

**KEY OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED AT
CAPITOL CONFERENCE:**

- Earn TGA credits. Must be a TGA candidate or enroll within six months to earn the credits.
- Network with fellow township officials.
- Express your comments on important issues.
- Meet with your legislator(s) at MTA's legislative breakfast or make an appointment to meet in their office located within walking distance of our conference.
- Get the latest information on the legislative issues affecting your township.

**QUESTIONS REGARDING
CAPITOL CONFERENCE?**

If you have any questions regarding Capitol Conference, please call Erma Linn in the Legislative Department or drop MTA an e-mail or fax.

Telephone: (517) 321-6467
E-mail: legislation@michigantownships.org
Fax: (517) 321-8908

To qualify for the early-bird discount rate, your registration--along with payment -- must be postmarked or faxed by **March 26, 2006**.

A full refund will be given if a written request is received by MTA prior to the early-bird registration deadline of **March 26, 2006**. After March 26, individuals will receive 50% of the registration fee if MTA receives a written cancellation by 5 p.m. on or before **April 19, 2006**. No refunds will be issued after this date. Registrations may be transferred to another individual. **Please keep a copy of your completed form as confirmations will not be sent.**

IMPORTANT: Registrations received less than five business days prior to the Capitol Conference may not be fully processed in time for the conference.

Participants with special dietary or accessibility needs should notify MTA Legislation Administrative Coordinator Erma Linn **in advance** of the Forum.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE RADISSON HOTEL
111 NORTH GRAND AVENUE, LANSING**

From Flint: West on I-69 to US 127. South on US 127 to I-496. West on I-496.

From Clare: South on US 27 to I-69. East on I-69 to US 127. South on US 127 to I-496. West on I-496.

From Grand Rapids: East on I-196 to I-96. East on I-96 to I-496. East on I-496.

From Battle Creek: East on I-94 to I-69. Northeast on I-69 to I-96. North on I-96 to I-496. East on I-496.

From Detroit: Northwest on I-75 to I-696. West on I-696 to I-96. West on I-96 to I-496 West.

From I-496 East: Take exit 6, Main Street to Grand Avenue. From I-496 west, take exit 7A to Grand Avenue. The Radisson Hotel is 7 blocks north of I-496 on the left.



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P.O. Box 80078
Lansing, MI 48908-0078



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Get Involved in the Legislative Process!!

**MTA Capitol Conference
April 26, 2006
Radisson Hotel ♦ Lansing, MI
(2 blocks East of the State Capitol)**



REGISTER BY MARCH 26 FOR THE CAPITOL
CONFERENCE AND SAVE!

Get Involved in the Legislative Process!

It is important for every township official to get involved in the legislative process. You know first-hand what impact proposed legislation would have on your community. You also know what enacted state legislation has done to your community. By becoming active in the legislative process, you will be better prepared to discuss with your legislator or other state officials the issues facing your community.

How can you get involved in the process if you are not already involved? How can you get up-to-date information on the issues currently on the scene? How can you network with others to share perspectives? **By attending the 2006 MTA Capitol Conference!**

Kick off the day with our legislative breakfast, to which all state legislators are invited. Then, attend morning general and breakout sessions, to hear important legislative issues discussed by legislators and state leaders. Get involved during these sessions by asking questions and offering your perspective to key decision-makers.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

State & Regional Proposed Water Regulations
Local Law Enforcement: Who Pays for It
Governor's Task Force on Local Government Services,
Fiscal Stability
Eminent Domain
Telecommunications/Local Franchise Authority
Rights-of-Way
Wind Energy

Lunch offers you another opportunity to meet and network with your fellow township officials. In the afternoon, two general sessions allow you to interact with legislators on our panels and then meet separately with your own legislator.

Your registration fee includes: legislative breakfast, sessions, luncheon and session handouts. Space is limited, so get your registration in early. Register by the early-bird deadline and save your township the additional cost of the regular or on-site fees!

ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

MTA's Capitol Conference will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. in plenty of time for you to meet with your state legislators.

Contact your Senator and Representative prior to the Capitol Conference to arrange for a meeting time in their office following the conference.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 8:15-9:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45-9:30 a.m. Breakfast with Legislators (Buffet)
- 9:30-10:45 a.m. Opening Session
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions
 ♦State & Regional Proposed Water Regulations
 ♦Local Law Enforcement: Who Pays for It?
- 12:00-1:15 p.m. Luncheon
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. General Session
 ♦Governor's Task Force on Local Government Services, Fiscal Stability
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. General Session
 ♦Local Control Under Fire
 - Eminent Domain
 - Telecommunications/Local Authority Franchise
 - Rights-of-Way
 - Wind Energy
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

GET INVOLVED! REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTRATION FORM —CAPITOL CONFERENCE, APRIL 26, 2006

Township _____ County _____

Mailing address (street, city, zip) _____

Phone (including area code) _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

of Persons **Registration Fee (member rate)** **Total**

_____ **REGULAR rate:** _____
 \$90 per person

_____ **EARLY-BIRD rate:** _____
 \$75 per person
For registrations with payment postmarked, faxed or made online by March 26.

_____ **ON-SITE rate:** _____
 \$105 per person
Registration with payment received after 5:00 p.m. April 19.

Non-members, add \$35 to the above rates.

There are three easy ways to register for MTA workshops:

Option #1: Go to www.michigantownships.org and register online. Click on "Legislation" and select "Capitol Conference" to begin.

Option #2: Fill out this registration form and fax it, with a credit card payment, to (517) 321-8908.

Option #3: Complete this registration form and mail it, with a check payable to MTA, to MTA, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI 48908-0078.

Please retain a copy of your registration from for your records. Directions to the facility is on the reverse side.

NOTE: Payment must accompany form in order to be processed.

Check enclosed (payable to MTA)

Charge to: (circle one) MasterCard VISA

Card # _____

Expires _____

Print Card Holder's Name _____

Signature _____