

Dr. Stephen B. Lovejoy

Stephen B. Lovejoy is the Associate Director of Programs for Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and a Professor in the MSU Department of Agricultural Economics. He provides overall leadership for MSU Extension programs and works to foster education and research efforts that connect campus-based departments with stakeholders and county offices.

Dr. Lovejoy works to build and maintain partnerships that enable MSU Extension to draw upon the university's resources to further develop and enhance programming in rural, suburban and metropolitan Michigan.

Dr. Lovejoy came to MSU in 2006 from Purdue where he has had extensive experience in public policy education, rural sociology, natural resources and environmental policy throughout his 26 years with the university. At Purdue he served as the principal investigator on research and education grants/contracts totaling more than \$20 million, often as a member of an interdisciplinary team of scientists. In addition, he developed a course on environmental policy analysis for advanced undergraduate and graduate students that used case studies of businesses' environmental decisions as well as a variety of books on environmental policy and a course on environmental decision making that utilized innovative software for enhancing the selection of alternative courses of action for individuals and groups..

Lovejoy served on Purdue's University Senate, the Water Resources Center Council, chaired an Educational Policy and Faculty Affairs Committee in the school of Agriculture and co-organized the Resource Policy Consortium, which included scientists from more than a dozen countries interested in natural resources policy issues.

He previously served as a Senior Policy Analyst at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (on leave from Purdue); served as director/coordinator for the Center for Alternative Agricultural Systems; as associate director for Natural Resources and Environmental Science Program, and was a founding member of the Center for the Environment, all at Purdue.

Dr. Lovejoy earned his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Purdue University, a Master of Arts in Sociology from Mankato State University and a doctoral degree in Political Economy of Natural Resources and Rural Sociology from Utah State University in 1980..

He served as an Associate Research Editor for the "Journal of Soil and Water Conservation" from 1994-2002 and was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year by the Indiana Credit Union League in 2004. He also served as Chairman on the Board of Directors for the Tecumseh Group, a mortgage origination and servicing business and as Chairman for CU Channels, a company specializing in enhancing communications for credit unions across the nation.

Dr. Lovejoy and his wife, Peggy, enjoy exhibiting her paintings throughout the Midwest, travel, golf and basking in the successes of their 6 children and 10 grandchildren. They look forward to visiting all parts of this fabulous state and participating in the Michigan experience.