

# Partnering For Watershed Restoration

## Monthly Update

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September 2016

### PWR Members:

Welcome to the monthly PWR e-mail update. We hope you find it useful. If you have updates under any of these categories (**Assistance, Funding, Events, Tools, News**) please pass them along and I will include them in future PWR e-mails. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact me if you are in need of assistance with a project, have any questions, suggestions or updates related to the Partnering for Watershed Restoration (PWR). Thanks.

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT :

#### **PWR Workshop, Alberta, MI October 12th 10:00-4:00 EST**

We will have lots of updates about PWR and all of the great things that we have been up to, plus a great assortment of presentations including information about sea lamprey barriers, the Chocloy Raptor Center in Marquette, the US Forest Service Joint Chiefs and the NRCS RCPP funding opportunities. We will also have group breakout sessions after lunch to brainstorm projects that we can submit as a group for the 2017 RCPP funding opportunity. Please let Jeff know if you plan to attend.

[PWR October 2016 Workshop Announcement](#)

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### PWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**[Michigan DNR Dam Management Grant Program](#)** The purpose of the DMGP is to provide funding and technical assistance to local and state units of government, non-profit groups and individuals to manage dam removal, repair and major maintenance projects that will enhance aquatic resources and fishing opportunities along with reducing infrastructure costs and improving public safety in Michigan. Online applications due Nov. 11, 2016.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Great Lakes Beach Conference in Marquette October 5-7th:** Widely considered to be a premier event by all Michigan business and government stakeholders, this three-day program provides an outstanding opportunity to hear from top experts in their fields about the current status and science behind Great Lakes beaches, successful beach restoration projects, Best Management Practices for beaches, and remarkable transformations of the Marquette waterfront.  
[Great Lakes Beach Conference](#)

**Fresh Coast Film Festival in Marquette October 13-16th:** The Fresh Coast Film Festival is the first of its kind: a documentary film festival celebrating the outdoor lifestyle, water-rich environment and resilient spirit of the Great Lakes and Upper Midwest. The festival will gather the best in adventure cinema from around the world while creating a venue for, and building a culture

## PWR TOOLS

### **Monitoring and Evaluating Nonpoint Source Watershed Projects:**

This guide is written primarily for those who develop and implement monitoring plans for watershed management projects, but it can also be used by those who wish to evaluate the technical merits of monitoring proposals they might sponsor. It is an update to the [1997 Monitoring Guidance for Determining the Effectiveness of Nonpoint Source Controls](#) (EPA 841--96-004) and includes many references to that document.

[Monitoring and Evaluating Nonpoint Source Watershed Projects](#)

### **TOOL REMINDER**

#### **PWR Project Locator Map:**

The PWR Project Locator Map is a tool that was designed to inventory restoration projects that are being proposed within the PWR area, as well as projects that have been completed. This information will be visible by everyone, and will be valuable in prioritizing and obtaining funding opportunities. I really encourage all of you to try to use this tool!

The data that it collects will be extremely helpful in targeting grant opportunities for members!

[PWR Project Locator Map](#) Password: **pwd4906**

## PWR PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

### **Ottawa National Forest Celebrates National Public Lands Day**

National Public Lands Day takes place on Sept. 24 and is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. The Ottawa National Forest will to be a participant in this national effort and will be sponsoring a work day removing non-native invasive honeysuckle bushes from National Forest lands near Moosehead Lake in Gogebic County. In conjunction with National Public Lands Day, Sept. 24 is a Forest Service fee-free day. The Ottawa National Forest and campground concessionaires will be offering free camping at all of campgrounds and free entrance into Sylvania Wilderness Recreation Area on this day.

[Ottawa National Forest Celebrates National Public Lands Day on September 24th](#)

## PWR PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### **Trout Creek Stream Restoration Project**

Trout Creek supports a cold water fishery, and at present the stream is impacted by two 60 inch culverts that create a perennial barrier to fish passage approximately one mile south of M-28 at Four Mile Squared Road in Ontonagon County. This barrier likely denies access to spawning and seasonal thermal refuge habitat for resident populations.



A proposal is being submitted by PWR to request US Forest Service Joint Chiefs funding to replace the two 60 inch culverts. Removal of this barrier would provide access to approximately 7.4 miles of cold water habitat.

Note: Please let me know if you have an idea for a potential fish passage project, as that information is essential for updating our inventory, and I can also be on the lookout for funding opportunities!

**REMINDER: Please send me your updates for the next PWR  
monthly e-mail!**

