

## 2017/18 Conservation Committee Report

This year fourteen 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 \$21,280 available for dispersal while there were requests for \$33,768. The committee granted these fourteen requests amounts for the following groups and projects.

1. Nicole Watson /MSU Collect data regarding the reintroduction of Grayling into Michigan waters - \$2,200
2. MFFC Salt Water Committee – Funds will be used to pay students for cleaning up Curtis Creek Landing in the Bahamas 3 times a year - \$300
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
- 3a. Au Sable River Property Owners Association – To remove Purple Loosestrife between Grayling and Parmalee -\$518
4. Anglers of the Au Sable – Analysis of insects at six sites on the North Branch for a baseline data of the macro invertebrate population - \$1,100
5. Conservation Resource Alliance – Syers Creek Fish Habitat Improvement and Dam removal- \$3,637
6. Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of TU – Monitoring the North Branch of the Au Sable for Organic containment - \$600
7. Vanguard Chapter TU – Paint Creek fish habitat restoration by placing LWD in designated areas - \$2,500
8. Upper Black River Council – Install LWD in the Black River up and downstream from Tin Shanty Bridge - \$2000
9. Clinton River Watershed Council – Gallagher Creek data collection, monitoring and restoration of LWD to allow for the return of Brook Trout and its habitat - \$1,500
10. Upper Manistee River Association – To place and maintain Porta-Potties at 8 locations on the Upper Manistee (612, Loggerhand, M-72, Hole in the Wall, Yellow Tree, Z Landing, Hole in the Fence, and 3 mile Bend) -\$2,000

11. Huron River Watershed Council – Print and distribute field manual on placing LWD for municipalities - \$1,000
12. MFFC – Dam Four Porta-Potty- Place and maintain porta-potty at Dam Four for the season - \$625
13. Miller Van Winkle Chapter TU – Habitat mapping of the Maple River in Emmet County - \$2,300