Great Lakes Project

Measures Peer Review Workshop

**Sept. 21-23, 2011**

**The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Field Office**

**101 E. Grand River Ave.**

**Lansing, MI 48906**

**General office number: (517) 316-0300**

***Desired Outcomes*:**

* Each strategy team will present and solicit peer review the key components of their strategic theme business plan, eg. theory of change, 2-4 peer-reviewed objectives and strategies, with clear results chains/logic frameworks, long-term outcomes, and identified measures, which are complete enough for implementation.
* Strategy teams and managers will be able to evaluate and communicate: (1) the plan for each reviewed objective, (2) the identified opportunities and risks/uncertainties for each; and (3) the steps required for implementation.
* Understanding of the major obstacles to implementing the strategies, measures and monitoring plan to achieve long-term objectives, and any opportunities for creating enabling conditions to improve the situation.

**AGENDA**

***Wednesday, September 21, 2011***

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| 12:00pm | Lunch (provided at MIFO) |
| 12:30pm | Welcome- Review desired outcomes and ground rules for meeting, introduce teams.*Andy Dickerson, Facilitator, to lead overview, ground rules, and introductions.**Denny McGrath, Manager of the Great Lakes Project, overview of business planning process, measures and the day’s work.* |
| 1:30pm | Northern Forests Overview Presentation(20 minutes for strategy presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*Team leads: Tina Hall, Director of Conservation Programs, The Nature Conservancy in Michigan and Matt Dallman, Director of Conservation, The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin**(LHeywood scribing)* |
| 2:00pm | Forests Peer Review*(LHeywood scribing)* |
| 3:00pm | Break |
| 3:20pm | Watershed-Ag/Altered Hydrology Overview Presentation*Team lead: John Legge, Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy in Michigan*(20 minutes for strategy presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*(RHagerman scribing)* |
| 3:50 pm | Watershed-Ag/Altered Hydrology Peer Review*(RHagerman scribing)* |
| 4:50pm | Break |
| 5:00pm | Wrap –up on Day*Andy Dickerson to lead, what we learned, what we can improve upon in the workshop.* |
| 5:30pm | Adjourn |
| 6:30pm | Dinner *PF Chang’s, 2425 Lake Lansing Rd., Eastwood Town Center, Lansing, MI, 48912, (517) 267-3833* |

***Thursday, September 22, 2011***

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| 8:00am | Breakfast on your own |
| 9:00am | Watershed Connectivity Overview Presentation*Team lead: Rebecca Smith, Assistant State Director, The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin*(20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*(MFrancis scribing)* |
| 9:30am | Watershed Connectivity Peer Review*(MFrancis scribing)* |
| 10:30am | Break |
| 10:50am | Coastal Overview Presentation*Team lead: Rachael Franks-Taylor, Director of Coastal Conservation, The Nature Conservancy in Michigan*(20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*(LHeywood scribing)* |
| 11:20am | Coastal Peer Review*(LHeywood scribing)* |
| 12:20pm | Lunch (provided at MIFO) & river walk (weather permitting) |
| 1:30pm | Food Web Overview Presentation*Team lead: David Klein, Senior Field Representative, The Nature Conservancy in Central and Western New York*(20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*(BRidenhour scribing)* |
| 2:00pm | Food Web Peer Review*(BRidenhour scribing)* |
| 3:00pm | Break |
| 3:20pm | Plenary Discussion- Preparing for the Measures Summit*Margaret Francis, Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy, to lead.* |
| 4:20pm | Break |
| 4:30pm | Wrap-up on Day |
| 5:30pm | Adjourn |
| 6:30pm | Dinner (Outdoor picnic provided, weather permitting)*Granger Meadows Park, 1745 Granger Meadows Lane, Lansing, MI 48906**\*\*Alternate location in case of inclement weather:* *Spartan Hall of Fame Café, 1601 West Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 337-4680* |

***Friday, September 23, 2011***

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| 8:00am | Breakfast on your own |
| 9:00am | Climate Change Adaptation Overview Presentation*Team Lead: Patrick Doran, Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy in Michigan*(20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*(RHagerman scribing)* |
| 9:30am | Climate Change Adaptation Peer Review*(RHagerman scribing)* |
| 10:30am | Break |
| 10:50am | Aquatic Invasive Species Overview Presentation*Team Lead: Lindsay Chadderton, Aquatic Invasive Species Director, The Nature Conservancy in Michigan (via WebEx)*(20 minutes for presentation, 10 for clarifying questions)*(BRidenhour scribing)* |
| 11:10am | Aquatic Invasive Species Peer Review*(BRidenhour scribing)* |
| 12:10pm | Working Lunch (provided at MIFO)- Review of outcomes and key Issues identified*Andy Dickerson to facilitate* |
| 1pm | Adjourn & Departure |

**Travel Information**

***Please reserve your own travel***. Below is information on nearby airports and driving directions to the MIFO and Hampton Inn.

**Driving Directions**

Michigan Field Office

101 E. Grand River Ave.

Lansing, MI 48906

General office number: (517) 316-0300

**From the East:** I-96 West to 127 North to I-496 “Downtown Lansing”. Take the Cedar/Larch Exit and take Larch Right (north) to Grand River Avenue. Turn Left (west) onto Grand River. The Chapter office is across the river on the northeast corner of Washington and Grand River. Park on the street or behind the building.

**From the West**: I-96 East to I-496 East “Downtown Lansing”. Take the Cedar/Larch Exit and take Larch Right (north) to Grand River Avenue. Turn Left (west) onto Grand River. The Chapter Office is across the river on the northeast corner of Washington and Grand River. Park on the street or behind the building.

