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Born in California and raised in southwest Michigan, Aaron returned to Michigan after a 25-year career at the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection where he was appointed by Republican and Democratic Governors to multiple leadership positions, finishing his public service there as the Commonwealth's environmental commissioner.

Leadership roles in waste management, water quality, enforcement, and compliance assistance have provided him with diverse experiences, enabling him to see beyond the program silos that can define government agencies. He is committed to applying this perspective while seeking collaborative partnerships that produce meaningful results.

He lives with his wife, Andrea, in their home along the Grand River and enjoys time outdoors including fly fishing and birding.

Aaron Keatley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kentucky.