



Michigan's
Nonpoint Source
Program

**Clean Michigan Initiative
Nonpoint Source Program**

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Greater Bear Watershed Protection Project

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Although much of the upper headwater reaches and the last few river miles of Bear Creek flow through publicly-owned and protected lands, most of the river and many of the tributaries flow through privately-owned lands. Many of the private holdings along the river and tributaries are held in large tracts with long stretches of relatively undisturbed riparian habitat. This project was designed to work with private land owners to preserve these properties with permanent conservation easements. This prevents conversion of the largely natural land cover on these properties to land uses that could have deleterious impacts on the water quality and wildlife of the Bear Creek watershed. This project resulted in the purchase of a conservation easement that encumbers 321.42 acres, including 3400 feet of Bear Creek frontage and over 8600 feet of tributary streams. This easement eliminates 31 potential home sites on this property.



Grant Amount: \$53,000

Match Funds: \$102,700

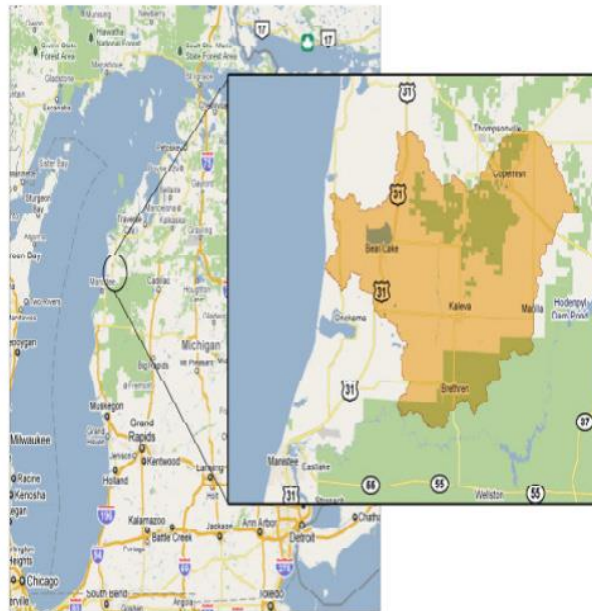
Total Amount: \$155,700

Best Management Practices:

•Permanent Conservation Easement

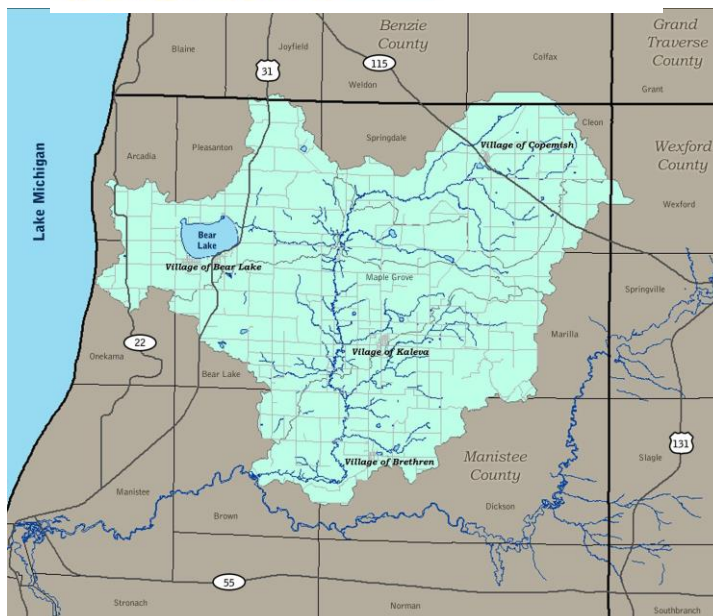
Annual Load Prevented:

- Sediment: 2 tons
- Nitrogen: 227 lbs.
- Phosphorus: 13 lbs.



Partners involved:

•Little River Band of Ottawa
Indians



Project Photos

