



# Forest Parcelization in Michigan: Implications and Challenges

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## Day 1: Thursday, November 1

8 – 9:30am	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Welcome!</b>
9:45 – 10:30	<b><i>Is parcelization government's fault?</i></b>
10:30 – 11:15	<b><i>Taxes and programs: Do they drive forest parcelization in Michigan?</i></b>
11:15 – 12:00	<b><i>Parcelization and its relationship to forest landowner attitudes and management behavior.</i></b>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	<b><i>Where the wild things were: Parcelization, fragmentation, and biodiversity loss.</i></b>
2:00 – 2:15	<b><i>Update from Michigan State University.</i></b>
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:15	<b><i>Habitat fragmentation: A challenge to all land managers.</i></b>
3:15 – 3:30	Wrap-up/housekeeping
3:30 – 4:00	SAF chapter meetings
4:00 – 5:00	State business meeting
5:00 – 6:00	Happy hour
6:00	Banquet, raffle, awards, other fun stuff, and a <i>Surprise Special Presentation</i>

**Chad Fate**, Chair, MSAF LP Chapter  
**Dean Solomon**, Michigan State University Extension  
**Debra Huff**, Michigan Forest Association  
**Karen Potter-Witter**, MSU Department of Forestry

**Andrew D. Crosby**, **William F. Porter** and **Gary J. Roloff**, MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife  
**Rich Kobe**, Chair, MSU Department of Forestry

**Doug Pearsall**, Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

## Day 2: Friday, November 2

8:00 – 8:15am	<b><i>Good morning; overview</i></b>
8:15 – 9:00	<b><i>Challenges of fire protection and suppression across multiple forest ownerships.</i></b>
9:00 – 9:45	<b><i>Private foresters' views on parcelization.</i></b>
9:45 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 10:45	<b><i>Property and forest boundaries: Understanding the difference.</i></b>
10:45– 11:45	<b><i>Panel discussion on parcelization: Perceived challenges and our adaptations.</i></b>
11:45 – 12:00	<b><i>Wrap-up and final thoughts.</i></b>
12:00	Adjourn – safe travels!

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**Jim Fisher**, Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
**Paul Drysdale**, Drysdale Forestry and Consulting; **Larry Leefers**, MSU Department of Forestry

**Matthew Dontz** and **Joshua Davidson** – Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors

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