



**Federal Clean Water Act
Section 319 Grant**
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Iron River Watershed Project - Non-Physical Improvements

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The Iron River Watershed consists of 38 miles of streams draining 61,445 acres in southwestern Iron County. Of this area, 12% is used for agricultural purposes, 16% is urban, 57% forested, 7% wetland, with the remaining 8% falling under other classifications. The Iron River Watershed project is an endeavor initiated by concerned citizens of Iron County who recognized the importance of the Iron River as a blue ribbon brook trout stream. Over the years, acid mine drainage, wastewater treatment effluent, and most recently sediment and polluted runoff have all negatively impacted the Iron River.

The goals of this project were to protect, improve, and promote the Iron River Watershed through an information and education campaign designed to reduce nonpoint source pollution and restore or sustain habitat and water quality. In order to meet these goals, our objectives included numerous newsletters and articles, radio and television appearances, public presentations, training workshops, road signs, interpretive signs, a website, storm drain markers, and a comprehensive brochure.

Grant Amount: \$ 76,206
Match Funds: \$ 29,142

Total Amount: \$181,554



I&E Activities:

- Presentations to various schools and other groups in watershed
- Education "Tool kit" created
- Display created for events
- Drain marker campaign
- Newsletters, brochures, pamphlets created and distributed
- Shorelandscaping workshop
- Website launched
- Radio and television advertisements
- Articles published in local newspapers



Partners involved:

- Dickinson Conservation District
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- City of Iron River
- City of Caspian
- Iron County Board of Commissioners
- Iron County Road Commission
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Trout Unlimited
- White Water Associates, Inc.
- Iron River Watershed Council
- Michigan State University Extension
- Florence (WI) Nature Center
- University of Wisconsin Extension
- Forest Park High School
- Forest Park Middle School
- West Iron County High School
- West Iron County Middle School
- Ace High School
- Iron River Township
- Bates Township
- Iron County Economic Development
- Iron County Reporter
- NBC TV-6 WLUC
- WIKB
- Iron County Chamber of Commerce
- West Iron District Library

