

WHAT is a Watershed?

The bodies of water we see are fed from streams and runoff (**surface** water) as well as underground sources (**ground** water). This area of surface water runoff around a body of water is known as its **watershed**.



The Gull Lake Watershed spans four townships over two counties in South-west Michigan. Anything which affects the surface or ground water in our watershed can impact water all the way down to Gull Lake (and beyond to the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan.)

The GLQO works to protect and improve the quality of the Gull Lake Watershed for everyone — what happens within our Watershed can potentially impact us all.

The Gull Lake Quality Organization
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Little Long Lake
Wintergreen Lake
Grassy Lake
Gull Lake
Duck Lake
Prairieville Creek
Miller Lake
Bullhead Lake
Dake Lake

The 2009-2010

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GLQO Mission

To address concerns and provide education regarding the use of natural resources of the Gull Lake Watershed



Working to
Protect Quality
for All in the
Gull Lake
Watershed

An Introduction to
The Gull Lake Quality Organization
Summer 2010

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WHO We Are

The Gull Lake Quality Organization (GLQO) is a fully volunteer 501(c)(4) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the quality of life throughout the Gull Lake Watershed. Funding comes mainly from the generosity of Watershed residents.



Growing out of existing area environmental groups, the GLQO incorporated in 1977 to spearhead the creation of the Gull Lake sewer system. Since that time, the GLQO has expanded its charter and membership base to include the entire Gull Lake Watershed.

The GLQO co-exists with other local water-related organizations:

THE GULL LAKE ASSOCIATION maintains the Gull Lake Dam for benefit of Gull Lake riparians

THE FOUR TOWNSHIPS WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL deals with land use and water quality issues throughout Richland, Ross, Barry and Prairieville townships.

WHAT We Do

WATER QUALITY: Surface and groundwater quality monitoring programs to detect chemical or biological contamination

WATER SAFETY: Sponsorship of the Kalamazoo Sheriff's Marine Patrol on Gull Lake during summer months



FISHERIES: Characterizing, monitoring and improving lake and stream fisheries

DEVELOPMENT AND ACCESS: Ensuring the proper (and lawful) balance between the Watershed's environmental and recreational demands

INVASIVE SPECIES: Monitoring and education of non-native plant and animal species (such as everyone's favorite, the zebra mussel)

GOVERNMENTAL LIASON: Working with local officials on watershed-specific issues

HOW You Can Help

CHECK US OUT: Come to a Board of Directors meeting, an Annual Meeting, or one of our fundraiser events. Find us online (see below)

BECOME A MEMBER: Join us. Yearly memberships start at \$35

VOLUNTEER: We always need more volunteers! See our website for current GLQO opportunities

STEP UP: We are always looking for Directors for our Board, and if you want to truly make a difference, this is the way.

SPREAD THE WORD: Let others know about the GLQO and its work

For More INFORMATION

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