



2022 Annual Meeting and Conference

Restoring Lake Michigan: Her Past, Present & Future

Friday and Saturday October 21-22, 2022
Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center
725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081
Attend in-person or via Zoom

*Taking place on the shores of Lake Michigan at the beautiful Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, this weekend will include our annual meeting, engaging Lake Michigan-related field trips and an exciting line-up of policy makers, scientists, and Great Lakes advocates. **Joining us for an In-person conversation will be United States Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin.** Also, learn about a fascinating local NOAA project (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), the impact of ancient Glaciers on the Lake Michigan Watershed, the impact of the bipartisan infrastructure law funding on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and Areas of Concern from the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency, and much more.*

*Beginning at 1:00 p.m. CT, join us on Friday for an event-filled afternoon and evening of field trips, exciting speakers, Welcome Reception, Banquet, and the Kick-off Program, featuring **United States Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin.***

Following Friday's program, join us for a private lakeside bonfire provided by Blue Harbor Resort.

On Saturday, enjoy a delicious Breakfast Buffet in the morning and Luncheon Buffet in the afternoon. In addition to the 2022 Annual Meeting, Saturday's line-up includes representatives of United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). We will enjoy fascinating presentations regarding the successful restoration of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan shoreline and the Sheboygan River, through the USEPA Area of Concern program and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, as well as the latest news regarding the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Michigan.

Conference Schedule *All Times (CDT)*

Friday, October 21

- 1:00 p.m. Meet at Blue Harbor Resort if you want to carpool to your field trip
- 1:30 p.m. Optional field trips begin
 - Visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum**
 - Paddle the Sheboygan River**

-Hike the Glacial Lakes Conservancy Willow Creek Trail
4:00 p.m. Registration opens at Blue Harbor Resort
5:00 p.m. Welcome Reception with cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Kickoff Program

8:00 p.m. **Keynote Presentation:**

A Conversation with United States Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin

9:00 p.m. Private Lakeside Bonfire at Blue Harbor Resort

Saturday, October 22

7:30 a.m. Breakfast, gathering

9:00 a.m. Opening presentation

Heather Williams

**United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
Environmental Engineer, Project Manager**

***The Sheboygan River Cleanup: Revitalization of a Community and
Initiation of a New Era of Great Lakes Restoration***

11:00 a.m. 2022 League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region Annual Meeting

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

2:00 p.m. Presentation

Russ Green

**NOAA: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Superintendent, Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary**

History Beneath the Waves:

The Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary

The Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center

We have planned an enjoyable and engaging weekend in **Sheboygan, Wisconsin at Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center**. As we celebrate and renew our commitment to preserving this abundant and critical resource, **we will enjoy a spectacular view of Lake Michigan throughout the conference.**

Conference Fees

For those attending in-person, registration is \$135 for both days, \$70 for either Friday or Saturday's session. Online attendance for both days is \$30; field trips and bonfire are not available online.

Registration includes a Welcome Reception with light hors d'oeuvres, followed by a plated dinner on Friday, a private lakeside bonfire following Friday's program, and breakfast and lunch buffets on Saturday.

Explore the greater Sheboygan area! You will have the option to attend a field trip of your choice on Friday afternoon. Field trip registration details for various options will be provided to registrants closer to the event.

Attendees will provide their own transportation to the field trip destination; there will not be buses. The tours will not be available via Zoom.

Registration is online only. Please visit <https://www.lwvlmr.org/> to register. If you have difficulty with registration online, please contact us for assistance at lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com.

Accommodations

Attendees may stay at Blue Harbor Resort, 725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI at a **discounted rate of \$149 per night**. The **discounted room block of 30 rooms is available until September 23**. Once sold out or after September 23, the discounted room rate will only be extended based on availability. Due to limited space, we recommend making your reservation as soon as possible. This reservation is separate from the Annual Meeting and Conference Registration.

You can reserve your room by calling Blue Harbor Resort at 866.701.2583 (you must say you are with LWVLMR). Alternatively, instructions for reserving a room online will be included in your conference registration confirmation email. If you plan on staying two nights and would like the discounted rate for both nights, you must reserve by telephone. Second night stay, at discounted rate, is subject to availability.

Note: The indoor waterpark at the resort will not be available during your stay.

COVID Safety Measures

In consideration for the health and safety of our members and guests, the most up-to-date CDC guidance regarding COVID safety measures will be followed. If you are feeling at all unwell, please change your plans and attend via Zoom.

[How to Protect Yourself and Others | CDC](#)

Scholarships

Scholarships for registration fees are available. For information, please contact lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com.

Online Auction

We invite you to donate an item to the on-line auction that will run before and during the event. Click here for donation form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddpY_UucVcYaGY5wEimQHAcZleOdEWHTvjVa9Am4ddTGhJTQ/viewform.

We will notify you when the auction goes live.