**From the South**: US-127 North to I-496 “Downtown Lansing”. Take the Cedar/Larch Exit and take Larch Right (north) to Grand River Avenue. Turn Left (west) onto Grand River. The Chapter office is across the river on the northeast corner of Washington and Grand River. Park on the street or behind the building.

**From the North:** US-27 South – stay on till it turns into US-127 and continue south toward Lansing. You’ll cross over a bridge of Railroad tracks, then the road becomes one way south. First light is Grand River Avenue – turn RIGHT (West). The Chapter office is on the northeast corner of Washington and Grand River. Park on the street or behind the building.

**From East Lansing:** Travel West on Grand River, crossing 127. Grand River turns into Oakland. After crossing Grand River (the river!) turn right (North) onto Washington The Chapter office is just across Grand River on the northeast corner of Washington and Grand River. Park on the street or behind the building.



**Airports**

**LAN** - The Capital City Airport in Lansing is a few miles from MIFO and offers taxi transportation to the Hampton Inn (around $20) and a CATA bus to the office.

**DTW** - Detroit Metro Airport is often cheaper but is about a 1.5-2 hour drive to Lansing.

**GRR** - Grand Rapids Airport may be a good option and is about a 1 hour drive to Lansing.

**FNT -** Flint–Bishop International Airport is sometimes cheaper and a 45-minute drive to Lansing.

**Carpooling**

***If you would like to carpool from the airport and back, please contact me Lauren Bailey (******lbailey@tnc.org******) by August 19th*** with your flight information and cell phone number so I can coordinate.

**Lodging**

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| mapdata?cc=us&Point=b&Point | [Hampton Inn East Lansing](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=LANETHX)www.hilton.com2500 Coolidge RoadEast Lansing, MI 48823(517) 324-2072  |

We have negotiated a corporate rate of $85.00/night and will be covering your lodging costs**. *In order to obtain this rate, please make your own hotel reservations by August 19th (indicate you are a TNC employee and use Corporate ID #0002667276), after that date this rate will no longer be available.*** For those of you who indicated you would like to share a room and a roommate via our Survey Monkey, I apologize, but unfortunately there was a glitch and we were not able to access that information. If you would like me to pair you with a roommate, please email me **by August 15th** and I will make the assignments, reserve your rooms, and send you your confirmation number.

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| Hampton Inn East Lansing |  |
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| The **Hampton Inn East Lansing** hotel in Michigan is just minutes away from Michigan State University, downtown Lansing and the State Capital Building. The Hampton Inn East Lansing hotel is just a short distance from the Eastwood Towne Center featuring five great restaurants and fabulous shopping. The East Lansing hotel is next to the 24-hour Meijer shopping super store and makes last minute shopping easy. Enjoy Michigan hospitality within walking distance of the Hampton Inn East Lansing hotel to great dinning at Applebee's, Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe, All Season Bistro, Cappuccino Cafe, La Cucina Bravo's, Max & Erma's, P.F. Chang's, Mitchell's Fish Market, Panchero's and Claddagh Irish Pub. The Hampton Inn East Lansing hotel in Michigan features 86 rooms, including whirlpool suites and two-room suites, elevator, complimentary shuttle service, exercise gym, indoor pool, and 12-person boardroom. Amenities at the Hampton Inn hotel in East Lansing include **complimentary hot continental breakfast**, high-speed internet access, in-room coffeemaker, hair dryer, newspaper, shuttle service, and 25" TV with cable. The Hampton Inn East Lansing hotel also offers connecting rooms, cribs, voicemail, microwaves/refrigerators, pay-per-view movies, Nintendo, express checkout, safe deposit box, and iron. Laundry/valet services, meeting/banquet facilities, audio visual equipment, secretarial service, golf, in-room movies, and rollaway beds are available for a nominal fee at the Hampton Inn hotel in Michigan.  |
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| **Amenities** |
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| Swimming PoolFitness CenterHigh Speed Internet AccessMeeting RoomWheelchair AccessibleWireless |

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**Directions from the Hampton Inn to the MIFO:**

The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Field Office

101 E. Grand River Ave.

Lansing, MI 48906

(517) 316-0300

*Corner of Grand River Ave. and Washington (there is a stoplight)*

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| rs_right | **5:** | Turn RIGHT onto E GRAND RIVER AVE. | 0.2 miles | Map |
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| icon-dirs-end | **6:** | End at **101 E Grand River Ave**Lansing, MI 48906-4348, US  | Map |
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| **Total Est. Time:** 8 minutes     **Total Est. Distance:** 3.16 miles  |

**Parking**

Turn right at Washington. Free parking is available in our lot, behind our building or on Washington Ave. after the first block. You will need to walk to our front entrance, located on Grand River Ave., to enter the building.

**Food**

***If you have any dietary restrictions, please email me with that information by August 19th so we can accommodate***. For those of you who responded to the Survey Monkey with this information, I apologize but unfortunately we were unable to access that so please send it again. We will be covering all food except for breakfast. The Hampton Inn offers a courtesy breakfast and we encourage you to access that. For those not staying at the Hampton Inn, below are two breakfast options within walking distance of the MIFO.

Wild Rose Café

1224 Turner Street

Lansing, MI 48906

(517) 367-1117

Pablo’s Panaderia

311 E. Grand River Ave.

Lansing, MI 48933

(517) 372-0887

**Venue**

The meeting will be held at the MIFO but we are planning a picnic dinner for the evening of the 22nd in a nearby park, weather permitting. Average high and low temperatures for Lansing, Michigan in late September are 72ºF/48ºFso please dress accordingly.

**Preparation**

One month prior to the meeting we will send you the powerpoint template and guidelines to prepare for the meeting and your peer review session.

**Questions?**

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