

Brief History of the Green Party in Michigan

While technically the Green Party of Michigan existed a few years before 2000, it was this pivotal year that brought us ballot status. With Ralph Nader running as a Green Party candidate for President of the United States, great efforts were made to gain ballot status, which meant going out and collecting signatures. We achieved ballot status and have kept it ever since! To maintain ballot status one of our candidates for statewide office must receive a certain percentage of the vote factored from the last election of Michigan Secretary of State. We have had one or more candidates reach that level in every election since 2000.

Our first elected candidate was JoAnne Beemon, when on election day 2000 received 5,349 votes (86%) to become Drain Commissioner in Charlevoix County. Beemon was credited with thwarting construction of a Wal-Mart store, by formulating storm water runoff regulations stricter. Our longest serving elected Michigan official is Korie Blyveis - Newberg Twp Clerk. In the 2016 elections we saw five Greens elected to local offices.

The Michigan Green Party struggle a bit in the post Nader years but is once again growing and working to become a political force in Michigan. We are a true grassroots, from the ground up organization focused on representing people of all races and all incomes. We truly are the people's party and welcome folks who want to jump in and get their feet wet. If you truly want to make a difference and take action, the Green Party of Michigan can show you the way.

The Green Party of Michigan is a political party in Michigan. It is the state affiliate of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS).