



Huron
River
Watershed
Council

2023 • 2024

REPORT *to the* COMMUNITY



Photo by Karl Paine

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am drawn to water. Growing up in the Great Lakes state, it could be argued it was destined I'd dedicate my career to the protection of our lakes and streams. The work has always felt hard, but important. Raising my children on Michigan's waters compels me to work even harder. With your support, we are building a strong foundation for a future of success—clean water and healthy ecosystems. This is an on-going process that requires dedication, clarity and resilience. It shows up in everything we do.

This past year you helped us invest in fundamental work that strengthens our ability to achieve our mission going forward and that will markedly improve the condition of the Huron River in perpetuity. As we near the removal of the Peninsular Dam in Ypsilanti, we undertook a first-of-its-kind, volunteer-based effort to find mussels in the river. We influenced changes to state policies that have hindered our ability to restore the river, securing a win in Lansing with a new law that allows dam operators the flexibility to manage river flows. This change has the potential to improve the health of our fish populations. Our outreach and advocacy on PFAS have put Michigan on the map as a national leader on this critical challenge to public and environmental health.

As we approach the end of another year, I am struck by the foundation we are building together to ensure that today's children will have a clean water future. Our staff, volunteers, members and donors are a critical part of this effort. Let's celebrate all we have achieved this past year in the pages of this report and let's look forward to our continued work toward a better future.

My highest regards,

Rebecca Esselman

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Executive Director

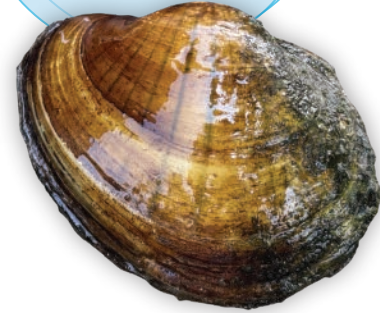


Front cover (Huron River at Riverside Park, Ypsilanti) by John Lloyd

A VOLUNTEER MUSSEL SURVEY TO SUPPORT DAM REMOVAL

This past summer, HRWC staff, interns, and volunteers completed an intensive mussel survey in the Huron River, declared by program staff as: "The Great Huron River Mussel Hunt." The mussel survey is a necessary step in preparing to remove Peninsular Paper Dam in Ypsilanti. Freshwater mussels are important animals in a river ecosystem because they filter bacteria, provide habitat and food for other animals, and serve as water quality indicators. 50 volunteers and 24 summer interns surveyed 90 transects covering almost three full miles of river below the dam. We found many species of mussels, notably the Wavy-rayed lampmussel and Black Sandshell, which are both state threatened. Mussels around the dam will be relocated before the dam comes out. This survey was the most intensive single biological monitoring project HRWC has ever led, and it was a success! We designed and implemented a volunteer-driven monitoring approach that can be replicated and scaled by others. The survey gave everyone, expert practitioners included, a rare opportunity to participate in freshwater mussel science.

IMPACT STORY



Plain Pocketbook Mussel

Number of
**MUSSEL
SPECIES**
found in
Michigan:

43

6

Number of live mussel species
found in HRWC's survey

Number of **VOLUNTEER HOURS** surveying mussels: **660**



River miles
SURVEYED:

≈ 2.9 ≈

Photo by Daniel A. Brown

A POLICY WIN FOR MANAGING RIVER FLOWS

This past year Michigan enacted Senate Bill 662, a new law modernizing the Michigan Natural Resources Protection Act to allow for fluctuating lake levels to protect public safety or ecosystem health. Previously dam operators were required to maintain static court-set lake levels which tied their hands no matter the conditions—a significant policy impediment to maintaining river health amidst changing weather and climate patterns. The new law lays the groundwork for a collaborative effort with the University of Michigan’s Digital Water Lab (DWL), the U-M Institute for Social Research, and the Huron River Dams Network to enable a “smart watershed” that uses over 30 real-time water level sensors to inform flow management decisions and restore natural flow patterns. For nearly a decade, HRWC and DWL have developed a sensor node network to improve understanding and monitoring of flow dynamics across the Huron River watershed.

A sensor node at North Territorial Road along the Huron River measures water level in real time.

“A Policy Win for Rivers”
scan for a deeper dive into
our advocacy success story!



Better management of river flows will protect critical fish spawning habitat.



