

2018-19 Conservation Committee Report

This year there were twelve requests for Conservation Funds. These requests were submitted to the committee composed of Scott Freeburg, Barry Green, Alan Haxton, Kevin Lipp, Joe Sprys, Craig Summers and myself, Eric Center.

The budget for Conservation that was established by the board and approved by the membership was \$21, 245. The requested amounts totaled \$30,430. The committee after looking over the requests granted these requests and amounts to the following groups.

- 1. Nicole Watson/MSU - Collecting data regarding the reintroduction of Grayling into Michigan waters. - \$332**
- 2. Muskegon Riverbank Rehabilitation – To develop a site plan and start working on erosion site approximately two miles upstream from the Thornapple boat launch. - \$2,976**
- 3. Au Sable River Property Owners Association – To plant Cedar trees to help with the stabilization of the riverbank and to provide the needed shade for the fish environment. - \$929**
- 4. Anglers of the Au Sable – Analysis of insects at six sites on the North Branch of the Au Sable to establish a baseline data of the macro invertebrate population. - \$1,171**
- 5. Pere Marquette Stream Bank Erosion – Fund for two projects to help stop bank erosion that is occurring. - \$1,707**
- 6. Big Sable River Large Woody Debris Project Phase 3 – Place LWD in designated areas and clear out the log jams in the unwanted locations. - \$3,286**
- 7. Boardman River Placement of a New Vault toilet – The site determined for the toilet is at the Boardman Landing. - \$786**
- 8. Paint Creek Fish Habitat Restoration - Place LWD in designated areas and clear out the log jams in the unwanted locations. - \$2,195**
- 9. Upper Black River Council – Install LWD into the Black River between Sparr Road and Tyrolean Hills. - \$ 2,281**

- 10. Clinton River Data Collection – To collect and analyze data of the North Branch of the Clinton River by the Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Program. - \$1,686**
- 11. Dam Four Porta-Potty – To place and maintain a porta-potty at the Dam Four access site. - \$800**
- 12. Miller Van Winkle Chapter TU – Funding for the habitat mapping of the Maple River in Emmet County, which will include fish counts, monitoring the river temperature and sediment impact due to the removal of the dam. - \$3,097**