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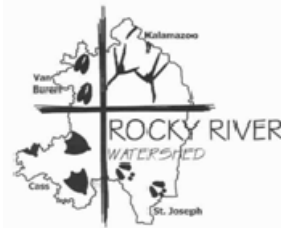
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Rocky River Watershed Planning Project

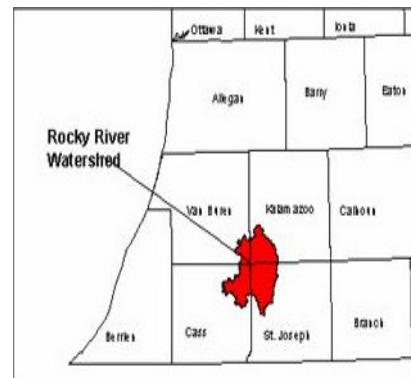
July 1, 2002 through October 31, 2004

The Rocky River Watershed is located in southwest Michigan and is centered on the four corners of Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Cass, and St Joseph Counties. The Rocky River Watershed planning project's main goal was to design a course of action to work toward an environmentally and economically healthy watershed that benefits all stakeholders. To accomplish this task the Rocky River Watershed Steering Committee was formed to provide consistent public input and stakeholder commitment to the project. The watershed plan identifies, prioritizes, and maps the significant non-point source pollutants and their sources. It identifies Best Management Practices to reduce these pollutants, using the knowledge and expertise of the watershed stakeholders.

Grant Amount: \$163,979.29

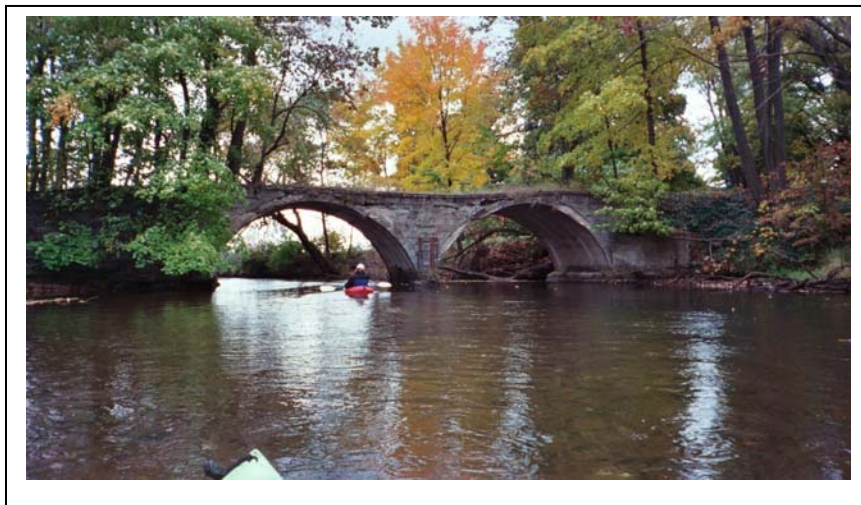
Match Funds: \$ 50,721.56

Total Amount: \$214,700.85



Partners involved:

- Wightman Petrie
- Kieser & Associates
- St. Joseph County Conservation District
- Lawrence Productions
- Starks Excavating
- St. Joseph County Pheasants Forever
- Potawatomi RC&D
- St. Joseph County Sheriffs Department
- Brewster's Restaurant
- Three Rivers Canoe and Kayak
- Prein & Newhof
- Village of Schoolcraft
- City of Three Rivers
- Cass County Conservation District
- Kalamazoo County Conservation District
- Cass County Drain Commission
- Flowerfield Township
- Friends of the St. Joseph River
- MSU Extension - Kalamazoo County
- MSU Extension - St. Joseph County
- St. Joseph County Health Department
- St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation
- St. Joseph County Planning Commission
- St. Joseph County Road Commission
- Van Buren County Conservation District
- Prairie Ronde Township
- Sauk Trails RC&D
- Van Buren County Road Commission
- Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy
- St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (Centreville, Portage, Cassopolis, Paw Paw Field offices)



Project Goals

- Identify sources of pollutants and select conservation management strategies.
- Plan information/education component and expand public participation.
- Creation of a long-range watershed plan and progression towards implementation



Critical Area Treatment Demonstration Site

Project Accomplishments:

- Watershed plan meets the U.S. EPA's 9 Elements for Watershed Planning.
- Road Stream Crossing Survey and Database.
- Video and Audio Public Service Announcements.
- Field Days and Educational Workshops.
- Critical Area Treatment Demonstration Site.



Field Day on the Rocky River