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**World Renowned Water Activist, Maude Barlow, to Speak on Regional Water  
Issues in Detroit**

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Detroit, Mich. – On Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. the People’s Water Board Coalition will partner with Wayne State University’s Office of Sustainability to host a special discussion on regional water issues with Maude Barlow.

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Barlow is the national chairperson of the Council of Canadians and chairs the board of the national consumer advocacy organization Food & Water Watch. Barlow is the recipient of eleven honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the “Alternative Nobel”), the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the 2008 Canadian Environment Awards, and the 2009 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award. She is also the best-selling author or co-author of 17 books.

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The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) recently announced its plan to shut-off water at thousands of Detroit residences. At the same time Detroit’s Emergency Financial Manager, Kevyn Orr, has announced his intention to privatize DWSD, the drinking water provider for roughly four-million people in southeast Michigan. This event will highlight the benefits of protecting our water systems from private interests, and why public control is the key to ensuring safe, clean, affordable water for all.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Liz Kirkwood

Barlow will be available after the event to sign copies of her new book Blue Future.

This event is free and open to the public.

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**Who:** People’s Water Board Coalition  
**Speakers:** Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians; Jim Olson, Founder, President and Advisor of FLOW (For Love of Water); others to be announced.

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**When:** Thursday, May 22, 2014, Doors at 6:00 p.m.  
Program 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Marvin I. Danto Engineering Development Center  
5050 Anthony Wayne Drive  
Engineering Development Center (EDC)  
Auditorium, Room 1507,  
Detroit, MI 48202

**Parking:** Parking Structure 2 - 5150 Lodge Service Drive, Detroit, MI 48202  
The cost is \$6.50. There is also metered 2-hour parking located on the street. The cost for 2 hours is \$2 at a meter.

The People's Water Board includes: AFSCME Local 207, Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, Detroit Green Party, East Michigan Environmental Action Council, Food & Water Watch, FLOW, Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit, Matrix Theater, Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice, Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute, Sierra Club and Voices for Earth Justice

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*FLOW is the Great Lakes Basin's only public trust policy and education 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.  
Our mission is to advance public trust solutions to save the Great Lakes.*



**International Speaking Tour - Detroit.**

Amid ongoing residential water shutoffs, Detroit's Emergency Financial Manager intends to privatize the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, the drinking water provider for roughly 4 million people in southeast Michigan. Come hear the benefits of protecting our water systems from private interests, and why public control is the key to ensuring safe, clean, affordable water for all.

*Join Maude Barlow, Jim Olson and other guests to celebrate the Great Lakes - a common heritage that belongs to the Earth, other species and future generations as well as our own. Hear how we can collectively protect them from private interests and government complacency and restore more democratic control over them.*

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 Detroit, MI 48202

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Parking is available at Parking Structure 2, 5150 Lodge Service Dr, for a cost of \$6.50. Metered street parking is also available. For more information, call 1-800-387-7177 or email [inquiries@canadians.org](mailto:inquiries@canadians.org)

