



**Clean Michigan Initiative
Clean Water Fund Grant**
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Clinton River Permanent Riparian Easement

April 30, 2004 to June 30, 2005

The main branch of the Clinton River is eighty miles long originating just north of Waterford in Springfield and Independence Townships. Waterford Township contains approximately six miles of the main branch, and several interconnected lakes and smaller streams, flowing from north to south. The Drayton Plains Nature Center property is located on the main branch of the Clinton River, in the center of Waterford Township. The property consists of 137 acres of streams, wetlands, shallow ponds, a small prairie area and wooded uplands. A large portion of the property once belonged to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and was operated as a fish hatchery. The Nature Center was originally looking to sell a significant portion of this property for development purposes. This project resulted in the long-term protection of 137 acres containing 7,704 feet of river frontage by securing permanent conservation easements on eight parcels.



Grant Amount: \$ 751,000
Match Funds: \$ 251,000

Total Amount: \$1,002,000

Best Management Practices:

- One permanent conservation easement



Partners involved:

- Drayton Plains Nature Center
- Oakland Land Conservancy
- Secret Wardle
- Johnson & Anderson, Inc.
- Clinton River Watershed Council
- Oakland County Planning & Economic Development

