

Tri-County Summit

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Friday, May 1, 2026
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Thank You

On behalf of all the Commissioners of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties, thank you for your attendance and participation in the Tri-County Summit.

Topics presented here today have a lasting impact not only on our local communities, but on our state and region as well.

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Welcome Message

David T. Woodward
Oakland County Board Chair

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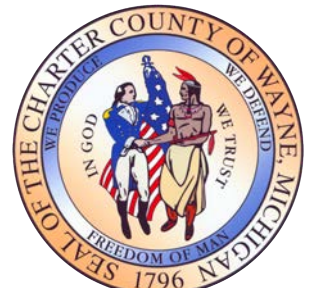
Joe Sabatini
Macomb County Board Chair



Welcome to the 2026 Tri-County Summit. This event is a partnership between Michigan’s three largest counties: Macomb, Oakland and Wayne. On behalf of all of our Commissioners, we thank you for joining us today.

The Tri-County Summit was first hosted in 1998 to create a forum to identify common issues for cooperative action. As we come together for the 17th summit, we look forward to discussing current issues facing the region, future solutions and opportunities for collaboration.

The topics that were identified for this year include clean water action, the benefits and impacts of data centers, and the future of Artificial Intelligence for local governments. We would like to thank all of our panelists and speakers who have devoted their time and willingness to share their expertise. We are moving forward; moving together!





Agenda

9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

David T. Woodward, Oakland County Chair

Alisha Bell, Wayne County Chair

Joe Sabatini, Macomb County Chair

9:45 a.m.

Clean Water Action

Moderator: Ken Goike, Macomb County Board of Commissioners

- *Erika Jensen, Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission*
- *Phil Roos, Director Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy*
- *Mike Shriberg, Ph.D., Director of U of M Water Center, University of Michigan*

10:30 a.m.

The Benefits and Impacts of Data Centers

Moderator: Melissa Daub, Wayne County Commission

- *Victor Angry, Supervisor, Prince William County Board of Supervisors*
- *Rita Reynolds, Director of Public Sector, CAI*
- *Phil Roos, Director Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy*
- *Mike Shriberg, Ph.D., Director of U of M Water Center, University of Michigan*

11:30 a.m.

The Future of Artificial Intelligence for Local Government

Moderator: Yolanda Smith Charles, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

- *Molly Kleinman, Ph.D., Managing Director of the Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, University of Michigan*
- *Rita Reynolds, Director of Public Sector, CAI*

12:20 p.m.

Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Update

- *Antoinette Wallace, Macomb County Board of Commissioners*
- *Stephan Currie, Executive Director*
- *Deena Bosworth, Director of Governmental Affairs*

12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Alisha Bell, Wayne County Chair

Joe Sabatini, Macomb County Chair

David T. Woodward, Oakland County Chair

12:45 p.m.

Lunch



Macomb County Board of Commissioners



Back row from left: Ken Goike (District 1), Antoinette Wallace (District 8), Lisa Wojno (District 11), Michael Howard (District 12), Barbara Zinner (District 9), Joseph V. Romano (District 6), Sarah Lucido (District 13), Don VanSyckel (District 5)

Front row from left: Phil Kraft (District 2), Vice Chair Harold L. Haugh (District 10), Chair Joe Sabatini (District 4), Sergeant-at-Arms Sylvia Grot (District 3), James M. Perna (District 7)



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Oakland County Board of Commissioners



Fourth row from left:

Brendan Johnson (District 4), Charlie Cavell (District 19), Philip J. Weipert (District 13), Robert Smiley (District 14), Michael Gingell (District 6)

Third row from left:

Penny Luebs (District 2), Kristen Nelson (District 10), Yolanda Smith Charles (District 17), Gwen Markham (District 15), Karen Joliat (District 8)

Second row from left:

William Miller (District 16), Linnie Taylor (District 18), Ann Erickson Gault (District 3), Christine Long (District 12), Bob Hoffman (District 7)

Front row from left:

Angela Powell (District 9), Chair David T. Woodward (District 1), Vice Chair Marcia Gershenson (District 11), Michael Spisz (District 5)



Wayne County Commission



Front row from left: Vice Chair Joseph Palamara (District 15), Chair Alisha Bell (District 7) and Vice Chair Pro Tem Sam Baydoun (District 13)

Back row from left: Cara Clemente (District 4), David Knezek (District 8), Angelique Peterson-Mayberry (District 5), Martha G. Scott (District 3), Allen R. Wilson (District 11), Glenn S. Anderson (District 12), Monique Baker McCormack (District 6), Tim Killeen (District 1), Melissa Daub (District 10), Jonathan C. Kinloch (District 2), Terry Merecki (District 9), Alex Garza (District 14)



Meet Our Speakers



David T. Woodward

Chair, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

David T. Woodward is the Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. He was first elected to the Board in November 2004 and served as Democratic Caucus Chairperson for six years. From 1999 to 2004, Woodward was a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

With a focus on advancing social and economic justice, Woodward's 20-year political and public service career includes senior leadership roles in candidate and political training programs, as well as policy advocacy and leadership development organizations.