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Number of dams in the watershed where **NATURAL FLOW PATTERNS** could now potentially be restored under the new law = **20**

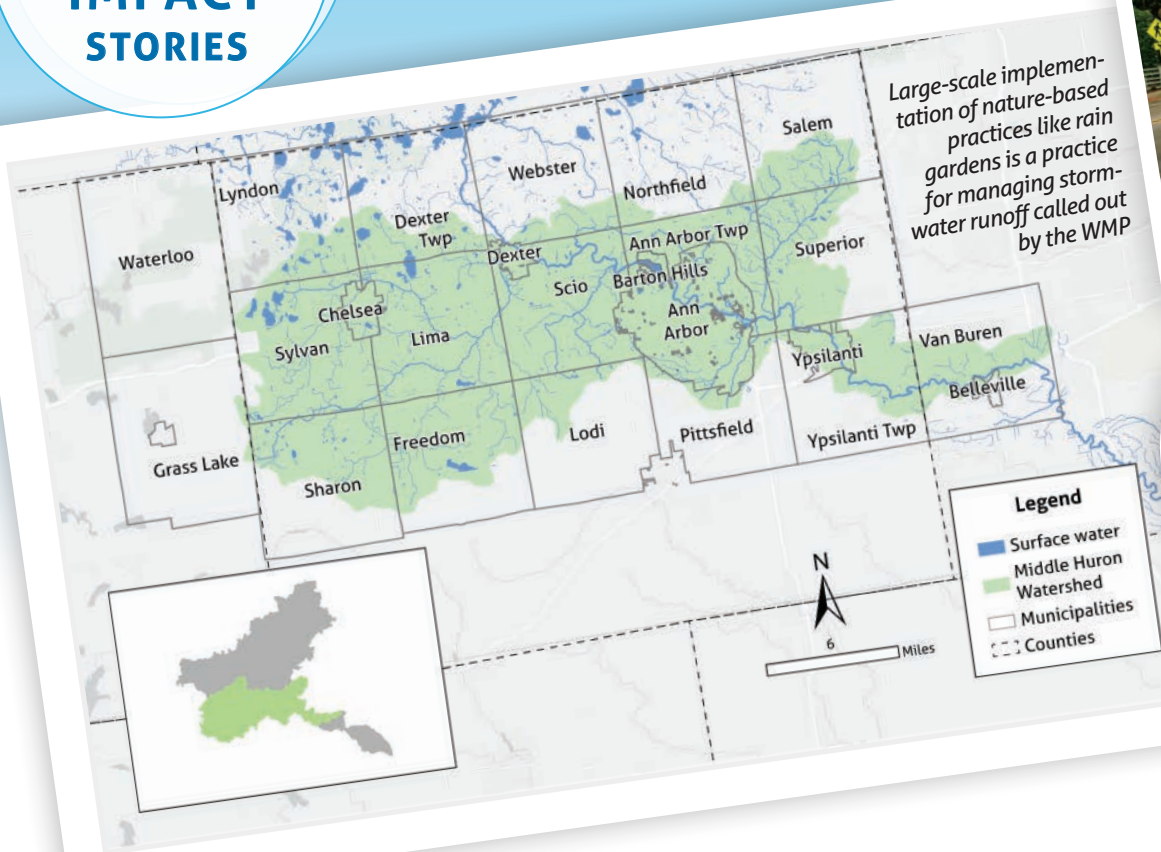


**Feb 6,
2024**

**HRWC
testifies at
hearing
for Senate
Bill 662**

18
**dams on the
river’s main
stem in the
Huron River
Dams Network**

IMPACT STORIES



24%
(217 square miles)
of the watershed is covered by the Middle Huron River WMP

Number of approved WMPs for the Huron:

6

BOLD IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING

This year, HRWC's comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for the Middle Huron River earned a stamp of approval by Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The plan was an eight-year effort by numerous stakeholders and HRWC science and watershed planning staff. WMPs are in-depth studies of the physical, biological, chemical and social conditions of a watershed. The Huron has six approved WMPs thanks to HRWC's leadership. It's in these plans that we put forward bold ideas for restoring and protecting the watershed, drawn from the collective expertise of HRWC, and many partners and stakeholders. These recommendations grow into the future projects we implement across the watershed. The Middle Huron WMP was funded by EGLE.

COLLECTING CRITICAL DATA ON WATER QUALITY

The dedication and enthusiasm of 50 participating volunteers in HRWC's Chemistry and Flow Monitoring Program resulted in critical data on the water quality of the Huron River watershed and Downriver waterways. This season, volunteers piloted protocols for using our new on-site lab to analyze bacteria in water samples. Our increased capacity in bacteria analysis serves partners watershed-wide who rely on the program's data to better understand water quality issues and find solutions.

Bacteria is an issue in surface waters statewide. The good news is that HRWC's most recent four years of data (through 2023) shows bacteria levels in the main stem of the Huron River meeting state recreational standards. The tributaries tell a more complicated story. We see some showing improved levels of bacteria, but only meeting standards 25-75% of the time.

