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## **Forum: Facts on Fracking**

Van Buren Conference Center  
490 S. Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064

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7:00 to 9:00 pm

In Michigan and the United States there has been a push to find cheap domestic energy sources. Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking) of deep natural gas deposits has been seen as a way to provide the energy that the country has become dependent on with a smaller carbon footprint than coal or oil. But with the rush to extract resources questions of environmental consequences have come to the fore and the debate over cheap energy and protecting Michigan's water and air resources has heated up. Tonight, a three-person panel representing regulation, industry and environmental interests will give presentations and answer questions on the issues involved with the extraction of natural gas from deep rock formations in Michigan.

Our panelists this evening to present Facts on Fracking are:

### **Luke Miller, Miller Energy Company**

Luke Miller holds a BA in Business Management from Cornerstone University and was previously employed by Atlas Energy Resources (currently Chevron) as a Landman where he acquired leases in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Luke joined Miller Energy Co in 2008, adding a fourth generation to the family business. Now, as President of EEM and as Vice President of Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation, his interest has been focused on education and the role it plays in furthering the understanding of the Oil and Gas Industry.

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### **Bill Mitchell, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality**

Bill Mitchell earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in Geological Sciences. Bill has been employed as a professional geologist for 25 years, working both in the private and public sectors. He has over 20 years' experience working as a hydrogeologist in environmental consulting, and has been with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals for the past 4.5 years. Bill is a Certified Professional Geologist with the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

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### **Steve Loshier, Michigan Land Air Water Defense**

Steve Loshier is President of Michigan Land Air Water Defense, a grass roots organization based in Barry County. The group formed in the summer of 2012 following the auction of mineral rights to over 23,000 acres of state game and recreation land within the county by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. MLAWD is currently involved in litigation against the MDNR, seeking reform of agency policy regarding classification and lease of such lands. Steve holds a bachelor degree in environmental studies from Bowling Green State University. He is a licensed builder and amateur musician.

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The forum is moderated tonight by:

### **Bill Reed, The FORUM of Greater Kalamazoo**

Bill Reed has combined non-profit community improvement work with a career as a residential real estate broker in Southwest Michigan for over 35 years. Since '99 he has been Executive Director of The FORUM of Greater Kalamazoo, administering over \$2.5 M of Kalamazoo River watershed improvement projects. From '95-'99 he was Program Director for CLIMB, Community Leadership Initiative – Michigan's Best, a statewide MSU Extension project. He also founded Kalamazoo County Citizen's for Recycling, helping to start ongoing recycling programs across the county. Bill was trained as a National Issues Forum moderator to facilitate dialogue on challenging public issues.

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