Woodward holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Wayne State University. He and his wife Stacie live in Royal Oak, Michigan, with their two daughters.



Alisha Bell

Chair, Wayne County Commission

Alisha Bell, chair of the Wayne County Commission since 2019, was first elected to the commission in November 2002 as the youngest African-American woman to serve on a county commission in the country.

Bell has served as chair of the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence and the Detroit Recovery Project. She currently serves as the chair of Wayne County Zoological Authority and Wayne County HealthChoice.

Bell received the American Medical Association Award for Outstanding Government Service in 2023.

On a national level, Bell is active with the National Association of Counties (NACo) where she was a presidential appointee for three consecutive NACo presidents. She is the immediate past chair of the Justice and Public Safety Committee, past president of the National Association of Black County Officials, past president of Women of NACo and founding member and former executive board member of NextGen NACo.

Bell grew up in the Wayne County Commission's 7th District, which covers part of Detroit's far west side. She is a graduate of Cass Technical High School and received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida A&M University, graduating cum laude. She also earned a master's degree in education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



Joe Sabatini

Chair, Macomb County Board of Commissioners

Board Chair Joe Sabatini is serving his sixth term on the Board and was unanimously elected by his fellow Commissioners at the beginning of 2025 to serve as Board Chair for their first four-year term.

He represents District 4, which is the vast majority of Macomb Township. During his previously served terms, he also represented Clinton Township, Shelby Township and the City of Utica. He currently serves as Chair of the Intermediate Trust Board and member of the Retiree Healthcare Board. Throughout his time on the Board, he has also served as Finance/Audit/Budget Committee Chair, Justice & Public Safety Vice-Chair, Audit Committee Chair, and on a number of ad hoc committees.

Sabatini is a member of the Michigan Association of CPA's, Michigan Nature Association, Macomb County Farm Bureau, St. Isidore Catholic Church, Italian American Cultural Society, and Right to Life of Central Macomb.

Sabatini has over 25 years of both local and national business experience in the private and public sectors. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Double Major) in Accounting and Finance from Oakland University. He is a licensed Realtor in the State of Michigan and is a member of multiple real estate associations. He is a lifelong Macomb County resident and resides in Macomb Township.



Ken Goike

Macomb County Commissioner

Commissioner Ken Goike was appointed by the Board in January of 2025 to fill a vacancy in District 1. Previously, Goike was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, where he served from January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2016, when he was term-limited. A lifelong resident of Macomb County, he is the owner of Goike Trucking and Excavating. He has experience working in agriculture, on-site systems and underground utilities. Goike served as president of the Armada Fair and is a member of the Agricultural Society, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Builders Association and the Septic Association. He is a member of Berville Lions and Macomb 4-H. He is a parishioner at St. Peter's Catholic Church.



Erika Jensen

Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission

Erika Jensen serves as executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, appointed in July 2021. As executive director, Jensen directs operations, manages relations with the Commission's Board of Directors and Commissioners, oversees policy and advocacy efforts, and collaborates with the agency's numerous partners to advance strategic regional priorities, among other duties.

Prior to her appointment, Jensen directed the Commission's aquatic invasive species (AIS) program. In that role she served as coordinator for the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species and Invasive Mussel Collaborative and was the Commission's designee to the U.S. federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

Jensen has been a member of the Commission staff in various roles since 2006. She has a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.



Phil Roos

*Director Michigan Department of Environment,
Great Lakes and Energy*

Phil Roos was named director of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in July of 2023. Roos oversees EGLE's \$1 billion plus budget and 1,650-person team dedicated to protecting Michigan's environment and public health through managing the state's air, water and land and energy resources. Nestled in the heart of the world's greatest freshwater ecosystem, EGLE has a unique regulatory role in ensuring the Great Lakes and their connecting waters remain the vital cultural, recreational, ecological, and economic engines of the region. The agency also regulates air quality, waste management, drinking water, groundwater, oil and gas extraction, and contaminated site remediation. Roos is an entrepreneur, business leader, and a consultant with deep expertise in organizational strategy, innovation, and growth. He has held senior leadership positions in numerous large and early-stage companies, as well as three consulting firms he founded.

Environmental protection has been a constant in Roos' life. He has been a longtime board member and officer of wildlife, conservation, and health organizations and was vice chair of Michigan's Council on Climate Solutions. Roos holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and a master's degree in Business Administration from the Harvard Business School.



Mike Shriberg, Ph.D.

*Director of U of M Water Center,
University of Michigan*

Mike Shriberg's (MS '00, Ph.D. '02) work focuses on Great Lakes water policy and institutions, local and state energy policy, campus sustainability/carbon neutrality and sustainability leadership. Prior to coming to SEAS, he was the Great Lakes regional executive director at the National Wildlife Federation. Major initiatives included advocacy for federal Great Lakes restoration; ensuring water affordability and access; preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species; reforming Great Lakes water management; building Great Lakes resilience; combating environmental injustice; and engaging urban youth.