In even better news, HRWC again tracked continuing declines in phosphorus concentrations in the river and some tributaries.

Since 1995, HRWC along with municipal partners in three stormwater groups have implemented multiple pollution reduction strategies focused on addressing phosphorus, sediments and bacteria. Long-term inter-municipal multiagency collaboration is at the heart of HRWC's mission, and the results are seen in the data.

29%

**REDUCTION IN
phosphorus loading**
into the Middle Huron
River since monitoring
began in 2003.



**Monitoring
Trends**



**Season
Wrap Up**



50
Participants



33
Monitoring
Sites



720
Water
Samples



900
Volunteer
Hours



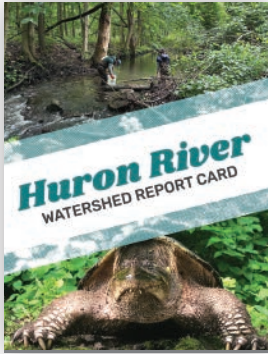
1800
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Records



900
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SHARING THE BIG PICTURE WATERSHED REPORT CARD

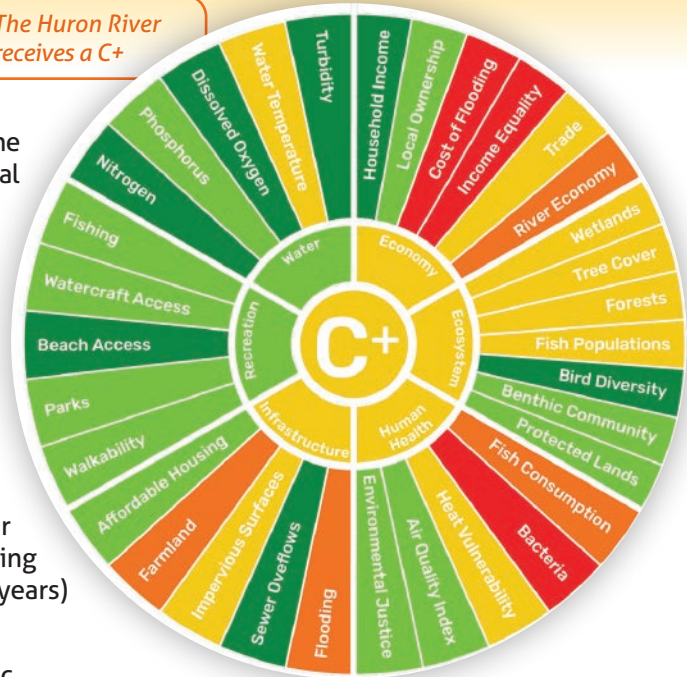
The Huron River receives a C+



The Huron River watershed earned a C+ on a first-ever assessment of watershed health by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. The Huron's score was the highest of the five Southeast Michigan rivers included in the study (Clinton, Detroit, Huron, Raisin and Rouge) and even beat the overall regional average score of a C grade. The collaborative effort of all the watershed groups and UMCES integrated social, economic and environmental data to provide a holistic view of the current state of the rivers. The Huron got

high grades for recreation and for the pollutants that HRWC and partners have been working to address for decades, though the data make it clear that there is still more to be done. HRWC Chemistry and Flow Monitoring Program (20+ years) and benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring (30+ years) data are captured in the report card's assessment.

This tool sets HRWC up to communicate ecosystem status, increase public awareness and inform decision-makers about the critical issues facing the Huron over the long term. In addition to earning significant media coverage from Bridge Magazine, Planet Detroit, MLive, and more, we shared the report card directly with local partners, and state and federal legislators.



Grade Scale		
A Very Good (100-80%)	B Good (79-60%)	C Moderate (59-40%)
D Poor (39-20%)	F Very Poor (19-0%)	

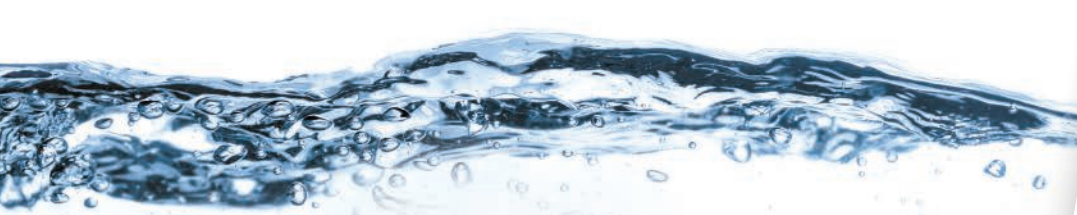
Number of **RIVERS** in the study: **5**

AVERAGE GRADE FOR THE FIVE RIVERS **C**

Leaders from the Erb Family Foundation (project funder), University of Maryland, Healing our Waters Great Lakes Coalition, and the river groups at report card press event.



