

# PROTECTING WATER TOGETHER

Growing the Partnership between MLSA  
and the Michigan Environmental Council



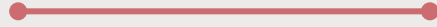
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FOR 40 YEARS  
MEC HAS BEEN  
THE VOICE OF  
THE ENVIRONMENT  
IN THE STATE CAPITAL

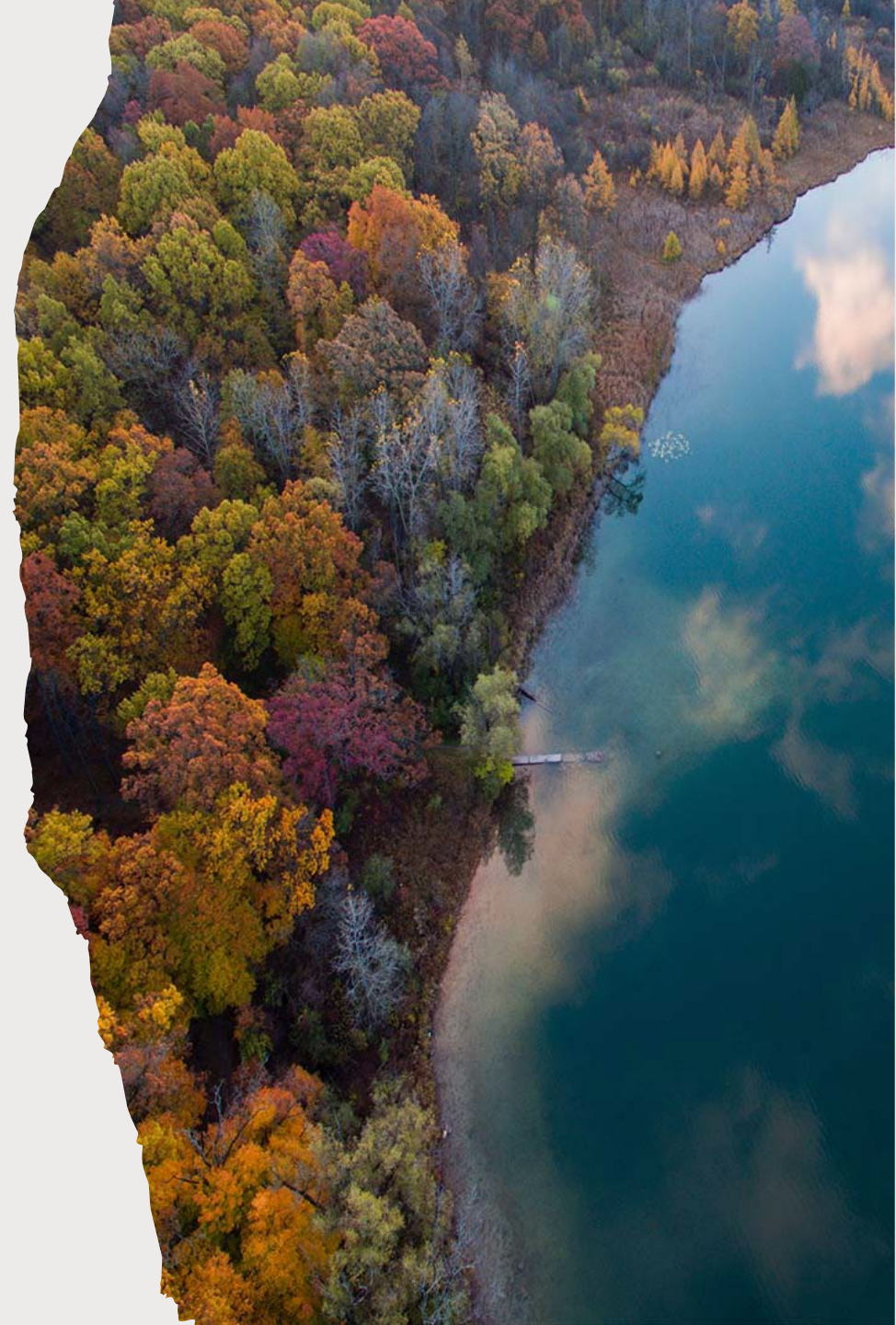
# OUR MISSION



Michigan Environmental Council drives the environmental agenda in Michigan.

We develop innovative policy ideas; communicate them to key audiences in a compelling fashion; and engage our members, community leaders and residents as effective local advocates for shared goals.

By leading powerful, diverse collaborations, we inspire state leaders to adopt pioneering solutions that set a global standard for environmental leadership.





BUILDING  
A STRONG  
MOVEMENT





# VOTE YES

ON PROP 1

## FOR MI WATER, WILDLIFE & PARKS

MEC led the successful campaign to strengthen the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund through our affiliated 501c4 organization.

We coordinated more than 60 partner organizations across the state to win 84% of the vote – and a couple of Pollies★ to boot!

