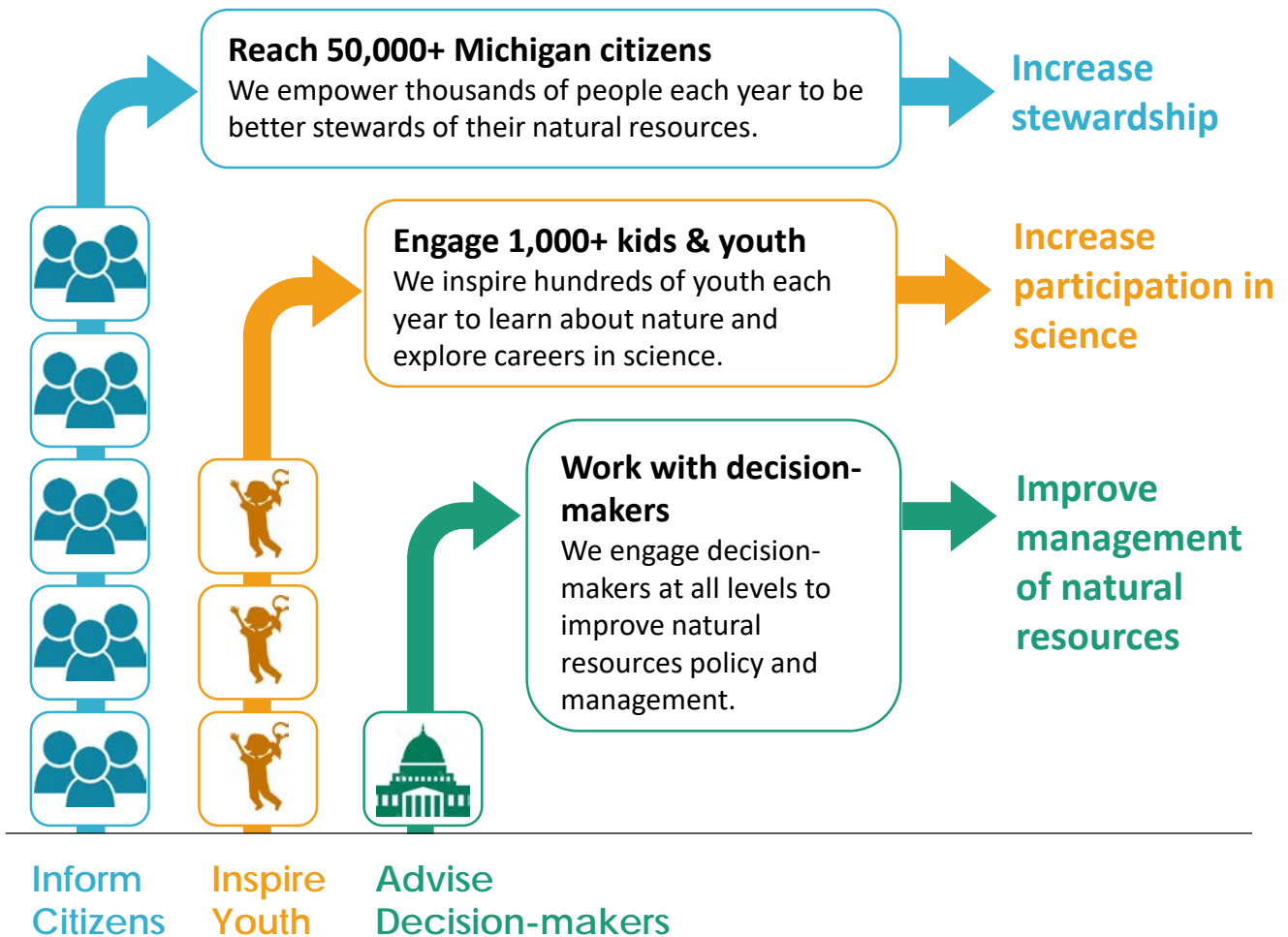


Fisheries & Wildlife Outreach, Engagement & Extension

In the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, our Outreach, Engagement and Extension efforts benefit Michigan, the region, and beyond by promoting stewardship of natural resources, inspiring the next generation to explore science and nature, and empowering people to make better decisions.



Outreach, Engagement & Extension Highlights

Inform Citizens



Addressing PFAS contamination

We served as experts on a panel discussion hosted by the Institute of Public Policy and Social Research regarding the emerging issue of PFAS contamination. Over 100 people attended, including citizens, decision-makers and legislators.



Preventing Tick-borne disease

We worked with Michigan local health departments to improve surveillance of ticks and mosquitoes. We worked with colleagues to inform the public about preventing tick-borne diseases, including contributing to a new phone app.

Inspire Youth

Involving youth in sturgeon restoration

Over 250 children and adults tour a lake sturgeon facility each year where they are involved in the restoration of this unique, prehistoric fish.



Connecting people to nature through birds

Michigan State Bird Observatory conducts research on migratory birds and operates two bird banding stations that are open to the public, providing opportunities for children and adults to learn about and interact with birds.



Advise Decision-makers



Ensuring the future of Great Lakes fisheries

We collaborate with managers, tribes, and stakeholders to protect and restore Great Lakes fisheries. For example, we assess fish stocks, help resolve conflicts over allocation of fish harvest, and improve management of invasive species.



Protecting pandas and their habitat

We help transform panda habitat from long-term loss and degradation to recovery and improvement by working at the invitation of the Chinese government to design national panda conservation plans.