Photo by Hannah Robar



ESTABLISHING DRINKING WATER STANDARDS FOR PFAS

In a historic leap forward for public health and environmental protection, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) first-ever drinking water standards for six PFAS compounds took effect in 2024. Public water systems have until 2029 to make updates for compliance. Michigan is working to align its own drinking water standards, established in 2019, with the newer EPA standards.

Michigan's coordinated PFAS monitoring program is perhaps the most robust and comprehensive in the nation. The state has found PFAS at some level in public water supplies serving about 1.9 million Michiganders.



These Maximum Contaminant Levels, which apply to drinking water systems, will inform Michigan's PFAS cleanup criteria, protecting public health and aquatic life.

Thanks to the Innovator's Fund, HRWC continues to advocate for better regulations and statewide polluter accountability laws.

MICHIGAN REGULATES

7 PFAS chemicals in drinking water

The Huron River provides drinking water to more than 150,000 residents. 11 MILLION MORE including those who get it from Lake Erie.

**LISTEN, LEARN, CONNECT—
ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY**

HRWC has been connecting with residents in Ypsilanti, Belleville and Flat Rock to explore new ways to address watershed issues that meet local priorities for clean water, thanks to funding from the Erb Family Foundation. Through surveys, interviews and listening sessions residents shared their perceptions, values and priorities related to water and the Huron River. This community input is directly inspiring the creation of programs led by HRWC that support river and public health. Staff have enthusiastically embraced community engagement practices and a new tool developed by the project team to incorporate active listening into our work.

6
Listening Sessions

IMPACT STORIES

LAUNCHING NEXT GEN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

25
2024
SUMMER INTERNS

Since 2020 we've been the beneficiary of the talent of two recent graduates, each for two-year environmental fellowships. We are excited to share that Melina Pakey-Rodriguez our 2023-24 fellow, will join the HRWC staff. Melina came to HRWC via a DTE Energy Foundation program which aims to launch promising new graduates from groups underrepresented in the field into impactful careers in natural resources management. In addition to her work in the Listen, Learn, Connect project and her leadership in the mussel study, you can see Melina's data and mapping expertise at [HRWC.org/Maps](https://hrwc.org/Maps).



In 2024 25 students joined our summer field internship program, practicing freshwater mussel science alongside HRWC staff and experts in our "Great Huron River Mussel Hunt." Water Monitoring Intern, Alex Gonzalez, a recent Eastern Michigan University grad with a degree in Environmental Science and Society played a big part in helping us accomplish the study.

The next generation of environmental leaders are all around us! This year thanks to CIS, HRWC extended an invitation to first time Suds attendees to deepen connections with multicultural voices in the watershed. We welcomed more young people than ever before to network with our incredible supporters, exchange ideas and build bridges.

Environmental Fellows *since 2020*

2



Number of people we heard
from: **1000-plus**



FINANCIAL REPORT

HRWC completed another strong year, with revenues increasing to \$2.366 million, up \$433,000 from 2023. Services provided include \$457,000 for water quality studies, \$846,000 for stormwater management and green infrastructure, and \$675,000 for community education.

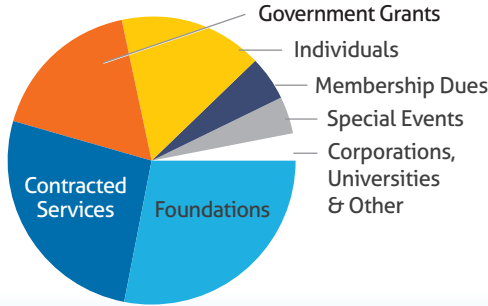
HRWC maintains a goal that no one source of funding exceeds 40% of total revenues. In 2024, foundation contributions were almost equal to fee for service work at 28% and 26% respectively. Government grants and individual contributions totaled 17% and 16% respectively.

A planned overage in expenditures allowed us to make deeper investments in our strategies. HRWC maintains a strong fund balance that allows for these investments. Net assets grew from \$2,070,378 in 2021 to \$2,423,515 in 2024.

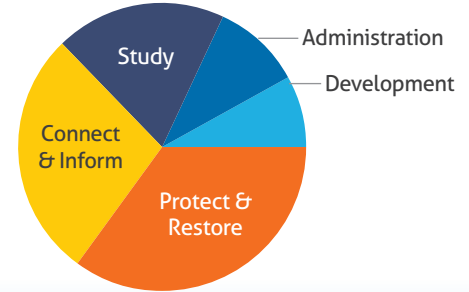
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

TOTAL REVENUE \$2,366,715



EXPENSES \$2,408,138



HRWC continues to maintain a four out of 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.

