



2025 Annual Meeting and Conference

Exercising Democracy: Protecting Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes in the Face of Data Centers Other Challenges

Friday and Saturday October 24 - 25, 2025

The Spa Speakeasy Banquet Hall at the Spring House Inn
303 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304
Attend in-person or via Zoom: All Times (CT)

Friday, October 24th

3:00 pm-**Registration** opens at the Spa/Speakeasy

4:00 pm-**Speaker:** Helena Volzer, J.D.
Senior Water Policy Manager, Alliance for the Great Lakes
Author: A Finite Resource: Managing the Growing Water Needs of Data Centers, Critical Minerals Mining and Agriculture in the Great Lakes Region

5:30 pm- **Reception:** Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar at the Spa/Speakeasy, Open Silent Auction

6:30 pm- **Dinner and Welcoming Remarks**

7:30 pm **Keynote Speaker:** Howard A. Learner
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director
Environmental Law & Policy Center
"Protecting the Great Lakes in Turbulent Times"

Saturday, October 25th

8:30 am-**Breakfast & Registration**

9:30 am-**Welcome and Overview**

10:00 am- **Speaker:** Dr. Erin Argyilan
Education Coordinator, Great Lakes Research and Education Center
National Park Service-Indiana Dunes National Park,
"The Science of Stewardship in the Indiana Dunes National Park"

11:00 am- **Break/Check-out**

12:00 pm- **Lunch-Close Silent Auction**

1:00 pm-**League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region Annual Meeting**

2:30-Optional Field Trips: Indiana Dunes National Park
Shirley Heinze Land Trust
(details to be announced)

Conference Fees

For those attending in-person, registration is \$120.00 for Conference, Dinner, Breakfast & Lunch. Online attendance is \$30.00. (Field trips are not available online.)

Attendees will provide their own transportation to the trip destination; there will not be buses. The field trips will not be available via Zoom.

Registration is online only. Please visit [2025 League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region Annual Meeting & Conference](https://www.lwvlmr.org) or www.lwvlmr.org to register. If you have difficulty with registration online, please contact us for assistance at lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com.

Lodging

Attendees may stay at:
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for a discounted room rate of \$110.00 per night, Friday and/or Saturday night which includes breakfast. A limited discounted room block is available. This reservation is separate from the Annual Meeting and Conference Registration.

To receive the discounted room rate, you must call the Spring House Inn at 219.929.4600 and tell them that you are with the League of Women Voters, Lake Michigan Region conference. This discount cannot be extended to online reservations. Please email us at lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com, if you have any problems.

COVID Safety Measures

In consideration of the health and safety of our members and guests, the most up-to-date applicable guidance regarding COVID safety measures will be followed. If you are feeling unwell at all, please change your plans and attend via Zoom

Auction Items Needed for Annual Fundraiser

We are currently seeking Auction donations for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year to take place in person at the Annual Meeting. Can you help by donating an item or connecting us with a business that may want to promote itself to LWV members with an in-kind gift? Auction items related to our mission in the **\$50-\$100** range or greater are especially appreciated. If yes, please email us at lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com Questions about the auction can also be directed to lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com Please include your name and phone number with your email message.