



Michigan's
Nonpoint Source
Program

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Cedar River Watershed Permanent Easement Acquisition Program

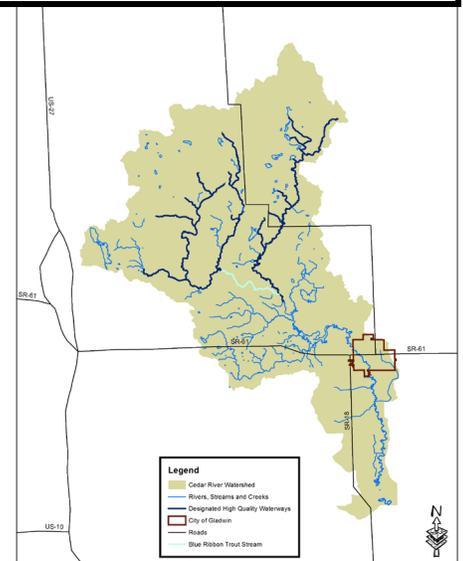
November 15, 2009 - September 30, 2013

The Little Forks Conservancy successfully completed a 319 grant for the Cedar River Watershed Permanent Easement Acquisition Program. The \$329,300 grant was awarded to The Little Forks Conservancy (LFC) to acquire conservation easements in the Cedar River watershed and to update the Cedar River Watershed Management Plan. The Little Forks Conservancy and our project partners provided \$301,800 in match. Through this grant, The Little Forks Conservancy completed six permanent conservation easements in the project area. These conservation easements protect 261.7 acres of land and approximately 10,458 feet of waterway within the Cedar River watershed and will result in the prevention of 18,175 tons of sediment, 79 pounds of phosphorous and 649 pounds of nitrogen from entering into the waterways of the Cedar River watershed.

Grant Amount: \$ 329,300

Match Funds: \$ 301,800

Total Amount: \$ 631,100

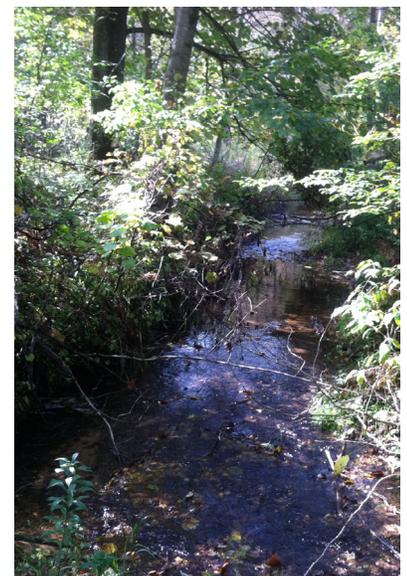


Best Management Practices:

- Conservation Easement - 24 acres and 1,600 feet along an intermittent stream that flows into Howland Creek.
- Conservation Easement - 90 acres and 4,300 feet of Blue Ribbon Trout Stream along West Branch of the Cedar River
- Conservation Easement - 4 acres and 600 feet along the North Branch of the Cedar River
- Conservation Easement - 31.5 acres and 2,783 feet along the Cedar River and Bendle Drain.
- Conservation Easement - 40 acres and 950 feet of the West Branch of the Cedar River.
- Conservation Easement - 72.2 acres and 225 feet along the Cedar River.

Partners involved:

- Leon P. Martuch Chapter of Trout Unlimited
- Gladwin Conservation District
- Clare Conservation District
- Ducks Unlimited Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office
- Saginaw Bay RC&D
- Central Michigan Health Dept.
- USDA NRCS Gladwin Office
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Gladwin Road Commission
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- MSU Extension - Gladwin
- University of Michigan-Flint



Watershed Management Plan Update:

The Conservancy contracted with University of Michigan-Flint to update the WMP to meet the USEPA's nine required elements for Section 319 funding. As a result, a Steering Committee was formed to implement the plan.

October 10, 2013



Wallace Conservation Easement: Protecting 4,300 feet of the West Branch of the Cedar River, a designated Blue Ribbon Trout Stream.



Shellenbarger Conservation Easement: Protecting 600 feet of the North Branch of the Cedar River and expanding the area of conserved land.