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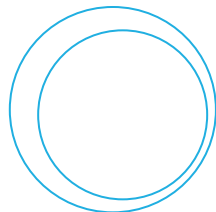
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Kay Stremler for your dedication to the Huron River, your commitment to supporting the work of HRWC, and your leadership in Webster Township.

HALL OF FAME



Alan Heavner for your commitment to a mission of "no child left inside" by getting thousands of people outdoors to paddle the Huron River and for supporting the watershed community.

BIG SPLASH



Washtenaw County Rain Garden Program for your positive impact on water quality in the Huron River by supporting residents in planning, designing and constructing over 2,000 rain gardens.

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April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024



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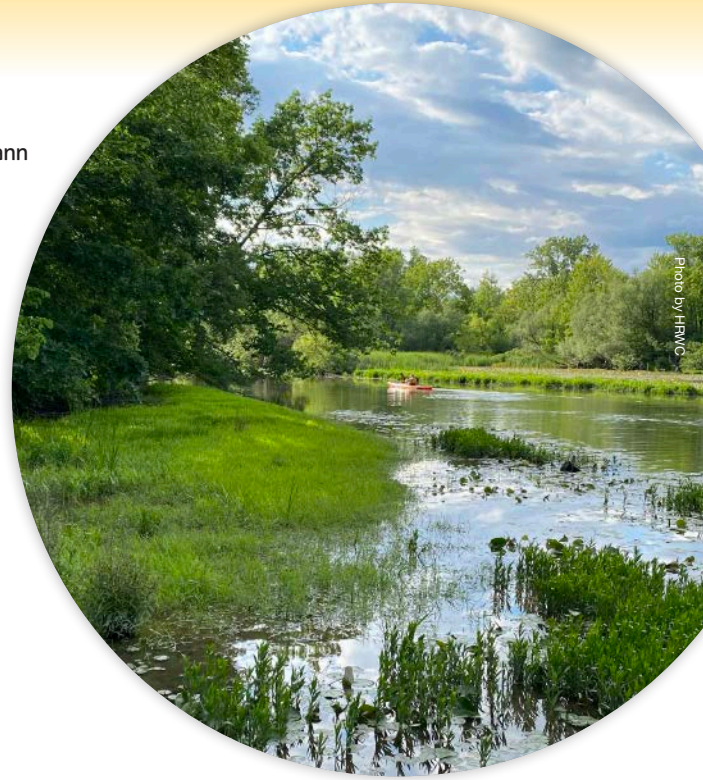


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REPORT *to the* COMMUNITY



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In America, we are having a watershed moment. A moment of rapid change. There is no doubt that what is happening to federal agencies, environmental regulations and funding will set environmental protection back. It will slow essential progress. We are at a turning point. And in this moment, we can be catalysts, influencers, change makers, innovators. We must be.

Reflecting back on this past year, I see much to be concerned about. Because of you, I also see the seeds of change

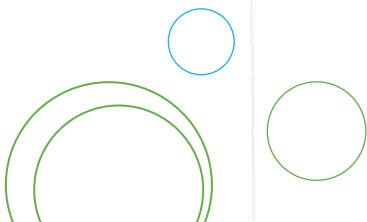
necessary to meet the moment. In the pages of this report you will see that our good work continues. With your support, we are developing new partnerships, innovative solutions and more diverse sources of revenue to fuel the work of our mission. Together we are inspiring future environmental leaders, pioneering new approaches to monitoring, and working to scale up our efforts to address stormwater in ways that will have transformational regional impact!

The Huron River Watershed Council has been around for 60 years. Our strategies change. Our funding sources evolve. Our language adapts. Our priorities shift. We've met the moments of the past and we will meet this moment too. What will be our reflections on this chapter in 60 years? What will come of this watershed moment? Will it change the course of the environmental movement forever, and will it be toward success or failure? I think the answer lies with us. In that, I feel power and hope. And I'm glad to be on this journey with you.

My highest regards,

Rebecca Esselman

Rebecca Esselman
Executive Director



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CATALYZING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE STORMWATER HARM

IMPACT STORY

Stormwater pollution remains a significant concern for Southeast Michigan waterways, including the Huron River. This past year, HRWC led the recently formed Rain Catchers Collective, a partnership between HRWC, the Clinton River Watershed Council, the Friends of the Rouge, and the Friends of the Detroit River in recruiting, educating and supporting residents in using landscaping techniques that soak up stormwater runoff. The RCC, Washtenaw and Oakland counties



and the Huron Clinton Metroparks provided Master Rain Gardener training to 92 students. At the community level, HRWC and the City of Wixom worked to improve Norton Creek by installing bioswales that capture, soak in and treat runoff in Gunnar Mettala Park. And we provided 40 large trees for planting in the creekshed by Wixom and the City of Walled Lake. We also supported watershed residents in the design and installation of their rain gardens. One in particular went in just feet from Belleville Lake. Melissa Kostich took the Master Rain Garden class in winter, completed her garden design in the spring, and purchased plants and materials in the summer. HRWC staff and a crew of three summer interns helped her dig out a tricky spot along a fence boundary to help address flooding issues.



