



Michigan's  
Nonpoint Source  
Program

**Federal Clean Water Act  
Section 319 Grant**  
2012-0017



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**Portage River/Little Portage Creek Watershed Planning**

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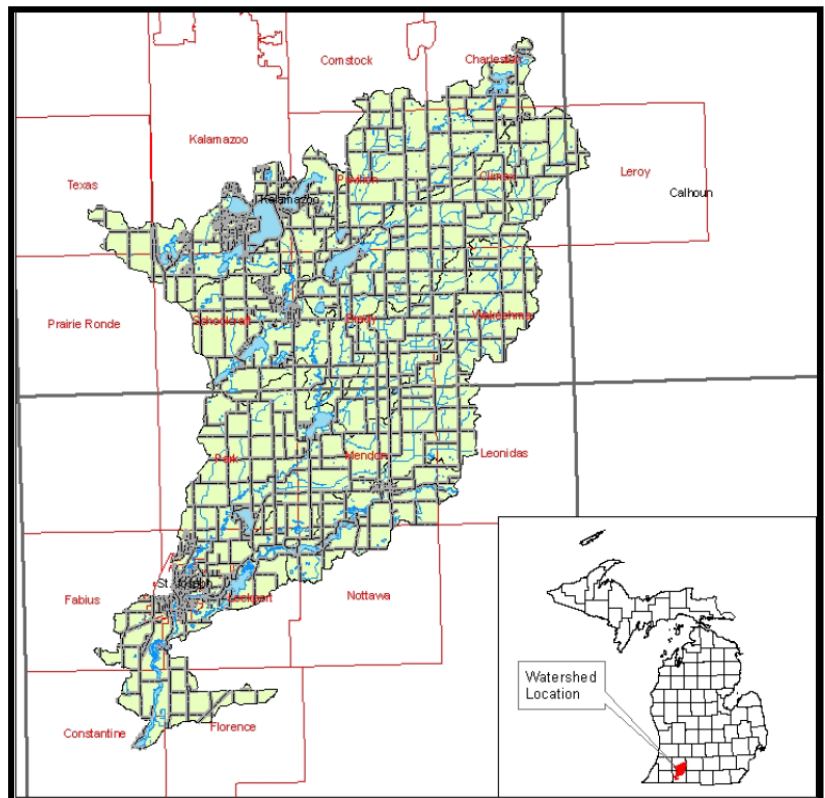
Located in Kalamazoo, Calhoun, and St. Joseph Counties, the Portage River (0405000105) and adjacent Little Portage Creek (0405000109) watersheds encompass a combined 185,505 acres. Both are tributaries of the St. Joseph River (04050001). Portions of the Portage River and Little Portage Creek are experiencing E. coli pollutant issues, and suspected sources are geese, septic systems, storm water runoff, and livestock. The goal of this project was to concurrently create a 319-approved watershed management plan for each watershed, allowing efficient use of overlapping stakeholder resources and outline solutions that will restore both watersheds to all of their designated uses.

**Grant Amount: \$ 223,718**  
**Match Funds: \$ 44,406**

**Total Amount: \$ 268,124**

**I&E Activities:**

- Social surveys
- Canoe/Kayak events
- Natural Shoreline Workshop
- Landowner Guide for BMP assistance
- Website, Newsletters



**Partners involved:**

- City of Portage
- Friends of the St. Joseph River, Inc, Friends of Portage Lake
- MDNR, MDEQ
- Indian Lake Association, West Lake Association, Long Lake Association
- MAEAP
- Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Calhoun Conservation Districts
- County Road & Drain Commissions
- USDA-NRCS
- Townships, Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph Community Health, SWMLC, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Village of Vicksburg, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, & Huber, Inc.,

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