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> Clean, fresh water is a cause worth fighting for 365 days a year.

Dear Friends,

All good things must come to an end; and so it is with the past six years serving on the Watershed Council board; the past three years as Board President. I have truly enjoyed the experience including working with my fellow board members,



consulting with the staff on various issues, meeting the interns that help each summer and most importantly gaining a greater understanding of our water resources in Northern Michigan and the dedication required to protect those resources for all of us.

For someone who spends almost every day on, in, looking at, frustrated with and loving Little Traverse Bay; I am amazed at how little I know about this small piece of Lake Michigan, which is just a small piece of the Great Lakes, which is just a small piece of the Great Lakes Watershed.

Sometimes the daily tasks seem overwhelming, because they can be, but the Watershed Council staff always stays grounded in the science of the problem, with an extraordinary ability to communicate the problem and its potential solutions to you and me.

As the Watershed Council board transitions into a new year, rest assured they are in good hands and that there is no shortage of enthusiasm for the challenges ahead.

We are all so fortunate to have such a wonderful organization working to protect the vital resources of Northern Michigan. The work that our dedicated staff does protecting, restoring and celebrating our lakes, streams and wetlands everyday is so important, it is an effort that truly goes on 365 Days a Year!

Thank you so much for your support of this remarkable organization.

Sincerely,

Michael Esposito

Michael Esposito Board President



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Miles of Lake Michigan shoreline monitored for avian botulism.

QUEKSTATS

Volunteers participating in the Stream Monitoring Program

Sites on 15 rivers and streams are monitored twice a year by our dedicated volunteers.

Ice Breaker sessions offered. С

Pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals prevented from entering our waters through collection events and POD collection boxes.



Tributary sites monitored on Walloon Lake.



boxes were installed in 2012.

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Locations monitored on 25 lakes by Volunteer Lake Monitors.

Sample sites surveyed during the Douglas Lake aquatic plant survey.

Cubic yards of trash were removed during the Bear River Cleanup.

New members welcomed to the Watershed Council. Students attended our annual Experience Lake Charlevoix educational events.

Members of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.



Staff members working diligently to protect our local water resources.



Continuous years of protecting Northern Michigan's waters.

January

Hosted 3rd year of our Ice Breaker Educational Series.

Prepared inventory and searchable database of printed materials.

Held a conference call with Representative Frank Foster about the Hydraulic Fracturing issue.

Attended the Huron Pines: Pigeon and Sturgeon rivers protection strategy meeting.

Attended the Lake Charlevoix nearshore fish habitat session.

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February

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Hosted an education talk with Phyllis Higman from Michigan Natural Features Inventory.

Performed a watershed model demonstration for Sheridan Elementary School PALS students.

Hosted winter Volunteer Stream Monitoring potluck.

Processed all data for Bear River Streambank Survey.

Completed property parcel analysis for Walloon Lake Watershed.

We were a leader for the State of Michigan at Great Lakes Day in Washington. We provided assistance and guidance to other participants as well as lead meetings with representatives from our Congressional Delegation on the priorities for the Great Lakes Basin.





March

Unveiled our "Shoreline Restoration on Inland Lakes" video, which covers lakeshore restoration projects.

Received OSHA - Hazardous Waste Management/First Responder Certification.

Gave presentation at Master Gardeners meeting.

Participated in the Rotary Career Day at Petoskey Middle School.



April

Promoted the use of the local ordinance gaps analysis for Antrim County.

Completed the local ordinance gaps analysis for Charlevoix County.

Began writing the Emmet County local ordinance gaps analysis.

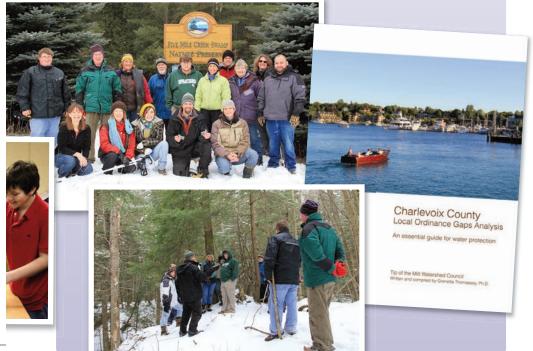
Provided environmental awareness presentation for Leadership Little Traverse group.

Conducted Chippewa Cove site visit with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Presented at the North Central Michigan College Career Day.