Rain Catchers Collective

19.3M gallons = amount of stormwater runoff captured by Rain Catchers across Southeast Michigan collectively each year



**Catalysts,
Influencers,
Changemakers,
Innovators...**

what we accomplished
together in 2025!

92

students completed Master
Rain Gardener Training

Each rain garden captures
~13,000 gallons
of runoff each year



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Growing Green
for Clean Water



10 VOLUNTEERS conducted
over **50** monitoring outings
across **5 PROJECT LAKES**

20 lake property owners
planted **1,500** native plants
TO IMPROVE
SHORELINE HABITAT

INFLUENCING HEALTHY LAKES

HRWC launched the Healthy Lakes Initiative in 2024 with funding from the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership. Over the course of this two-year project, HRWC spent time getting to know shoreland property owners around six lakes in the watershed with the goal of raising awareness and community action to protect and restore lake health. We recruited residents to join the state-wide Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program where volunteers learn to monitor water quality on their lakes to track changes in lake health over time.

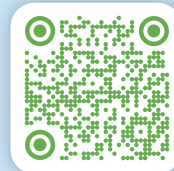
HRWC also held several events for community members to learn about best practices for maintaining lake health, including the importance of preserving and restoring natural shorelines. We led a walk around a shoreline property to view and discuss these practices, and we hosted a planting day to demonstrate how to install a buffer strip of native plants along a lakeshore. The project allowed us to provide native plants to 20 landowners for their own shoreland properties.

The Healthy Lakes Initiative connected us with lakeshore communities where we heard from residents who care deeply about lake health and who are eager to protect it.

IMPACT
STORY



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ENGAGING WITH RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL ACTION

IMPACT STORY

Since 2022 with support from the Erb Family Foundation, HRWC has been reaching out to residents in three watershed communities—Ypsilanti, Belleville, and Flat Rock—to better understand what they think about local water and the Huron River. The priorities and visions that we heard through listening sessions, surveys, and interviews were uplifted into small projects that support river and community health. Over the past year, we partnered with community members and local leaders to hold a shoreline stewardship workshop in Belleville, install an interpretive trailhead kiosk in Flat Rock, and plant a campus orchard at Ypsilanti High School—an idea that came directly from the students.

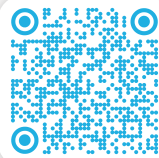



40 residents
attended our first
shoreline stewardship
workshop for Ford and
Belleville lakes

10 trees planted
by 12 Ypsilanti High
School students in
their new **CAMPUS**
ORCHARD



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Residents**

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HURON RIVER WATER TRAIL miles
covered by new interpretive trailhead signage

LAUNCHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

IMPACT STORY

HRWC's internship program creates pathways for emerging environmental professionals while advancing our watershed protection work. In 2025 we welcomed a record-breaking 30 aquatic field interns and two interns working in policy and water science roles. The goal of our internships is to provide meaningful hands-on learning, work experience, and professional networking for students exploring careers in the environment. These bright and talented students supported nearly all of HRWC's summer field projects.



This season we saw the program's maturity reflected in a few students whose relationship with HRWC has spanned multiple years.

Alex Hacker, an environmental science student from Washtenaw Community College joined us for his second field season serving as our Lead Aquatic Field Intern.

Lute Smith, a master's student studying environmental engineering at the University of Michigan, came on board as a water science intern for the Smart and Connected Communities Project. Lute first volunteered for HRWC when he was in the fifth grade.

We also reconnected with Tonyisha Harris who this summer filmed HRWC for a documentary series that she is producing with The Nature Conservancy. Tonyisha cites her 2018 internship with HRWC as formative.

30 Aquatic
Field Interns –
biggest cohort in
program history

4000
HOURS
of SERVICE



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HERE:



The Next
Generation



Interns, Interns
Everywhere

IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES FOR RESTORATION

Where roads and streams intersect, the natural flow of water and movement of aquatic life can easily be disrupted. Studying road–stream crossings identifies culverts, bridges, or other structures that may be harming stream health—for example, by blocking fish passage, increasing erosion, or altering natural flow patterns. Poorly designed or aging crossings can also raise flood risks, wash out during heavy storms, and deliver excess sediment or pollutants downstream.