Shriberg's academic expertise focuses on organizational change, water/climate policy and leadership for sustainability. Prior to the National Wildlife Federation, he served as the education director at the Graham Sustainability Institute and as a lecturer in the Program in the Environment and Earth & Environmental Sciences at U-M. Previously, Shriberg was the policy director at the Ecology Center and the director of Environment Michigan. He also previously served as the environmental studies program director and as an assistant professor at Chatham University.

He recently developed a Coursera/Michigan Online course on "Sustainability Leadership Development", which is part of SEAS' Green Skills for a Sustainability & Just Future Specialization.



Melissa Daub

Wayne County Commissioner

Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub has represented District 10 since 2018, which includes Canton Township, the City of Plymouth, and part of Plymouth Township. A Plymouth-Canton High School graduate, she holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and has an extensive accounting background.

Daub advocates for her district at the state level as a member of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Board of Directors, where she served as President in 2025, and at the federal level with the National Association of Counties (NACo). She participates in various NACo committees and was selected for the 19th Annual County Leadership Institute in 2024.

Within the Wayne County Commission, Daub chairs the Committee on Audit, serves as vice-chair of the Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Homeland Security, and is involved in the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs. She is active in regional leadership through organizations like SEMCOG and the Wayne County Airport Authority.

Additionally, she is a member of the National Democratic County Officials, the Michigan Democratic Party, and holds leadership roles in local Democratic clubs.



Victor S. Angry

Supervisor, Prince William County Board of Supervisors

Neabsco District Supervisor Victor S. Angry and his wife, Michelle, have been married for over 35 years and relocated to Dale City, Virginia, in 2003, where they raised their two children. Angry, originally from Altamonte Springs, Florida, served in the U.S. Army for over 23 years, retiring as Command Sergeant Major. He was the first African American to hold this role in the Army National Guard, overseeing the health and welfare of over 368,000 Guardsmen and their families. During his military career, he held leadership positions ranging from Squad Leader to Command Sergeant Major and earned numerous awards, including two Legions of Merit.

After retiring, he joined the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department in 2011, becoming Public Education Coordinator in 2012 and serving on its Board of Directors for 12 years. He worked with youth organizations like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in Prince William County.

Angry was sworn into office as Neabsco District Supervisor on April 11, 2019, completing the previous Supervisor's term. He was elected for his first full term in November 2019 and re-elected for a second term from 2025 to 2028. In January 2026, he was elected Vice Chair of the Board. He was the first African American elected to the Board and is a life member of several military associations. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.



Rita Reynolds

Director of Public Sector, CAI

Rita Reynolds is the Director of Public Sector at CAI. She is a passionate technology advocate for state and local governments and holds more than three decades of expertise, with a specialized focus on AI and GenAI, as well as data centers, data governance and cyber. Reynolds' career highlights include leading nationwide technology initiatives at the National Association of Counties (NACo), where she developed the association's technology blueprint and delivered impactful programming on critical issues such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, technology infrastructure, and cloud computing. Prior to that, she led similar efforts with Pennsylvania counties for over 20 years with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, advancing technological infrastructure of Pennsylvania's counties. Reynolds holds a B.A. in business administration with a minor in political science from Messiah College in Pennsylvania and is a Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO).



Yolanda Smith Charles

Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Yolanda Smith Charles represents the residents of District 17. Elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in November 2020, she is the Chair of the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee and the Vice Chair of the Coordinating Zoning Committee. Smith Charles is also a member of the Finance Committee, the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, the Local Road Improvement Program Special Committee and the Job Evaluation Review Panel. Additionally, she is Vice Chair of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Smith Charles is a member of several local homeowner's associations and the Royal Oak Women's Club. She is involved with World Vision, the National Head Start Association, and Toastmasters International, and she is also a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Professionally, Smith Charles is the executive managing director for House It Going, LLC, and is a property investor and licensed real estate agent at Epique Realty. She previously served as a trustee on the Southfield Board of Education and as a member of the Commission on Senior Adults in the City of Southfield.

Smith Charles earned her Bachelor of Science in business management from Hampton University. She is a third-generation Southfield resident, residing there with her husband and Boston terrier.



Molly Kleinman, Ph.D.

Managing Director of the Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, University of Michigan

Molly Kleinman serves as the managing director of the Science, Technology, and Public Policy program. In this role, Kleinman oversees the day-to-day management and provides strategic direction for STPP. She brings over 15 years of experience across several areas of higher education, with much of her work centering on educational technology, access to information, and intellectual property. Kleinman received her PhD in higher education policy from the University of Michigan Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, her MS in information from the University of Michigan School of Information, and her BA in English and gender studies from Bryn Mawr College.



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