



Michigan's
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Program

**Federal Clean Water Act
Section 319 Grant
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**Burt Lake-Sturgeon River Watershed Plan
October 2013 through December 2016**

The Burt Lake-Sturgeon River Watershed is in Northern Michigan, and some of the State's greatest natural resources are located there. This includes the Sturgeon River, which is one of the most pristine and high gradient streams in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and one of the largest free-flowing trout streams in the state. Northern Michigan depends on these resources and their protection is critical. The goals of this project included completion of resource inventories; completion of the Cheboygan County Local Ordinance Gaps Analysis; formation of the Watershed Advisory Committee; and completion of a brand new DEQ/EPA-approved watershed management plan. All goals were accomplished.

Partners involved:

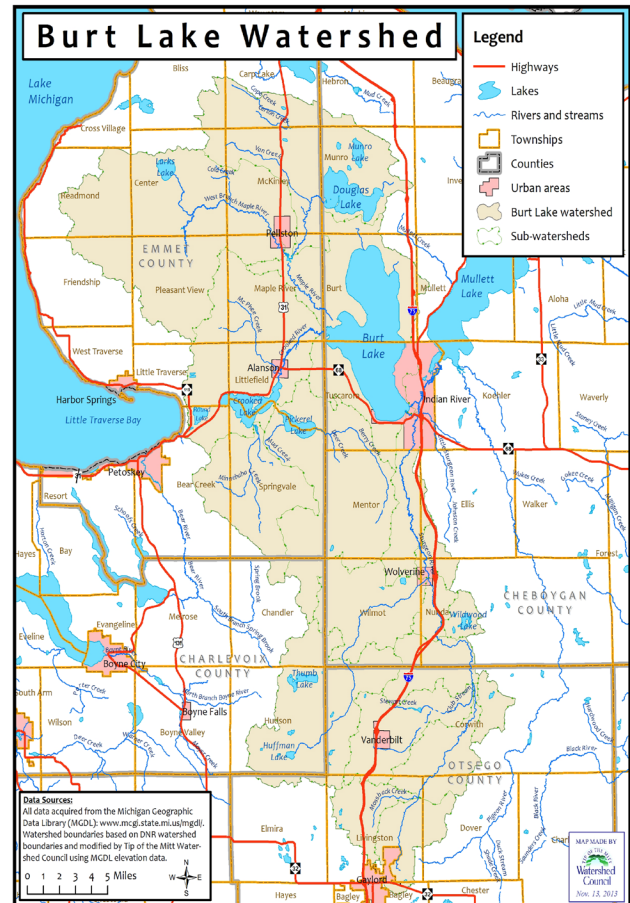
- **Huron Pines:** produced road/stream crossing survey to include in the new plan.
- **Little Traverse Conservancy:** provided guidance on Priority Parcels analysis in the new plan.
- **MSU Extension:** completed focus groups and interviews for baseline information from local officials, shoreline property owners, and watershed residents.
- **NEMCOG:** worked with the Watershed Council to conduct 5 workshops in the watershed, to help local officials use the newly produced *Cheboygan County Local Ordinance Gaps Analysis: An essential guide for water protection.*
- **Watershed Plan Advisory Committee:** helped create Goals and Objectives, and provided valuable input.

Grant Amount: \$155,700
Match Funds: \$ 94,600
Total Amount: \$ 250,300



Cheboygan County
Local Ordinance Gaps Analysis
An essential guide for water protection

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I&E Activities:

- MSUE Focus groups with residents, local officials, and businesses
- Workshops for local officials on the Local Ordinance Gaps Analysis by NEMCOG and TOMWC
- Watershed Plan Advisory Committee meeting on a quarterly basis.