By surveying these crossings, HRWC and its partners can pinpoint where upgrades or redesigns will restore natural flow, reconnect fragmented habitats, and reduce maintenance and flooding costs.

During the summer of 2025, HRWC staff and summer interns assessed all 120 road–stream crossings in the Mill Creek watershed using a standardized procedure applied across Michigan. While many crossings allowed fish to move freely and showed little erosion, others were clear priorities for restoration and infrastructure improvements that would benefit both the stream ecosystem and surrounding communities. HRWC has shared these results with partners at Washtenaw County (Road Commission and Water Resources Commissioner’s Office) and Trout Unlimited to help guide future projects and investments.

IMPACT
STORY

120
road-stream
crossings
SURVEYED



We surveyed **95%** of the **CULVERTS**
and **BRIDGES** in the Mill Creek watershed
in western Washtenaw County



Results shared with
THREE key local partners
to drive **FUTURE UPGRADES** or
REDESIGNS that **IMPROVE HABITAT**

Senate panel takes testimony on renewed policies seeking accountability from Michigan polluters

– Michigan Advance, June 11, 2025

IMPACT STORY

ADVANCING POLICIES THAT PROTECT THE WATERSHED

State and local policies that protect watershed and community health are a high priority for HRWC. Over the past year, we invested in education and advocacy with state and local elected officials.

Through lunch-and-learning and direct outreach we let our state representatives know what our waterways need and why. We improved bill language, offered testimony in support of polluter pay legislation, sought state funding for nature-based solutions to stormwater and infrastructure that supports river recreation, increased funding for Michigan's Clean Water Corps volunteer monitoring, and advocated for or against the passage of laws that affect the health of Michigan's lakes and streams. These efforts ensure that our expertise is brought to bear in Lansing.



Rain Catchers Collective

HRWC hosted a spring legislators lunch and learn, presenting the Rain Catchers Collective alongside directors from the Clinton River Watershed Council and Friends of the Rouge.

Within the watershed, we engaged with elected and appointed decision-makers in our cities, townships and villages on water-friendly ordinances and land use decisions that impact the river. And we hosted a spring Change Makers Boot Camp to give residents the know-how and tools to be a voice for the Huron River with their local governments.

Increased
MiCorps
funding by

28%

CHANGE MAKERS at a June Boot Camp

12



11 communities engaged to improve land protection policies

LEARN MORE:



Who Pays
for Pollution

IMPROVING PROTECTION FOR SENSITIVE SPECIES

This past summer, HRWC and our summer interns explored several Huron River tributaries in search of native freshwater mussels. These remarkable creatures are among Michigan's most imperiled species—about two-thirds are listed as threatened or endangered. Freshwater mussels are key indicators of stream health. As natural filter feeders, they remove sediment, algae, and pollutants from the water, improving clarity and quality. Their shells stabilize streambeds, provide habitat for macroinvertebrates, and they serve as an important food source for fish, mammals, and birds.

Many creeks in the watershed have never been surveyed, meaning mussel populations could be hiding unnoticed simply because no one has looked. The most exciting discovery this summer was two wavy-rayed lampmussels—a state-threatened species—found in a new location on Horseshoe Creek in Hamburg. HRWC shared this and other findings with state biologists to help ensure that sensitive habitats receive the appropriate safeguards during road and bridge projects.



Wavy-Rayed Lampmussel

Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome, keynote speaker

This year in November, more than 150 river supporters gathered for a day of learning, networking, and inspiration, and a celebration of HRWC's 60th Anniversary. We sought a shared understanding of the latest monitoring trends and the most pressing threats facing the river. And we explored innovative solutions including policies, revenue streams and collaborative efforts that will help us meet the future.

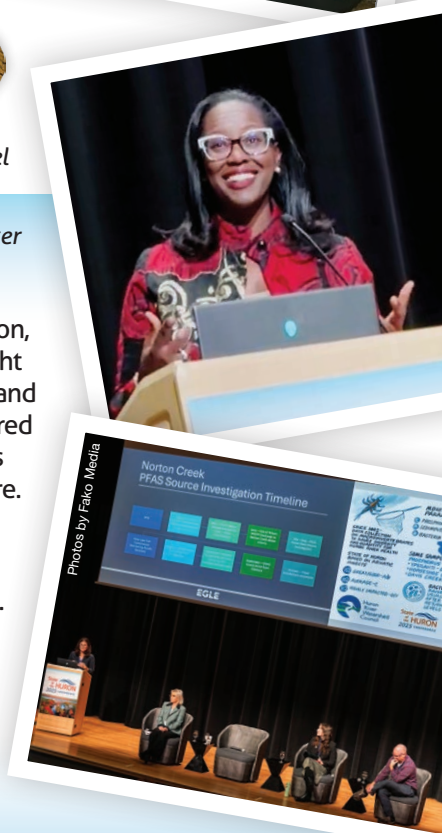
People have been working together with HRWC since 1965 to reduce pollution and restore and protect the Huron. It is this collaborative spirit that fuels our impact.

