

# Become a Glen Lake Guardian

## Take the "Pledge to Protect"

If you live within the Glen Lake-Crystal River Watershed, your support is needed to protect and preserve this beautiful area now and for future generations. By taking the Guardian pledge, you agree to adopt the following best practices to guide decisions you make that involve your property in 2016.

Please check one or more items in at least three of the six categories below to become a Guardian.

I (we) hereby pledge to...

### Our Home/Farm

- Use only eco-friendly soaps and detergents
- Use only hazardous waste collection sites to dispose of harmful items
- Use only eco-friendly pesticides
- Properly store any fertilizers, pesticides and fuels on my property

### Invasive Species Prevention

- Use boat wash (or my own power wash) on recreational vehicles before use
- Dispose of plants, aquatic animals and fish from aquariums in the garbage, never in the lake

### Our Well and Septic System

- Have my septic system pumped regularly
- Avoid using bleach and commercial products that claim to maintain my septic system
- Use only eco-friendly soaps and detergents

### Watercraft and Recreation

- Avoid use of soaps and shampoos in the lake or river
- Inspect boats for fuel/oil leaks

### Our Yard

- Preserve wetlands on your property
- Construct driveways, patios and paths of pervious materials
- Do not put anything down storm drains
- Plant a tree on my property or lakeshore

### On The Shore (Riparians Only)

- Contact the Glen Lake Association for advice when considering alterations near my shoreline
- Refrain from feeding waterfowl to protect the shoreline from E-coli
- Rake leaves in the fall to keep them out of the lake and river
- Start a greenbelt on my shoreline or maintain an existing greenbelt
- Stop mowing my lawn 7 feet from the water's edge to start a greenbelt
- Use lake water irrigation vs. well water irrigation



I (we) hereby pledge to protect the Glen Lake watershed and implement all the checked items above for 2016.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Property Address same as Mailing Address

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Please keep my pledge anonymous

You'll receive a confirmation letter and 2 Guardian decals

Return to: GLA, P.O. Box 551, Glen Arbor, MI 49636