

2016/17 Conservation Committee Report

This year nine Requests for Conservation Funds were submitted for discussion by the Conservation Committee composed of Alan Haxton, Chris Hunter, Kevin Lipp, Joe Sprys and Eric Center. The budget for Conservation was set at \$18,660 available for dispersal while there were requests for \$24,300. The committee granted these nine requests amounts for the following groups and projects.

1. Clinton River Watershed Council – Gallagher Creek data collection, monitoring and restoration to allow for the return of Brook Trout and its habitat - \$1,700
2. Upper Black River Council – In-stream habitat enhancement project for the Upper Black River by installing large woody debris ad stream bank stabilization - \$2,200
3. Au Sable River Property Owners Association – To plant Cedar trees to help with stabilization of the riverbank and to provide needed shade for the fish environment - \$1,000
4. Upper Manistee River Association – Repairing, creating and maintaining woody debris structures in the river and along with bank stabilization in the tree farm area of the Upper Manistee - \$4,472
5. Anglers of the Au Sable – Analysis of insects at six sites on the North Branch for a baseline data of the macro invertebrate population - \$1,900
6. Conservation Resource Alliance – Mitigate bank erosion and the placement of large woody debris in the Pine River near the Silver Creek Pathway in Lake County - \$3,844
7. Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of TU – To pay for the analysis of the water above and below the Grayling fish farm for total phosphorus and suspended solids - \$1,600
8. Vanguard Chapter TU – To build a stairway at the Gallagher Road Bridge parking lot from the lot to the usual high water mark of Paint Creek - \$800
9. Coldwater River Watershed Council – Planting of shade trees and the placement of seed buffer strips for erosion control along with the placement of woody debris into the Coldwater River to improve fish habitat - \$1,144