Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality
Water Resources Division

- Protect and Monitor
  - 4 Great Lakes
  - 3,288 miles of Great Lakes shoreline
  - 11,000 inland lakes
  - 36,000 river miles
  - 5.5 million acres of wetlands

For swimming, fishing, boating, drinking water, and aquatic ecosystems.
Michigan’s Program History

1955 – Michigan’s Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act passed
   This act regulates activities on Great Lakes bottomlands.

1972 – Federal Clean Water Act was passed
   - Michigan’s Inland Lakes and Streams Act was passed
     This act regulates activities on inland lakes and streams.

1977 - Michigan entered an MOA with the Corps of Engineers
   The agencies developed a Joint Application form and implemented procedures to streamline permitting and reduce duplication.

1979 – Michigan’s Wetland Protection Act passed
   The law was passed with intention of assuming the 404 program.
Michigan’s Program History

1983- Michigan and EPA sign MOA approving assumption of the 404 program

1984- Michigan and the Corps of Engineers sign MOA designating navigable waters over which the 404 authority is retained by the federal agencies.

Making Michigan the first state to assume the Section 404 Program
In Michigan, the Corps of Engineers retained CWA Section 404 jurisdictions over all “Navigable Waters of the United States”.

The Corps used the waters regulated under Section 10 of The Rivers and Harbors of 1899, as the limit of waters under joint Corps and State jurisdiction.