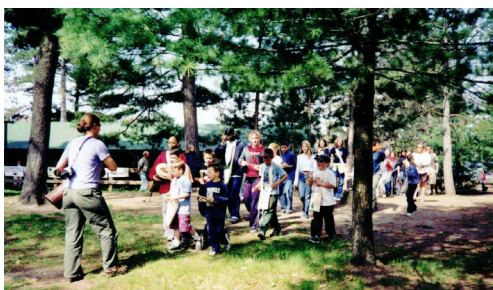


Images from CACC's Backyard-Eco Conferences. CACC has a cafe at the Wheatland music festival each year.



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Our Beginnings

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CACC is a grassroots environmental education and advocacy organization dedicated to the principles of social and environmental justice, pollution prevention, citizen empowerment, and protection of the Great Lakes Ecosystem.



Our Mission

To foster awareness of environmental issues through a network of citizens and organizations. CACC has been working to protect our environment since 1978. Today there are over 200 members. New members are welcomed.

CACC's website is <http://www.caccmi.org/>
CACC's newsletter is the CACC NEWS.

CACC grew from a grassroots group that organized in 1978 & with the help of Attorney James Olson, stopped aerial spraying for gypsy moths over much of mid-Michigan. CACC urged the use of alternatives to spray for pest control. The lawsuit won important rights for Michigan citizens, including the right to be notified before spraying begins & the right to opt out of spraying. In 1983, CACC organized the first of several *Backyard Eco Conferences*, drawing together environmental & social justice groups from throughout Michigan and the Great Lakes Basin: to share their stories, their strategies, their wins, their plans. CACC worked with the 'Fri' (Greenpeace ship tour of the Great Lakes) in 1985. CACC helped organize and participated in the *International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes Biennial* meetings in 1991, 1993 & 1995, culminating in organizing & presenting the Children's Program in Windsor in 1993. Ann Hunt, a co-founder, presently a Director, staffed CACC's office for 20 years. As a member of the Steering Committee for the *National Citizens Network on Oil and Gas Wastes*, she helped write the first-ever rules for Oil & Gas and helped win Jordan River Valley protections. CACC was an original member of the *Environmental Fund* for Michigan, which has become *Earthshare of Michigan*. CACC helped defeat both medical waste incinerators in Gaylord, Bay City, Petoskey & the financially troubled Midland nuclear power plant. CACC joined *Don't Waste Michigan's* successful fight to stop a Michigan from becoming a nuclear waste dump for seven other states; intervened with *Lone Tree Council*, *Don't Waste Michigan* and others to stop the transportation of MOX (old warhead plutonium mixed with uranium oxide) through Michigan.

Today

CACC is a proud member of *Earthshare of Michigan*, the *Michigan Environmental Council*, *Great Lakes United* and the *Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health*.

CACC is intervening to stop the construction of a new reactor at Monroe, MI. CACC maintains a canvass in the Lansing area, begun in 1996. CACC has taken part in the Great Lakes Bioregional meetings, including the Roundtable Conference in Dearborn, MI in 2011.

~You are invited to participate in~

The Great Lakes Health Banner Project



The magnificent **Great Lakes Health Banner**, representing environmental health concerns of approximately 80 diverse Great Lakes organizations, was inspired by the first Health Banner, which was created by the *Environmental Health Network*, a national group based in Louisiana.

The Great Lakes Health Banner was formally introduced at CACC's Backyard ECO-Conference in 1991. This powerful visual speaks for the protection of the health of our communities and the Great Lakes Watershed. Gretchen Michaels has teamed with Maryann Stroup of *Families for Environmental Health Awareness*, to bring new life to this important grassroots art project.

Contributions toward this project will be appreciated and are tax deductible under IRS rules. A contribution of \$12 or more will underwrite a square for the Banner.

~Our Friends~



~Our Times Together~

