

THE MICHIGAN PORT

Diverse leaders from port corridor
the Michigan Port Collaborative
Great Lakes and coastal areas
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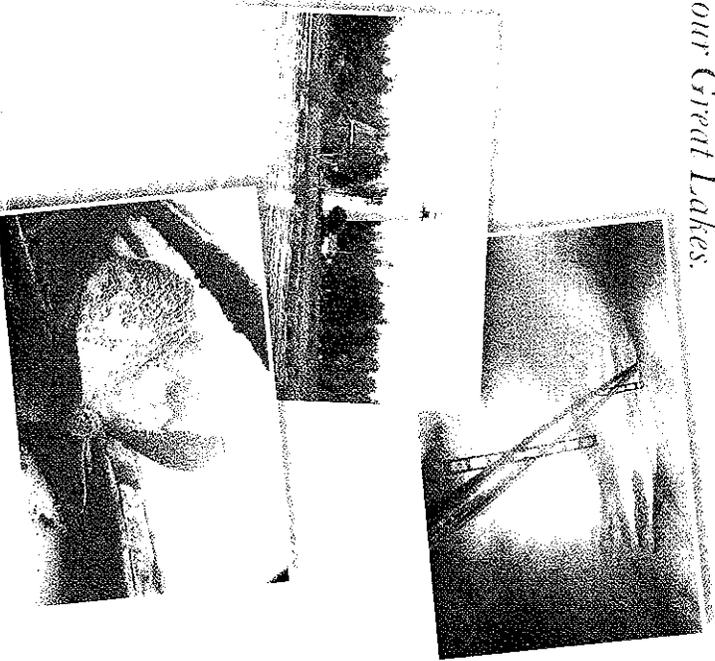
Together, local elected and district
cargo shipping, ferry, marina
manufacturing, business, tourism
visitors bureau leaders, museum
underwater preserve groups,
educators, nonprofit groups, and
federal partners are uniting to

- Advance common policies
in Lansing and Washington
- Develop and sustain
services.
- Showcase Michigan's
heritage and bountiful
- Build Great Lakes state
- Share resources, new
best practices.

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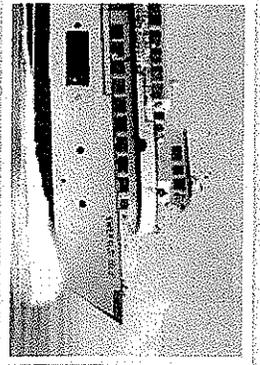
MISSION STATEMENT

The Michigan Port Collaborative unites port communities working to develop our Great Lakes and coastline as "Michigan's Front Door". We recognize that our Great Lakes, ports and coastal assets are unique in the world and are critical to future efforts to revitalize the Michigan economy. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining a robust waterfront economy that integrates marine passenger and freight transportation, commercial maritime operations, recreation, tourism and maritime history while protecting our Great Lakes.



POLICY PRIORITIES

- **Expand Freight Transport on the Great Lakes and Exempt New Cargoes from the Federal Harbor Maintenance Tax** – to foster short sea shipping as a clean alternative to our nation's congested highways
- **Require the Federal Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to be Fully and Solely Used for its Intended Purpose** – dredging, infrastructure operation and maintenance of federally authorized ports
- **Improve Access to Michigan Ports for Canadian Boaters and Foreign Cruise Ship Passengers** – we will work with local, state, US Customs and Border Protection officials to achieve this goal
- **Promote Passenger Cruises Between Michigan Ports and other US Great Lakes Ports** – opening Michigan's Front Door to new opportunities in waterfront travel
- **Maximize and Leverage Funding for Great Lakes Restoration and Protection** – our freshwater seas define our state, provide us with clean drinking water, recreation, fishing and commerce. We will work to increase funding to keep our air, land and water clean, restore contaminated sites and return them to productive use, protect sensitive habitat and sustain a healthy environment.
- **Position Michigan Ports to Partner in Alternative Energy Development in Michigan and the Region** – renewable energy for Michigan consumers, businesses and vehicles will require our ports and transportation partners to import and export renewable energy equipment, as well as support manufacturing and maintenance of equipment and technology.
- **Advance Education and Training for Port-Related Jobs** – we are working with businesses, educators and port communities to identify the port-related jobs of the future and advocate for public and private partnerships and funding to meet workforce needs.
- **Preserve and Share Michigan's Rich Natural and Maritime Heritage** – our Great Lakes and freshwater shoreline offer unparalleled opportunities for recreation, tourism and experiencing authentic maritime history. Additional State and Federal incentives and funding are essential to showcase Michigan's unique and special assets, state and national parks, shipwreck preserves, lighthouses and historic places.



Our Mission:

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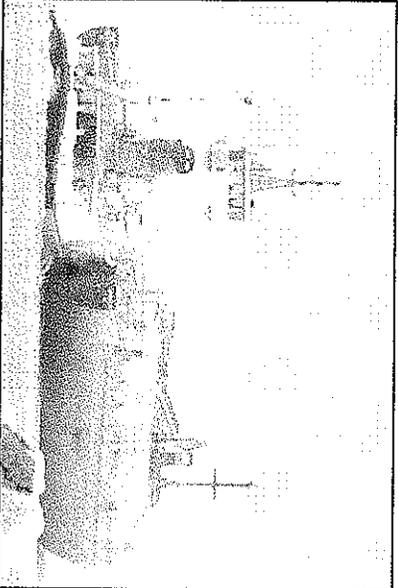
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Welcome

In 2007, local port leaders and supportive state agency officials launched the Michigan Port Collaborative recognizing that our Great Lakes and coastal assets are absolutely key to growing Michigan jobs, businesses and tourism, as well as protecting our precious and unique inland seas.

Together, Michigan ports and our partners are uniting to:

- Advance common policy and budget priorities in Lansing and Washington D.C.
- Develop and sustain the Blue Water Highway to provide affordable and environmentally protective freight and passenger transportation on our Great Lakes.
- Showcase Michigan's rich history, bountiful natural beauty, modern and historic maritime commerce.
- Build Great Lakes stewardship.
- Share port resources, news, innovative ideas and best practices.
- Link higher education, business and port leaders to anticipate port related jobs.



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