

2019 State of the Bay Conference

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Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center
1 Wenona Park Place, Bay City, Michigan



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Join the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network, The Conservation Fund and partners in Bay City on September 26, 2019 for the [State of the Bay 2019 Conference](#) which gathers nonprofits, agencies, industry and education representatives for this day-long event. This one day conference is your chance to learn about activities related to the restoration, conservation and protection of Saginaw Bay. In addition, you'll learn about what communities around the Bay and throughout the watershed are doing to encourage public access, economic development, environmental education and watershed management. This is your opportunity to find out what is happening and network with people and groups doing this work throughout the 22-county Saginaw Bay watershed. See the preliminary agenda [here](#).

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2019 Keynote Speaker: Jerry Dennis
Author of *The Living Great Lakes*

Jerry Dennis grew up in northern Michigan and has earned his living as an independent writer since 1986. His essays and short fiction have appeared in more than 100 publications, including *The New York Times*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Orion*, *American Way*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, and *Michigan Quarterly Review* and his many books, including *The Living Great Lakes*, *The Windward Shore*, and *A Place on the Water* have won numerous awards, have been widely translated, and are beloved by readers around the world. In 1999 the Michigan Library Association named Jerry the Michigan Author of the Year, and in 2003 the University of Louisville's School of Arts and Sciences recognized his achievements in literature with its Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award. He is a frequent guest speaker at universities and elsewhere and since 2000 has served on the faculty of the University of Michigan's Bear River Writers Conference where he teaches workshops in creative non-fiction and the sense of place. He lives with his wife, Gail Dennis, on a former cherry farm near Traverse City, Michigan. (www.jerrydennis.net)