Assisted Sheri Petrowski and her elementary school class with a Bear River Cleanup.

Completed Walloon Lake Greenbelt Survey Report.



FEATURED PROJECT

Watershed Protection

Monitoring

Coordinated Volunteer Lake Monitoring program at 32 locations on 25 lakes with 50 volunteers.



Coordinated Volunteer Stream Monitoring program at 37 sites on 15 different rivers and creeks. Over 100 volunteers actively participated in the program with approximately 25 new volunteers recruited in 2012.

Coordinated Volunteer Botulism Monitoring program on 25 miles of the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Conducted water quality monitoring for Elk and Skegemog Lakes Association and Walloon Lake Association.

Monitored Walloon Lake tributaries for Walloon Lake Association at four locations: two on Schoof's Creek and two on Fineout Creek.

Conducted stormwater monitoring in Petoskey, Boyne City, and East Jordan, and wrote report on findings.

Prepared quality assurance protection plan (QAPP) reports for water quality monitoring program.

Surveying

Coordinated and performed shoreline surveys, managed data, and provided reports for the following locations:



- Pickerel-Crooked Lakes (699 properties)
- Lake Charlevoix (1718 properties)
- Bear River (95 properties)
- Walloon Lake 47 response letters to riparians
- Lake Michigan *Phragmites* survey of the entire Emmet County shoreline (minus Wilderness State Park).

Conducted aquatic plant survey on Douglas Lake (474 sample sites)

Collected water quality and discharge data and assisted with the Rapid/Grass Rivers sediment assessment study.

Assessments/Studies

Walloon Lake: Performed wetland/tributary assessment of five wetlands complexes and performed modified priority parcel analyses for entire lake watershed for the Walloon Lake Trust an Conservancy. Wrote report and presented results to local governments at Walloon Lake Association breakfast.

Burt Lake: Processed data for two monitoring events at eight tributary sites, prepared report and presented results to Burt Lake Preservation Association. Conducted several shoreline nutrient pollution and erosion site assessments, as well as restoration designs.

Watershed Plans

Lake Charlevoix Watershed:

- Prepared MDEQ grant application for watershed plan implementation.
- Completed and received MDEQ/EPA approval for the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Management Plan.
- Completed a MDEQ-319 funded Lake Charlevoix Watershed grant.
- Coordinated quarterly meetings for the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Advisory Committee and creation of several sub-committees.

Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed:

- Began planning and acquired data to write road-stream crossing and dam removal plans.
- Co-coordinated the Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed Protection Implementation Team (WPIT)
- Helped promote the Fish Shelter Project in the Elk River Chain of Lakes.

Little Traverse Bay Watershed:

- Completed various tasks and projects as part of the Little Traverse Bay Stormwater Management Initiative.
- Coordinated quarterly meetings for the Little Traverse Bay Watershed Advisory Committee and coordinated outreach efforts along with Outreach Chairperson, Trish Woollcott.

Tannery Creek Watershed:

- Inventoried and prepared a management plan for the invasive species at the mouth of the creek including giant knotweed, common buckthorn, and garlic mustard.
- Started watershed management plan with the assistance of SNRE Crucial Creeks team.

Bear River Watershed:

- Inventoried road/stream crossings.

Mullett Creek Watershed: Completed watershed plan and distributed to partners and stakeholders.

Wrote several grant applications for watershed management work.

May

Coordinated the annual Experience Lake Charlevoix event with the Lake Charlevoix Association, Beaver Island Boat Company, teachers, and volunteers for over 300 5th-7th graders in Charlevoix County.

Presented to the Straits Area Herb and Garden Club.

Participated in the Raven Hill Science Day.

Hosted a Volunteer Stream Monitoring Training and Field Day.

Hosted a Volunteer Lake Monitoring training session.

Presented on stormwater to the City of Petoskey Planning Commission.

Attended the National Water Quality Monitoring Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Assessed water quality impacts at 699 properties on Crooked and Pickerel Lakes.

Finalized Mullett Creek Watershed Plan and shared with partners.





June

Kicked off our 16th year of Wednesdays on the Water aquatic tours.

Hosted our first Bear River Paddling Poker Run fundraiser.

Achieved passage of a provision in the Transportation Bill to speed completion of a federal study to stop the Asian carp's march to Lake Michigan. (Signed into law in July)

Presented on invasive species at Alden Depot.

