

Algoma	3,088	6,500
Sparta	6,466	7,660
Tyrone	2,638	4,150
Rockford	<u>2,428</u>	<u>3,800</u>
TOTAL	31,555	51,500

Unregulated housing development along the river could easily destroy its present beauty and natural characteristics. Fortunately, the townships in Kent County through which the Rogue flows are presently zoned. Although they have no "greenbelt zoning" the fact that they have all retained the same attorney should make development of common Natural River zoning ordinance amendments feasible.

It is possible that industrial, municipal and agricultural diversions of surface water could also increase. Presently four industries use approximately 416 million gallons of surface water per year; municipalities draw about 138 million gallons per year; and it is possible that irrigation of such things as golf courses could increase.

LAWS AND PROGRAMS REINFORCING OBJECTIVES OF THE NATURAL RIVERS PROGRAM

A number of Michigan laws now authorize Department of Natural Resources' programs or activities for partial protection of rivers. Officials administering the Natural Rivers Program for the protection of the Rogue should utilize these statutes in implementing the plan objectives for the river and its tributaries (see appendix).

The proposed Department of Natural Resources' program to establish rules for river use on heavily used streams may also be directed toward protecting natural rivers, particularly those rivers where recreational use is or may be expected to be quite heavy. The rules have been designed to protect the river resources and recreational experiences that are characteristic of a particular stream.

*Projected populations are not available for villages other than Rockford.

ROGUE RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN

A. Proposed Designation

The 42-mile long Rogue River is a designated trout stream providing quality trout fishing close to Michigan's second largest metropolitan area. Approximately 90 miles of cold water tributaries contribute the clear fresh water and spawning areas necessary to maintain a natural fishery. Its relatively undeveloped borders offer seclusion to the angler, canoeist or hiker. The upper four miles in Kent County flow through the Rogue River State Game Area. Because of their unique