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## Glen Lake Association Receives National Award Recognized for Outreach and Education in Fish Habitat Conservation

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— The Glen Lake Association has received a 2011 National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP) Award—one of four winners selected from organizations throughout the United States. The award honors associations for their extraordinary achievement in Fish Habitat Conservation.

This is the second recognition for the Glen Lake Association (GLA) in the past three years: the organization was given the “Michigan Inland Lake Steward of the Year Award” by the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations in 2008.

A grassroots organization for over 50 years with 800 individual and business members, the Glen Lake Association uses numerous outreach and educational campaigns to protect the Glen Lake watershed from aquatic invasive species, physical habitat degradation, and water quality impairment while promoting aesthetic and recreational enjoyment to riparians and the public.

“The Glen Lake Association has over 100 volunteers that work countless hours to protect and preserve the uniquely beautiful area we live in,” said current GLA president Andy DuPont who traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the award April 15 on behalf of the nonprofit association. “To have our efforts nationally recognized is very special. This award will help keep our volunteers and members motivated as we continue to reach out and educate those who have an impact on the quality of our lakes.”

GLA lake biologist Rob Karner said the Fish Habitat Action Plan Award is the result of several association initiatives that work cohesively to protect the watershed and its natural resources.

“There are seven GLA projects on which this national award was based,” said Karner. “Each is an important part of resource conservation and protection. Without the commitment and oversight by the lake association, water quality and these other environmental initiatives would not exist.”

### The programs include:

1. *Monitoring water quality:* Hydrolab, Nutrient Loading, Sediment Sampling in Deep Basins for Toxins
2. *Biological Sampling:* Plankton Analysis, Microcystis toxicity, Cladophora Surveys that pinpoint nutrient loading
3. *Greenbelt Survey:* Lakescape Planning Services for Riparians
4. *GLA membership education:* GLA newsletter, GLA website, workshops
5. *Fish Habitat Improvement Initiatives:* Lobby Against Private Dredging, Aquatic Conductivity Project Planning—expanding spawning grounds between Little Glen to Mill Pond for warm water fish species
6. *Invasive Species:* Boat Wash Stations, Aquatic Plant Surveys,
7. *Networking:* Partners with Michigan Lakes and Streams, Leelanau Clean Water, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and the Leelanau Conservancy.



For additional information on the work of the Glen Lake Association and ways to become involved, visit [www.glenlakeassociation.org](http://www.glenlakeassociation.org) or call 231 334.7645.

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## Glen Lake Association Named “Best in Michigan”

**GLEN ARBOR, MICH.—**The Michigan Lake and Stream Associations has awarded the Glen Lake Association its top honor for 2008. The Leelanau County nonprofit organization is the recipient of the “Michigan Inland Lake Steward of the Year Award.”

The designation recognizes the Glen Lake Association (GLA) as the benchmark for other lake protection groups around the state for its exemplary operations, programs and outreach.

Assistant Executive Director of Michigan Lake and Stream Associations in charge of the awards program, Scott Brown, said the Glen Lake Association sets the bar for others to attain. “The Glen Lake Association is head and shoulders above other groups in the state,” he said of the award, which has been given out the past two years. “We congratulate Glen Lake for bringing riparian owners up to speed in regards to ecological processes, issues and needs. Our most important challenge is education. A lot of lake associations don’t do much—just pontoon parades on the Fourth of July and an annual potluck. We look at GLA as the association that sets the pace for leadership.”

Presentation of the steward plaque took place at the recent 47th Annual Conference for Michigan Lake and Stream Associations held in Grayling and was received by GLA president, Sarah Litch.

“The association board, the staff and our dedicated volunteers have worked long and hard on behalf of this irreplaceable resource and we are proud to be the 2008 recipient of the award,” she said. “Educating riparians and the community about this delicate watershed is paramount to its health and its future for generations to come. We need everyone’s continued help and involvement.”

There are thousands of lake associations in the state and the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations represents about one-third of them, according to Brown. He added that, unlike the Glen Lake Association, less than one percent of the state’s lake organizations employ a lake biologist or offer a Boat Wash/Inspection program at boat launches aimed at protecting the lakes from invasive species.

**Other programs funded by member dues and contributions include the:**

- ◆ Joint creation of a Glen Lake-Crystal River Watershed Management Plan.
- ◆ Yearly invasive plant surveys of Big and Little Glen, Big and Little Fisher.
- ◆ Establishment of a Fish-Wildlife-Recreation Committee by the GLA board.
- ◆ Duck capture, inoculation and relocation program to control Swimmer’s Itch.