Hosted an Emmet County Prescription and Over-the-counter Drug (POD) Collection event.

Hosted the 8th Annual Lake Association Summit.

Hosted our Purple Loosestrife beetle collection event.

Did presentation at the Walloon Lake Greenbelt Workshop.

Presented "Wetland" session to the Master Naturalist Class through the Emmet Conservation District.

Attended the Emmet County Planning & Zoning community forum.

Hosted volunteer stream monitoring indoor sorting and identification day.

Assessed water quality impacts at 1,718 properties on Lake Charlevoix.

Presented at the Northern Michigan Wastewater Operators seminar.





July

Hosted the 4th annual Whale of a Sale fundraiser.

Kicked off our Bay View Association Rain Garden Initiative. Funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Presented on the POD program in Cheboygan County at the Mullett Area Preservation Society (MAPS) Annual Meeting.

Attended the Bay Harbor DEQ/CMS agreement meeting.

Presented to the Eveline Orchards Association.

Completed installation of a clearspan bridge over the Bear River on Click Road. Funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Completed Lake Charlevoix Watershed Plan.

August

Hosted a Healing the Bear ~ Bear River Cleanup.

Coordinated a team of intern students from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment as they began a Tannery Creek Watershed project called "Crucial Creeks."

Began fielding calls about avian botulism.

Attended video documentary training with Real People Media in Charlevoix.

Provided tour of our current Great Lakes Restoration Initiatives projects for Congressman Dan Benishek.

Completed *Phragmites* survey completed for Emmet County.

Completed Burt Lake Tributary Study report.

Attended GLC and USACE "Monitoring Michigan Streams for Sediment" workshop.

Presented fracking topic at "Antrim Underground" in Alden.







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FEATURED PROJECT

Expansion of Prescription and Over-the-counter Drug Disposal (POD) program

In 2012, we significantly expanded the Prescription and Over-the-counter Drug Disposal (POD) program. Twelve additional POD boxes were installed in 2012 at the following law enforcement agencies: Antrim County Sheriff, Elk Rapids Police Department, Mackinaw City Police Department, Emmet County Sheriff, Tuscarora Township Police Department, Cheboygan Department of Public Safety, Petoskey Department of Public Safety, Charlevoix County Sheriff, City of Charlevoix Police Department, Grand Traverse County Sheriff and St. Ignace Police Department. By the end of 2012, we had 17 departments participating with 20 POD boxes throughout Northern Michigan. The boxes and collection events continue to be heavily used by the public with over 3,100 pounds total collected in 2012: 2,400 pounds collected from the POD Boxes and 700 from community collection events. We have collected and properly disposed of almost 6,300 pounds of drugs since the inception of the program.

We also help obtained passage of a bill to help safely dispose of unused prescription drugs. The bill, HB 5090, is part of a bipartisan package of legislation that will improve the system of reusing and disposing of medications that are no longer being used.

This program prevents drugs from falling into the wrong hands and keeps them out of our local waters.

Over 3,100 pounds collected in 2012!

Locations of POD Collection Boxes in Northern Michigan

ANTRIM COUNTY

Antrim County Sheriff's Office Administration Office 107 Grove Street Bellaire, MI 49615 (231) 533-8627

Elk Rapids Police Department 321 Bridge Street Elk Rapids, MI 49629 (231) 264-6592

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne City - City Hall 319 North Lake Street Boyne City, MI 49712 (231) 582-6611

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office -Jail Entrance 1000 Grant Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-4461

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Beaver Island Substation 37830 Kings Highway Beaver Island, MI 49782 (231) 448-2700

City of Charlevoix Police Department 210 State Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-3258

City of East Jordan Police Department 326 Main Street East Jordan, MI 49727 (231) 536-2271

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Cheboygan County Sheriff's Office County Building 870 S. Main Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-3155

Cheboygan Department of Public Safety Cheboygan City Hall 403 N. Huron Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-4321

Mackinaw City Police Department Village Hall 102 S. Huron Avenue Mackinaw City, MI 49701 (231) 436-7861

Tuscarora Township Police Department 3546 Sturgeon Avenue Indian River, MI 49749 (231) 238-9481

EMMET COUNTY

City of Petoskey Department of Public Safety Front Lobby of City Hall 101 East Lake Street Petoskey, MI 49770 (231) 347-2500

