



## Speakers' Bureau

*Darren Bagley*-Natural Resources Agent, Genesee County Michigan State University Extension

**Contact Number:** (810) 244-8524

**Area:** Entire Flint River Watershed, preferably Genesee County

**Availability:** Any time, lead-time is necessary to guarantee a speaking engagement

**Groups:** Anyone; adults, children, service clubs, lake associations, municipal officials, schools, scouts, churches, etc.

**Topics:**

1. Groundwater: how wells work, where groundwater comes from, movement of pollution through groundwater; includes the groundwater flow model which is an excellent visual demonstration of how groundwater moves and is contaminated.
2. Home\*A\*Syst: a self-assessment tool used to measure risk of household practices to water quality.
3. Household Hazardous Waste: how to properly dispose of dangerous chemicals in you home to protect safety and water quality, also how your group could get involved in the next collection.
4. Stormwater projects: how to reduce non-point source pollution from residential property; also includes storm drain stenciling; may include the Enviro-Scape, a runoff model.
5. Water Quality Monitoring: discuss the importance of water quality monitoring, work with schools and other groups on setting up lake and/or stream monitoring programs.

*Linda Berker*-Attorney; Sierra Club

**Contact Number:** (810) 653-8242

**Area:** Genesee and Lapeer Counties

**Availability:** Preferably evenings; needs about one month lead time for work hours.

**Groups:** Adults, environmental groups, community organizations

**Topics:**

1. Environmental Law
2. Wetlands
3. Sierra Club-the history of the organization locally and how to get involved
4. Hiking-places to go and how to properly prepare for hiking

*Jay Blair*-Resource Conservationist, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

**Contact Number:** 810-230-8766 ext.3

**Area:** Genesee County

**Availability:** Any time if given enough advance notice

**Groups:** Any interested organization, township officials, farmers

**Topics:**

1. Process of Resource Planning
2. Grassroots or Local Partnership Facilitation-how to create a local organization and build relationships
3. Soils and Soil Interpretation-how to use the soil survey book to determine appropriate uses for a particular area
4. Wetland Issues-values of wetlands and their restoration
5. Non-technical Green Space or Open Space Development
6. Agricultural issues
7. Soil Erosion and Sediment Issues
8. Riparian Buffers'
9. Grass Buffers
10. Township Planning commissions on Natural Resource Planning.

Flint Water Plant

**Contact Number:** (810) 787-6537

**Area:** Genesee County

**Availability:** Preferably regular business hours; some evenings possible

**Groups:** Adults

**Topics:**

1. Water Quality Monitoring: what type of monitoring does the City of Flint perform
2. Dam and Reservoir Operation: how the local dams and reservoirs are managed
3. Drinking Water Treatment: the methods the City of Flint uses to ensure its residents have a safe water supply

*Dorothy Gonzales*-Environmental Sanitarian, Genesee County Health Department

**Contact Number:** (810) 257-3190

**Area:** Entire Flint River Watershed

**Availability:** Monday through Friday; including evenings, possibly weekends if given several weeks lead-time

**Groups:** Adults and children, classrooms, scouts, social groups, meetings, seminars, businesses, churches, government offices, lake associations. [Anyone interested.]

**Topics:**

1. Groundwater: the different aquifers in Genesee and Lapeer Counties, wells, abandonment of wells, primary & secondary contaminants, how surface & groundwater is tied together, etc.
2. Water Quality Monitoring: surface water sampling protocol, drinking water well sampling, contaminants, indicators.
3. Ways to Reduce Surface Water Runoff: from your yard, from businesses in a community setting, retention ponds.
4. Public Bathing Beaches in a Watershed: Use of surface water for total body contact, potential problems, beach closings.
5. Pollution Prevention Programs: in the home, school, or small businesses. Learn how to reduce pollution in the environment, better your business and make your home or school less toxic.

*Sara Lesky*-Environmental/Recycling Coordinator, Lapeer County

**Contact Number:** (810) 667-0452

**Area:** Entire Flint River Watershed, preferably Lapeer County

**Availability:** Any time, lead-time is necessary to guarantee a speaking engagement

**Groups:** Anyone; adults, children, service clubs, lake associations, municipal officials, schools, scouts, churches, etc.

**Topics:**

1. Household Hazardous Waste: how to properly dispose of dangerous chemicals in your home to protect safety and water quality, also how your group could get involved in the next collection.
2. Water Quality Monitoring: discuss the importance of water quality monitoring.
3. River Clean-Ups: How to organize a local river clean-up

*Jeff Mansour*-Government Relations, U of M-Flint; Chairman, Flint River Watershed Coalition

**Contact Number:** (810) 766-6647

**Area:** Entire Flint River Watershed

**Availability:** Monday through Friday; including evenings, possibly weekends if given several weeks lead-time

**Groups:** Adults and children, classrooms, scouts, social groups, meetings, seminars

**Topics:**

1. Flint River Watershed Coalition: history of the organization and how you and your group can become involved

If you are willing to speak on watershed issues or know someone who is, please contact Darren Bagley at [bagleyd@msue.msu.edu](mailto:bagleyd@msue.msu.edu) or (810) 244-8524.