



**James Deamud, Chairman  
Houghton Lake Improvement Board**

**James Deamud received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Michigan State University and a master's degree in chemistry from Wayne State University (Detroit, Michigan). He was employed as a research and development chemist at Ford Motor Company, Research and Engineering Center, Dearborn, Michigan, working in development of radiation sensitive coatings.**

**Later, he received his juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School and entered the practice of law in Houghton Lake, Michigan, where he has practiced for the past 30 years.**

**In 1999 he chaired an ad hoc committee investigating an emerging problem with Eurasian watermilfoil in Houghton Lake, which is an approximate 22,000 acre lake in the lower peninsula of northern Michigan. The Houghton Lake Improvement Board evolved from this committee, and he has been its chairman since it was formed.**

**In 2002, the HLIB undertook a whole lake treatment of the lake in collaboration with SEPRO and Progressive AE in an effort to eradicate this rapidly growing problem. The project was a huge success and the lake remains essentially milfoil free at this time.**

**Deamud is a frequent speaker at conferences such as the RISE Annual Meeting, and also at assemblies of local and governmental organizations seeking help in their local problems with non-indigenous invasive species, both plant and animal.**