City of Petoskey Department of Public Safety-Public Safety Station West -Bay Harbor 3625 Charlevoix Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770 (231) 347-4642

Emmet County Sheriff's Office -Jeffery P. Bodzick Administrative Office and Correctional Facility (Jail Entrance) 450 Bay Street Petoskey, MI 49770 (231) 347-2036

Emmet County Sheriff's Office -Richard L. Zink Law Enforcement Center 3460 Harbor-Petoskey Road (M-119) Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (231) 439-8900

Harbor Springs Police Department 170 Zoll Street Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (231) 526-6211

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Police Department 911 Spring Street, Lower Level Petoskey, MI 49770 (231) 242-1574

Additional POD Boxes outside of our service area include:

MACKINAC COUNTY

City of St. Ignace Police Department 396 N. State Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-6077

Mackinac County Sheriff's Office 100 South Marley Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-1911

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

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Grand Traverse County Sheriff/Traverse City Police Department Law Enforcement Center 851 Woodmere Avenue Traverse City, MI 49686 (231) 995-5001

ALLY FAR LONG September

Coordinated the Volunteer Botulism Monitoring program on 25 miles of the Lake Michigan shoreline. By the end of the season over 950 bird fatalities, including 430 Loons, had been reported in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Hosted Charlevoix and Emmet County POD Collection Events.

Participated in the International Upper Great Lakes Study Teleconference.

Hosted a volunteer stream monitoring training and field day.

Began North Central Michigan College stormwater wetland project. Funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Douglas Lake aquatic plant survey completed - 474 sites!

Conducted an avian botulism Beach Ranger training session.



October

Completed Bear River streambank survey report.

Assisted Michigan State University Hydrology Department with Grass/Rapid River study.

Began Walloon Lake Tributary Study.

Achieved successful passage of township adopted and County implemented stormwater ordinances for Charlevoix County for 14 out of 16 townships and one village.

Co-hosted an educational event on Proposal 3, the ballot measure that would have required Michigan to get 25% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

Co-hosted a POD Collection event at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Participated in tour of Waukesha's proposed diversion of Lake Michigan water.

Conducted a Bear River road/stream crossing inventory.

Hosted volunteer stream monitoring indoor sorting and identification days.

Attended the Northern Inland Lakes Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee.

Attended and presented at the MiCorps Conference.







November

Hosted a tour of our Great Lakes Restoration Initiative project sites with DEQ Director and Representative Frank Foster.

Met with Village of Boyne Falls and other stakeholders to review village stormwater issues.

Attended EPA Superfund meeting on TCE and PCE plumes in Charlevoix.

Developed "Great Michigan" hydraulic fracturing priorities to present issue to policy makers and public and to provide realistic solutions.

Developed Volunteer Lake Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Lake Charlevoix QAPP.

December

Attended the Paradise Lake boat wash station steering committee meeting.

Began planning Ice Breaker education series for 2013.

Hosted additional expert indoor bug identification night.

Reviewed projects and developed work plans for upcoming year.

Completed Pickerel - Crooked Lakes shore survey report.

Assisted the SNRE Crucial Creeks project team with Tannery Creek Watershed Plan development.

Attended watershed advisory committee meetings.



FEATURED PROJECT

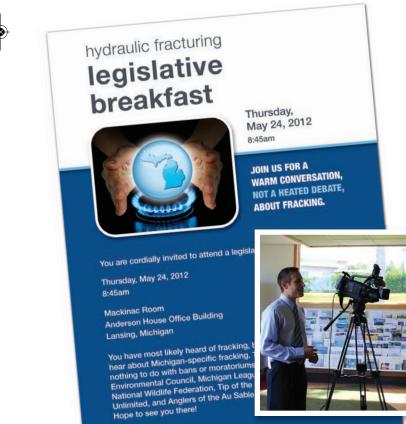
Hydraulic Fracturing

In 2012, we increased protections for water resources from oil and gas hydraulic fracturing by working with the DEQ to modify policies and provide information to the public including disclosure of Material Safety Data Sheets and baseline testing procedures.

We also conducted significant educational efforts on hydraulic fracturing, including education of DEQ staff, legislators, industry representatives, and the public to build a foundation to move forward with legislative action.

The Watershed Council co-hosted a Legislative Breakfast on hydraulic fracturing for Michigan's elected officials and industry representatives.