For conference highlights go to:
[HRWC.org/StateoftheHuron.](https://hrwc.org/StateoftheHuron)

State of the HURON 2025 CONFERENCE

Better Together.

*Building a bright future
for the Huron River
and its communities.*



FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 was a year of solid growth for HRWC. Expenditures for program work increased by 10%. Support services remained under 20% of total expenditures. Revenues more than doubled, bolstered by the award of a multi-year foundation grant and gifts from many donors to establish the Watershed Resilience Endowment Fund.

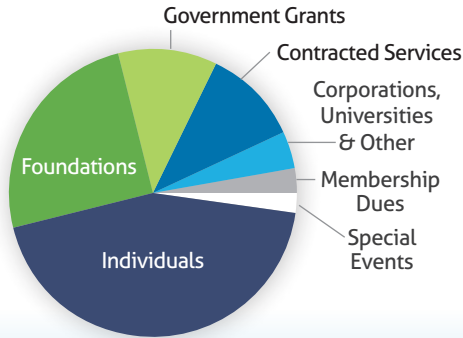
Government funding dropped from 22% to 17% of revenues in 2025—and the pipeline for new opportunities has significantly decreased compared to the past decade. Yet the need for our work has never been more urgent. HRWC is aggressively pursuing alternative funding sources to meet this unprecedented demand for services.

**Total revenue reflects an increase of \$2.6M over FY 23-24, due to a large multi-year foundation grant that will support program work over the next three years, and the Watershed Resilience Endowment Fund. While the endowment from many individuals totaled over \$2M dollars, the annual distribution to HRWC is 5% of the account balance and supports critical program work.*

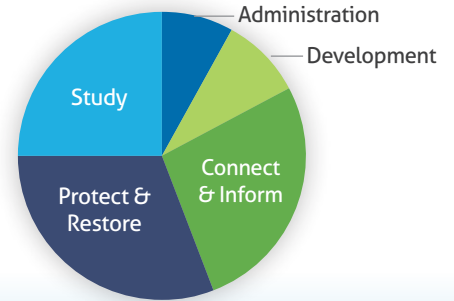
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

TOTAL REVENUE*
\$5,206,038



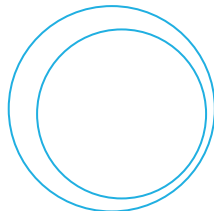
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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Brenda Donaldson for protecting our natural lands and waters, while connecting HRWC with a community of people who love helping their lakes. Pictured with HRWC's *Kate Laramie*.

HALL OF FAME



Jerry Hancock for your visionary leadership and initiatives that have protected the Huron River over your 34-year career with the City of Ann Arbor. Pictured with HRWC's *Ric Lawson*.

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Weber sisters Wendy, Elizabeth, Pamela, and Linda Turner for honoring your father's passion for clean water by supporting HRWC's Water Quality Monitoring programs. Pictured with HRWC's *Wendy Palms*.

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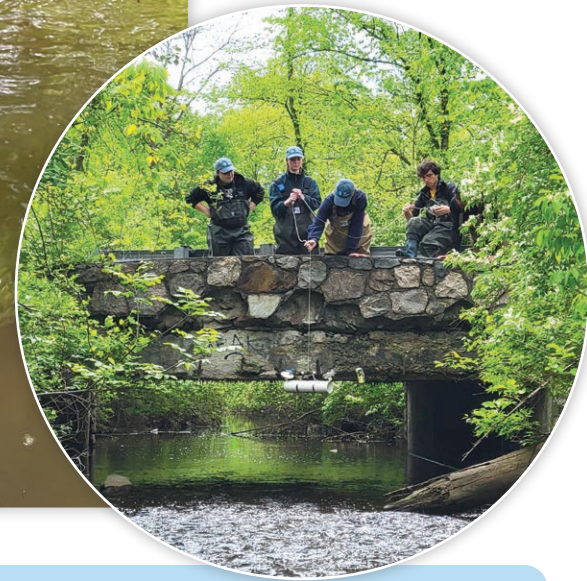
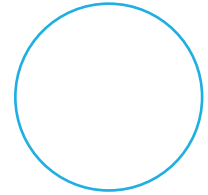
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