*★ Awards from the American Association of Political Consultants called “the Oscars of political advertising”*

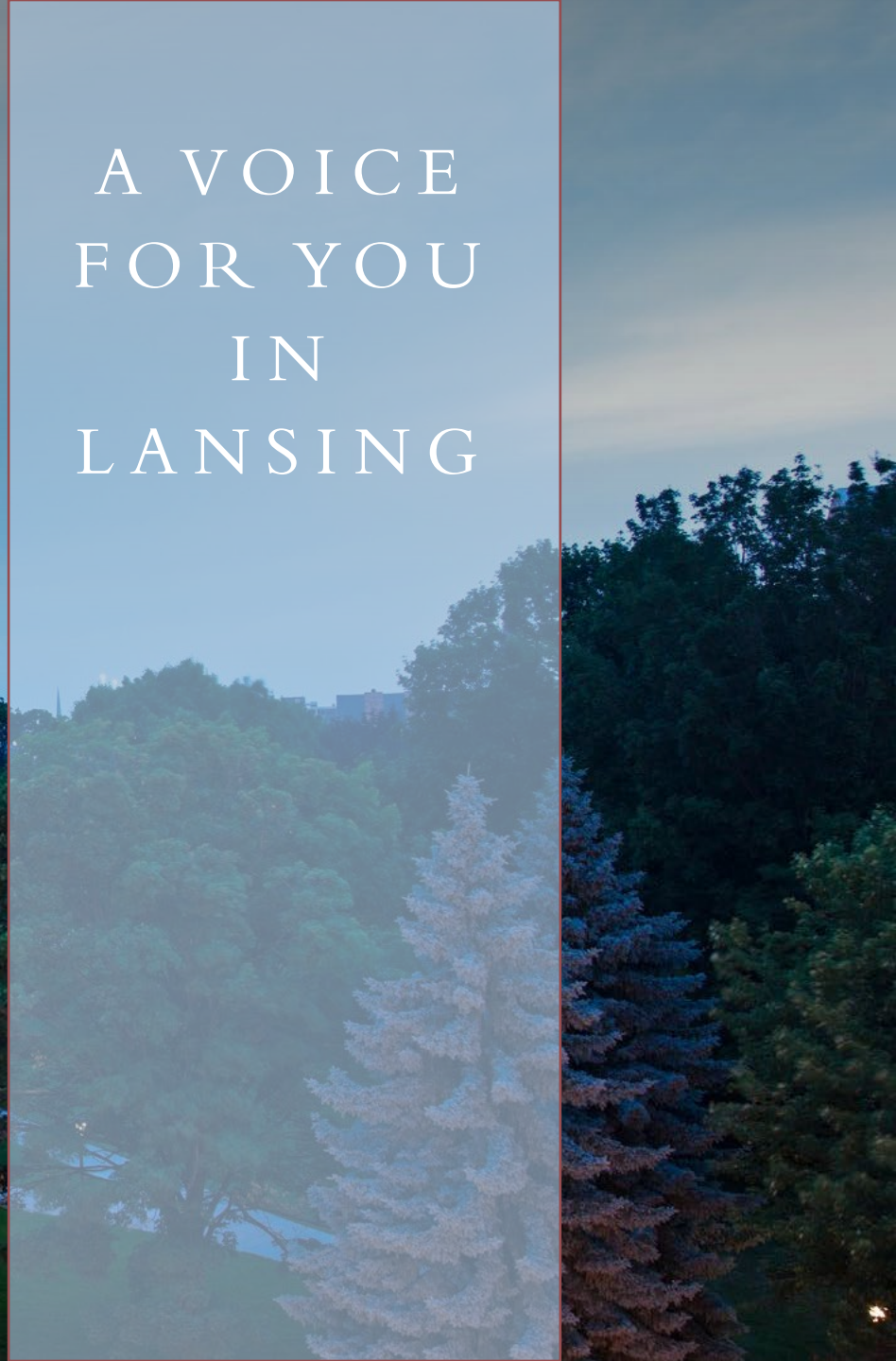


But we lost in the call for a modernized statewide septic code.

Our collective action aligns with the hearts and minds of Michigan's citizens, but we need to find better ways to exercise that power when it comes to the state Legislature.



A VOICE  
FOR YOU  
IN  
LANSING



# DRIVING DATA FOR DECISIONS

Our values are best defended when we have a shared understanding of the impacts of decisions.

MEC helps guide the [Water Use Advisory Council](#) so that we all have the data and mapping to ensure our implementation strategies are sound and defensible.





# PROTECTING LAKES FROM FARM RUNOFF

Nutrient pollution remains a constant threat to our inland lakes, but state and federal protections have failed to keep it under control.

MEC is working with universities and farmers to design alternative social and economic models to **protect soil health**, supporting agriculture without compromising water quality.



# A GREENER (RE)BUILT ENVIRONMENT

By some estimates Michigan faces a \$20B deferred maintenance bill for water and sewer infrastructure.

MEC fights for policy and budgets that reestablish effective **natural systems** for water management – reducing the concrete with **fewer and safer dams** and a **living and resilient coastline**.



WE MUST BE  
PREPARED FOR  
CRITICAL  
OPPORTUNITIES

*American Rescue Plan ... \$19.5B in Michigan*

*American Jobs Plan \$101B for national drinking water*



# DISCUSSION



ENGAGE WITH MEC

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