We also assisted in the development of the National Wildlife Federation report "Hydraulic Fracturing in the Great Lakes Basin: The State of Play in Michigan and Ohio."



Sincerely Yours, Frank Foster, State Representative

We are a reliable

source for science-

based information

on a wide range

of issues.

Strength in Numbers

Members & Contributors

While there is certainly strength in numbers, our members and contributors are more than just a number - they are the life blood of our organization. Their contributions help us undertake restoration projects, conduct monitoring research, provide community educational events, assist others in being good environmental stewards, and carry out a myriad of other important activities in furtherance of our mission. Thank you for your partnership in protecting the future of our freshwater resources!

We are pleased to report that we received \$419,900.54 in membership contributions in 2012 from 2,527 individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. We gladly welcomed 129 new members.

Benefactor \$1,000 and up

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2012

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		Temporarily	Permanently
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted
Revenue and support	Funds	Funds	Funds
Contributions	426,304		3,235
Grants - with program restrictions	-	662,803	
Net assets released from program restrictions	662,803	(662,803)	
Contract services	15,872	· · · · · ·	
Dividend & interest income	24,519		
Other income(loss)	3,125	1,406	
Revenues		1,400	3,235
Revenues	1,152,025	1,400	3,235
Realized & unrealized gains(losses) on investments	86,019		20.000
Net change in valuation of net assets at Foundations	(4.050)		38,986
Promotional merchandise sales (net of \$15,890 costs)	(4,353)		20.000
Support from investments	81,666	2	38,986
Total revenue and support	1,214,289	1,406	42,221
Program and Support Services Expenses			
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Policy and Advocacy Program	249,130		
Watershed Protection Program	689,946		
Communications and Education Program	166,838		
Program Services	1,105,914	-	10.1
Management and General	13,733		and the state
Development and Fundraising	19,540		and the second second
Support Services		UNITED STORE	182
Total Expenses	1,139,187	121 202 11	distant of
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Funds	
429,539	38%
662,803	58%
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15,872	1%
24,519	2%
4,531	0%
1,137,204	100 %
86,019	
38,986	
(4,353)	
120,652	
1,257,916	
249,130	22%
689,946	60%
166,838	15%
1,105,914	97%
13,733	1%
19,540	2%
33,273	3%
1,139,187	100%
118,729	
2,154,076	
2,272,805	

2012 was a great year for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, both financially and operationally. Membership income exceeded our budget by 8% and surpassed 2011 by 13%. Because of our major project with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Little Traverse Bay Watershed, our grant income was over two and a half times more than last year. Expenses were below budget. Our investment portfolio was up, thanks to our investment manager's good work and the positive market. Cash flow provided sufficient funds for operations all year.

The market and our good management provided an increase to our net assets of nearly \$120,000. Our asset Repair and Replacement Fund (ARRF) is now in its second year and increasing in value. We had a successful year obtaining new grant projects beginning in 2013 to continue the work to protect what you love – Northern Michigan waters!

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2012

Temporarily restricted net assets Permanently restriced net assets	Stander B	8,665
Unrestricted net assets	Total liabilities	115,769
Unrearned Revenues	= 1 1 1 1 1	80,067
Accrued Expenses		31,225
Liabilities and Net Assets Accounts Payable		4,477
		2,000,014
Total assets		2,388,574
Net assets invested in community foun	dations	364,276
Investments at market		1,114,230
Net Property and Equipment		753,462
Inventory Prepaid Expenses		8,654
		14,404
Grants Receivable		14,434
Accounts Receivable	And the second se	9,339
Cash in bank	in the second	117,460

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Left to right. Back Row: Dan Myers, Lynn D. Buffington, Sandy Schreck, Frank Quinn, Kevin Cronk, Natasha Belisle, and Ben Allushuski. Front Row: Kristy Beyer, Jennifer Buchanan-Gelb, Gail Gruenwald, Grenetta Thomassey, Jennifer McKay, Julia Klepach, and Mady Collins.

With all the work there is to do all year long, you might think we never take a break. At least one day each summer the entire team takes a full day to spend enjoying what we fight so hard to protect, our vital water resources. In 2012, we decided to perform a "very detailed recreational assessment" of the sandy beaches at Sturgeon Bay. We are happy to report that fun and relaxation opportunities remain plentiful there.

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