve cleaner beaches. This year, attendees will hear from resource managers, scientists and other experts on the latest outlook and science behind Great Lakes beaches, successful restoration projects, best management practices and remarkable transformations of the Marquette waterfront.

“This conference allows us to meet top experts in the field,” said Dr. Shannon Briggs, MDEQ toxicologist. “We leave every year with new ideas for hands-on, practical solutions to improve our beaches.”

Conference attendees include public health managers, sanitarians, scientists, local officials, planners, students and interested citizens from the Great Lakes region.

Conference highlights include keynote speakers Carl Lindquist and Jeff Kock from the Superior Watershed Partnership, guest speaker Calum David McPhail from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, plenary session, walking tours of Marquette, evening networking and poster receptions. For more information, visit the DEQ events page at [www.michigan.gov/deqevents](http://www.michigan.gov/deqevents).

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