



Clean Water Act
Nonpoint Source Grant
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Pinnebog River Watershed Planning Project

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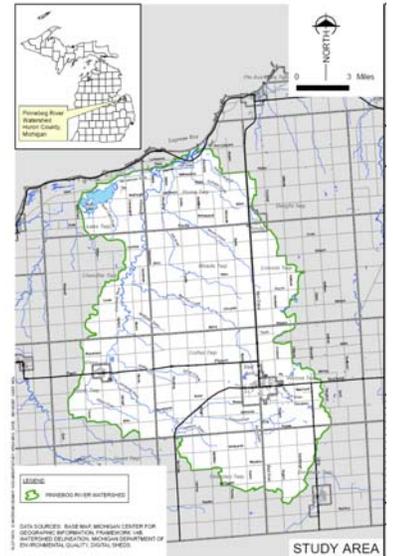
The 195 square mile Pinnebog River Watershed is primarily agricultural, with a high concentration of seasonal homes along the Saginaw Bay lakeshore. The project goal was to develop a USEPA Section 319 approvable watershed management plan to outline strategies and recommendations to effectively reduce pollution sources, specifically sediment and phosphorus. The primary focus of the project was to recommend management measures to mitigate nonpoint source contamination in the Pinnebog River. An information and education strategy was developed for the watershed, and public informational meetings were held to address land use conflicts between large scale agricultural landowners and residents concerned for water quality as part of the information and education efforts.

Grant Amount: \$ 141,083
Match Funds: \$ 29,471

Total Amount: \$ 170,554

Partners involved:

- Huron County Drain Commissioner
- Huron County Board of Commissioners
- Colfax, Hume, Oliver, Meade, Lake, Chandler and McKinley Townships
- Water Sentinels - Sierra Club
- Watershed Alliance Group
- Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
- Huron Conservation District Board of Directors
- Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (FTC&H)
- MDEQ



Priorities in the watershed plan:

- Address *E. coli* sources
- Investigate Methane Digesters
- Establish a septic system program
- Restore wetlands
- Implement agricultural practices
- Protect areas through conservation easements
- Stabilize streambank erosion sites



Vision:

Our vision for the watershed is a valued natural resource that is aesthetically pleasant, clean, healthy and safe. For Watershed residents and visitors to enjoy an improved economic and recreational quality of life, the watershed shall:

- Meet the regulatory standards for quality and usage
- Support a diverse aquatic ecosystem
- Have a positive influence on Saginaw Bay

Pinnebog River Steering Committee



I&E Activities:

- Watershed Tour
- Public announcements and meetings
- TeVoortwis Dairy Tour



**I&E ACTIVITIES
TEVOORTWIS DAIRY FARM TOUR
July 27, 2007**



140 people attended the tour to learn about the daily operation of the farm.



Cindy TeVoortwis Hagen explained the milking procedures.



TeVoortwis Dairy recognized for MAEAP verification.



Youngsters enjoy ice cream treats.