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South Branch Flint River Watershed Management Plan

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The Flint River South Branch is a 64,005 acre watershed located in southeast Michigan in Lapeer and Oakland Counties. The watershed has retained much of its rural nature and includes one of southeast Michigan's few remaining trout populations. Recent development in the northern part of the watershed and along the M-24 corridor promises to increase urban pollution and degrade designated uses. According to some experts, it is the most threatened watershed in the state. This Watershed Management Plan outlines goals and objectives to prevent the pollution, habitat degradation, and overall impairment absent from most of this watershed and present in many other sub-watersheds of the Flint River. Specific recommendations, such as municipal adoption of model ordinances and dealing with storm water on-site, are made for sub-watersheds where conservation, protection, and pollution prevention are the main concern. Sub-watersheds that are already degraded are also addressed with specific recommendations to stabilize banks, build riparian buffers, and increase stream shading.

Grant Amount: \$ 146,800
Match Funds: \$24,900

Total Amount: \$ 171,700

Tools Completed

- Land Use policy review of South Branch municipalities with recommendations
- Wetland Functionality Assessment

Recommended Best Management Practices:

- Agricultural BMPs
- Low Impact Development
- Model ordinance development
- Land Protection/Integration with
- GreenLinks

I&E Activities:

- South Branch public education and input meetings
- Community Displays
- Township hall meetings with all South Branch municipalities



Partners involved:

- Flint River Watershed Coalition
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Conservation Districts
- Drain Commissioner
- Michigan Dept. of Transportation
- Michigan Association of Planners
- Greenlinks
- Health Department
- Chamber of Commerce
- MSU Extension

