



**The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay  
Antrim County Annual Report FY2015-2016**

**Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed Plan Implementation Team (ERCOL-WPIT)**

- The Watershed Center co-facilitates these bi-monthly meetings with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
- We continue to serve as the permit applicant and fiscal agent for the ERCOL-WPIT's Fish Shelter Committee that has placed 50 fish shelter structures throughout Intermediate, Bellaire, Clam, Torch, and Elk Lakes

**Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed Protection Plan**

- The Watershed Center partnered with Tip of the Mitt to write a watershed plan for the Elk River Chain of Lakes, a sub-watershed of Grand Traverse Bay
- We worked with Master's students from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment to complete a comprehensive first draft of the plan

**Elk Rapids Stormwater Action Plan**

- The Watershed Center worked with the Village of Elk Rapids to raise awareness for the stormwater action plan we completed last year
- We worked with village staff to identify opportunities to implement portions of the plan, and have begun to seek funding

**Adopt-A-Stream**

- The Watershed Center continued our volunteer stream monitoring program that includes several locations along the Rapid River (most in fair condition)

**Trichloroethylene Plume**

- The Watershed Center worked with several partners to gather information and raise awareness about the proposed improvements in the Mancelona Water and Sewer Authority's public water system

**Outreach**

- The Watershed Center gave numerous educational presentations to local groups (garden clubs, lake associations, etc) and jurisdictions (planning commissions, trustees, etc), as well as participated in several community events/festivals
- We responded to concerns from several waterfront landowners and educated them on best management practices to protect water quality at their homes