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Joan Wolfe

Joan Luedders Wolfe brought environmental concerns to the forefront in Michigan long before interest in these matters swept the country. The result is legislative, administrative, and legal history.

In 1968, she founded the West Michigan Environmental Action Council. This unique organization included PTA, union, service, minority, student, church, and conservation groups. She developed a powerful Michigan network to support legislation deemed difficult to pass.

She led the way to the passage of the Michigan Environmental Protection Act of 1970. Joan followed this up with the hotly fought battle to win approval of the Inland Lakes and Streams Act of 1972.

In 1973 she was appointed by then Governor Milliken, to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, despite vigorous opposition to the appointment of a woman. Joan would become chairperson of the Commission.