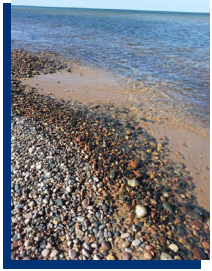




**Michigan  
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## **Water/Ways in Michigan**

**The Smithsonian's Water/Ways is Coming to Michigan in 2018**

***Application Deadline: Monday, July 10, 2017***

### **About the Exhibit**

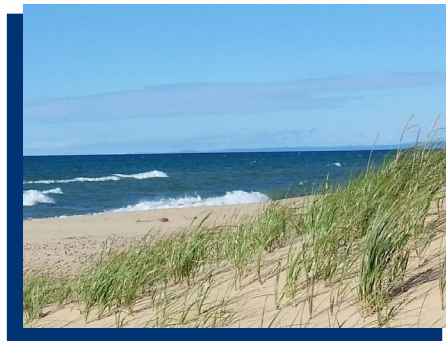
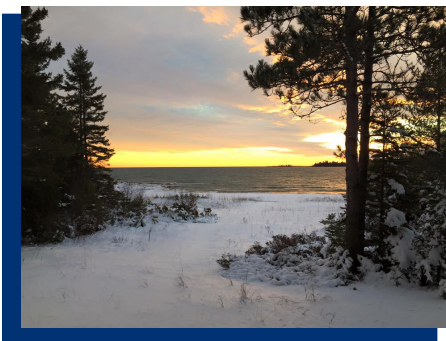
The Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibition is an exploration of the innumerable connections between human beings and water—focusing on the environmental, cultural, and historical aspects. With four Great Lakes, over 11,000 inland lakes, and beautiful rivers, water plays an integral role in shaping Michigan's identity as a state. Water/Ways will allow host communities the opportunity to connect their local stories with the broader narrative through meaningful facilitated dialogue.

The Michigan Humanities Council is coordinating the exhibit's tour in Michigan and seeks six partner organizations in rural communities to host Water/Ways in 2018-2019. Selected sites will host the Smithsonian exhibit, work with local partners on additional programming, conduct facilitated conversations on water, and have the opportunity to help shape the dialogue on Michigan's future water policy.

### **How to Become a Host Site**

The Michigan Humanities Council invites museums, libraries, nature centers, and other nonprofit cultural organizations to apply. Eligible applicants will:

- Be located in a community with a population below 20,000.
- Identify a staff member to serve as project director for the exhibit and related programs.
- Provide a minimum of 700 square feet of climate controlled, secure exhibit space with an additional space for crate storage.
- Work within guidelines to install and de-install the exhibit in a timely manner.
- Collaborate with community partners to develop robust public humanities programs that support the exhibit, including an opening event, two programs, and a complimentary local exhibit.
- Conduct an extensive public relations campaign to ensure widespread community participation.
- Track attendance, maintain budget records, submit assessment forms, and submit final program reports.
- Have convenient hours that are free and open to the public.
- Send two staff or board members to a Program Meeting in October 2017 and an Installation Workshop in June 2018.





### Water/Ways Host Sites Receive

- The exhibit, rent free, for six weeks.
- Free exhibit shipping.
- Opportunity to apply for a MHC grant to support local programming.
- Resource notebook, educational materials, and promotional materials.
- Program planning assistance from MHC and Smithsonian staff.
- Access to a statewide network of water experts for consultation, presentations, and for facilitated conversations.

### What's Included in the Exhibit:

- Five stand-alone kiosks
- Colorful photographs and labels
- Audio clips
- Video clips
- Hands-on activities
- iPad interactives

### Water/Ways will be available during the following time period:

- Site One: June 23 – August 5, 2018
- Site Two: August 11 – September 23, 2018
- Site Three: September 29 – November 11, 2018
- Site Four: November 17, 2018 – December 30, 2019
- Site Five: January 5 – February 17, 2019
- Site Six: February 23 – April 7, 2019



**Don't miss the opportunity to bring the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition to your hometown! Apply today!**

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