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**New member** \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**Donation:**  \$50      \$100

\$200      \$500      Other

**Pledge:**  \$10 month      \$20

\$30      \$40      \$50

**Mail donation or pledge to: Michigan  
Citizens for Water Conservation -PO  
Box 1-Mecosta, MI 49332**

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**MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR  
WATER CONSERVATION**

[www.saveMIwater.org](http://www.saveMIwater.org) 231-972-8856

Did you know Perrier has moved into Michigan to privatize our water for itself (its own profits)? If Michigan citizens don't stand up and oppose this, we could lose our rights in our waters to private companies, with no protection of our water. This means water that meets the state's needs for its industries, farms, tourism, recreation, and our lakes and streams will be subject to the claims of private corporations, who have been using NAFTA and international trade agreements to block state regulations. But if we stand up and win the court case, we will establish precedent that says the water belongs to everyone, and that only those landowners who put it to reasonable use in connection with their land or community, can use it. It is not *reasonable* for a large foreign corporation to take the water from the land and a community and sell it in another state – at least not without clear authorization from the people through our State legislature, with protection and assurances that the water is needed elsewhere, that it is being done safely without harm to our water and the public trust in it, and without adequate compensation to the citizens of Michigan for the right to sell it elsewhere.

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## Done Deal - Never!!

Are you among the members of MCWC who watched the construction of the “Perrier plant” at 8 Mile and U.S. 131, and declared to your friends “**It’s a done deal**”?

Did you look at the swath of destruction created by the pipeline installation and declare to your friends “**It’s a done deal**”?

Have you given up - resigned to the fact that big business has won out over the little guy? **Goliath over David?**

***Well - Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation hasn’t given up! It’s declared a War for our Water!***

Yes, Perrier in its arrogance has defied Mecosta Circuit Court Judge Root’s warning to Perrier: “you are proceeding at your own risk.” (His basis for that warning is the unresolved legal cases pending against Perrier).

Did you know that Perrier had permits to pump water in Wisconsin 2 years ago? Perrier is still tied up in court over the issue, and it has not removed one gallon of water?

Did you know that MCWC and several individual property owners have sued Great Springs Water of America (Perrier), and that lawyers are preparing for battle as you read this? Perrier should not be able to extract one gallon of water before the case is heard - in the summer of 2002.

Did you know that MCWC needs over \$60,000 now to help pay for the hundreds and hundreds of hours our attorneys are working to make the necessary preparations for the trial in June – that’s less than 6

Did you know that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), the US Attorney and the Michigan Attorney General have been notified by MCWC of major concerns with erosion and sedimentation problems at the Sanctuary and disturbance of a known bald eagle nest near the Sanctuary? MCWC has asked the agencies to investigate.

Did you know that Perrier’s own hydrogeological report shows that test pumping caused a reduction of 25% water flow in Osprey Lake, a 56% reduction in outflow from Osprey Lake, and almost 23% reduction of the flow of the Dead Stream, a major source of water for the Tri-lakes, and surrounding lakes?

Did you know that Perrier’s proposed withdrawal of 400 gallons per minute of spring water is the spring water that feeds the head waters of the Little Muskegon River, a river that flows to the Muskegon River and then to Lake Michigan?

These facts have propelled us forward in the fight to identify “**WHOSE WATER IS IT?**”

MCWC continues to fight to conserve, preserve and protect our natural resources. MCWC has forced Perrier to turn over reports and to allow MCWC’s paid experts to study the well and pipeline sites. MCWC has joined with other environmental groups and legislators to develop both short- and long-term solutions to protect the state’s water, and its’ citizens rights to reasonable use of that water. Petitions are being circulated now, urging Michigan legislators to develop a State Water Use Act that will protect our water from harmful export, diversion and depletion.

***MCWC needs your continued support to pursue protection of our water!***

## MCWC Needs Your Help With Fundraising!

Help MCWC by:

- **Saving** your no-longer-useful treasures for the MCWC garage sale on April 27, 2002. Call Don Sutherland 231-972-5987 or [suedon@net-port.com](mailto:suedon@net-port.com) to donate & help.
- **Attending** the next MCWC board meeting February 9, 2002, at 10:00 AM at the Morton Township Hall. (Subsequent meetings will be held on the second Saturday of every month).
- **Planning** with neighbors and friends to hold a fund-raiser for MCWC - a bake sale or spaghetti dinner or some other creative idea.
- **Recruiting** new members for MCWC to help spread the word that it’s **NOT A DONE DEAL!!**
- **Donating** again to MCWC to help pay for the experts and legal expenses and newsletters. If each of the 1,200 members of MCWC donated \$50, it would raise \$60,000 - still not enough given the hours and hours of preparation necessary to prepare for the court case, but a significant contribution.
- **Pledging** \$10 a month: \$10 x 1200 members x 12 months = \$144,000.
- **Writing** letters - to the governor, the attorney general, your local senator and representative, urging resolution of the water rights issues before our wetlands, streams, lakes and aquifers are harmed.

months away.

Jan-02