### ***About the Glen Lake Association***

The Glen Lake Association, founded in 1954, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, preservation and continued improvement of the beautiful Glen Lake area. For more information, to become a member or to contribute, visit [www.glenlakeassociation.org](http://www.glenlakeassociation.org) or call 231.334.7645.



## Why We *Support* GLA...

“When we bought our property on Glen Lake in 1968, we were told by our neighbor (John Dorsey, grandson of one of the early settlers) that we needed to join the Glen Lake Association (GLA) and we did. In the late 60’s “swimmer’s itch” was the riparian’s enemy and was being treated with copper sulfate. The use of copper sulfate was not good for water quality and was discouraged by the GLA. As time passed and science evolved, the GLA hired a lake biologist, opened a boat wash facility to help prevent invasive species from entering the lake, recommended non-phosphorus fertilizer, replaced the dam between Glen Lake and the Crystal River, and recruited volunteers to oversee the health and water quality of the lake. When I became a permanent resident in the 80’s, I was amazed to learn that not every property owner belonged and paid dues to the GLA. If riparian property owners do not preserve the lake, who will?”

Changing climate, invasive species and other factors beyond our control make it imperative that we care for and educate others to care for our lake. The GLA has been doing a superior job of preserving the quality of this lake and educating others how to care for it. Participation by each property owner is needed to sustain this precious natural resource.”

– *Joanne Sprouse*

“Our family has had a lengthy history of involvement and deep appreciation for the Glen Lake Association. Four generations of Olesons have enjoyed and benefited from the GLA’s success in maintaining the pristine quality of our lakes, beaches, forests and wildlife. It is because of the comprehensive efforts of the GLA that I encourage your donation to one of the funds or a sustaining family membership. Explore the GLA website and familiarize yourself with the current challenges we all face: the non-native plants, mussels, fish and potential pollution that threatens our watershed. You will also gain tremendous respect for the specialized efforts of the committees and volunteers that work daily to protect our investment and playground. Please help us protect your watershed.”

– *Carl and Jackie Oleson, Greg, Kim, Ross and Max Guilbeau*

“This is my 57th summer of being in Glen Arbor and swimming in the wonderful waters of Glen Lake. It will be my honor to continue to help support this organization (Glen Lake Association) and its wonderful work. I hope that the economy continues to improve so that our current bequest to the Association may be of even more help to the place we love.”

– *Patrick and Cheryl Barry, GLA Legends*

“As a past board member and president, I can appreciate all the good work that has been accomplished by the Association to improve, preserve and protect our lakes and watershed. It is our intention to include the Glen Lake Association Endowment Fund in our estate plan.”

– *Charles and Sara Ofenloch, GLA Legends*



## *Will-ing* to Make a Difference

Protecting the Glen Lake Watershed is a constant, growing need and a shared responsibility. Make a difference today and help preserve this resource for generations to come through estate planning that includes your Glen Lake Association.

One effective way to further the mission of this award-winning association is through a bequest. This provision in your Last Will and Testament in the form of a gift is accomplished with a transfer from your estate to GLA, a 501(c)(3) organization. Even existing wills can be easily modified to include GLA with the use of a simple codicil.

Bequests can be established to effectively achieve your goals and follow your wishes.

**General Bequests** allow you to designate a specific amount to the association:

*"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Glen Lake Association the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ % or \_\_\_\_\_ (fractional interest) of my estate to the Glen Lake Association of Glen Arbor, Michigan."*

**Specific Bequests** enable you to designate a specific piece of property to the association:

*"I donate the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % or \_\_\_\_\_ (property description) to the Glen Lake Association."*

**Unrestricted Bequests** can be directed by the GLA Development Committee to the Glen Lake Association Endowment Fund for long-term financial stability of the organization, administered by the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

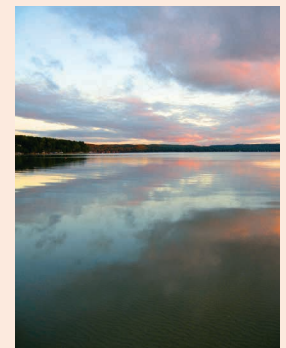
**Restricted Bequests** allow you to designate a specific purpose or Fund for your gift:

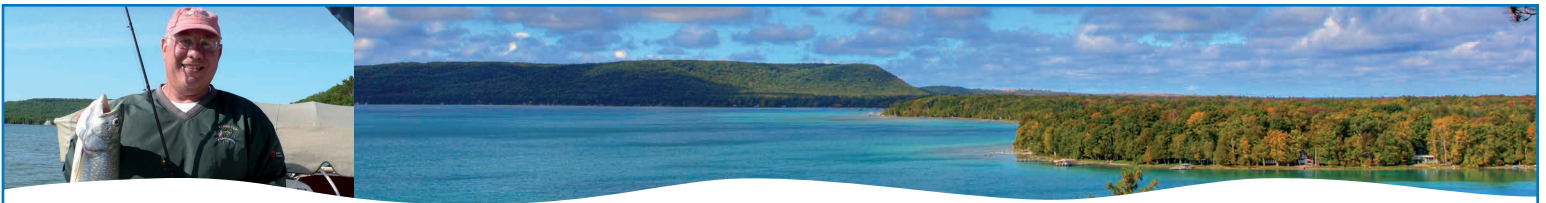
*"It is my desire and instruction that this bequest to the Glen Lake Association help sustain the water quality programs (or name other programs or purposes)..."*

## Become a Glen Lake "Legend"

Contributors to the Glen Lake Association or its Endowment Fund in their estate plan deserve special recognition. Benefactors will be known as "Legends," listed in our annual newsletter and membership directory.

All it takes is a call—contact a Development Committee member at 231 334-7645 and let us know your intentions.





## *Preservation of Place....*

### Your opportunity to preserve the Glen Lake Watershed

## Outright Gifts to GLA

Gifts of cash, securities and real estate are examples of outright gifts. The Glen Lake Association encourages members and supporters to consider these options when doing their estate planning. Cash is the simplest, most direct and popular form of a charitable gift.

Your contribution to the GLA is tax-deductible at the fair market value on the date of the gift. Your donation of stock or other assets such as real estate, royalties, personal property or bonds, could qualify for significant tax savings. Consult your attorney or financial planner to explore the giving opportunities.

When making a gift, you may designate it as a memorial or living tribute to loved ones or friends.

## Qualified Retirement Plans

If you own a qualified retirement plan such as an IRA, 401(K), or Keogh plan and it meets requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, assets have been growing tax-deferred for years. Once distributions from these qualified plans are dispensed, they can be taxed. When included in your taxable estate, they can be taxed again. The combination of these obligations can reduce the value of the retirement plan assets by a substantial amount.

Retirement plans are among the most highly taxed assets in personal portfolios. It is often advisable to consult a tax professional, attorney or financial planner in order to maximize the value of your retirement plan. The Glen Lake Association may be able to receive the full value of your retirement plan assets without tax consequences.

# Notification Of A Planned Gift

GLEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 551

Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636



Dear GLA Development Committee,

Yes, I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, have established/ intend to establish (circle one) a Planned Gift with the Glen Lake Association as the/ a beneficiary. It is/ will be in the form of:

- A Will                                       An IRA/ Retirement Plan  
 An Insurance Policy                       Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A Trust Arrangement

*Note: If this is an irrevocable gift, you may be eligible for a tax write-off.*

I/ We wish those assets from my/ our Estate Plan(s) that are directed to the Glen Lake Association be used for the following purpose(s):

- GLA General Fund (for ongoing operational expenses)  
 Glen Lake Watershed Protection Fund (for non-recurring expenses)  
 GLA Endowment Fund (for long-term financial stability)  
 GLA Planned Giving (Bequests, Annuities)

- I am/ we are enclosing a copy of the pertinent page(s) or section(s) of the legal gift document that specified Glen Lake Association.*
- Upon completion of my/ our Estate Plan, I/ we shall forward a copy of the pertinent page(s) or section(s) of the legal document to the Development Committee of the Glen Lake Association.*
- Glen Lake Association has been/ will be included in my/ our Estate Plan but I/ we prefer not to share a copy of the pertinent page(s) or section(s) of the legal gift document.*
- Glen Lake Association is not included in my/ our Estate Plan(s).*
- Please contact me to answer my question(s): My phone and email address \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# IRA Trust Beneficiary Designation Form

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*In the event of my death, I designate the following as my Primary and Contingent Beneficiary(ies)  
under the terms of my Individual Retirement Account.*



## PRIMARY BENEFICIARY(IES):

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent or Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent or Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent or Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY(IES):

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent or Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent or Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent or Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

*When a non-spouse Beneficiary is named, spouse consent is required to Community Property States, including but not limited to AZ, CA, HI, ID, LA, MI, NV, NM, TX, WA, WI. I hereby agree and consent to the Beneficiary set forth above, and along with my agreement and consent, do hereby transmute to my spouse all my community property interest in the IRA described above that I may have. I acknowledge my right to one-half of all community property in the Account and voluntarily elect to relinquish my rights to the community property interest in the Account.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature of Participant's Spouse

*This beneficiary Form replaces any previous designation with an earlier date.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature of Individual

*Accepted by Custodian/Trustee:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Authorized Signature