

## **Joanne Welihan, Cheboygan, Michigan**

Joanne Welihan has been a Director of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. since 2008 and a member of the Executive Committee since 2010. Before joining KMB, Joanne worked for twenty-five years for Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principal's Association, with the last ten years as Executive Director. Her background is primarily in early childhood education, having written two pre-school religious education programs that were sold throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Gardening was always an enjoyable project she shared with her six children. Since retirement, she and her husband, Dan, have lived alongside Lake Huron in Cheboygan. She is also involved with other organizations: Current board member of the Cheboygan Area Council of the Arts, served as president of the Cheboygan Community Foundation, treasurer of Seedums Garden Club and current member of the Perennial Garden Club. Joanne served as KMB President in 2017-18, Co-Executive Director for 2020-22 and was hired as Executive Director of KMB in January of 2023.