

RESOLUTION TO JOIN
THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAGINAW BAY WATERSHED

WHEREAS, in 1995, the merger of the Saginaw Bay Watershed Council and the Saginaw Basin Alliance provided for the establishment of the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed (hereinafter referred to as "Partnership") to facilitate public and private cooperation in the wise use of watershed resources; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership provides education, advocacy and monitoring activities for the residents of the Saginaw Bay Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Bay Watershed is Michigan's largest watershed and a vital environmental asset; and

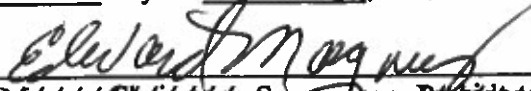
WHEREAS, the (~~City, County, Village~~, Township, ~~Village~~) of Birch Run is eligible for representation in said Partnership and believes it is essential to our future quality of life to maintain and improve the rivers, streams and tributaries making up the Saginaw Bay Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership was established, as a focal point of its mission, to promote cooperation and coordination among local governments within the watershed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the (~~City, County, Village~~, Township, ~~Village~~) of Birch Run supports the concept of the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed, and is willing to make a required financial contribution in the amount of \$25.00 to help support the mission of the organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that _____ (name[s]) _____ is/are hereby appointed to represent the (City, County, Township, Village) of _____ for a term of one year, but shall be subject to replacement by resolution at the pleasure of this Council/Commission.

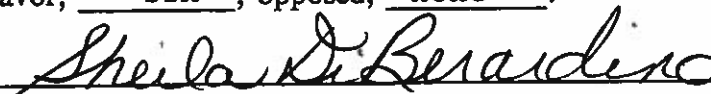
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Township of Birch Run to be affixed at Birch Run Michigan this 9th day of January, 19986.



(~~Mayor, Chairman, Supervisor, President~~)

I, Sheila DiBerardino Clerk of Birch Run, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of resolution adopted by the Twp. Board ~~Council~~ at a meeting held on January 9, 19986.

Motion to approve resolution made by D. Stewart, supported by L. Russell. In favor, six; opposed, none.


_____, Clerk

Sheila DiBerardino

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Saginaw Valley State University
Pioneer Annex 9A
University Center, MI 48710
Phone (517) 791-7367 • Fax (517) 790-1597

Date: September 21, 1995

To: Local governments who were members of the former Saginaw Bay Watershed Council

From: *W.W. Wright*
William W. Wright, Acting Chair - Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Re: PSBW Membership

I am writing to clarify any questions that may arise regarding the status of your community's membership in the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The Partnership was created this year by the merger of the Saginaw Bay Watershed Council, an organization of local governments, and the Saginaw Basin Alliance, a citizens' group. The Partnership now includes representatives of a broad array of grass roots interests.

By virtue of your membership in the Watershed Council, your governmental unit will remain a member in good standing of the Partnership through calendar 1995. I ask that you act soon to renew your membership for 1996. This renewal will reflect several changes from the previous situation.

Due to the availability of financial support from the state and federal governments, membership in the Watershed Council was offered free to any local unit of government in the watershed. Now, the Partnership no longer receives an annual state or federal allotment to support its operation. Therefore, an annual dues structure has been implemented. The funds thus raised will help to maintain the Partnership's programs, such as the School River Monitoring Program, Water Watchers and Adopt-A-Stream.

The Partnership's dues structure, membership benefits and a list of previous accomplishments are detailed in the enclosed brochure. If you have any questions after reviewing this, feel free to call me at the Saginaw County Planning Department, 517-790-5284. Please join the growing group of citizens, businesses and governments who are committed to the task of preserving our watershed resources.

Thank you.

enclosure

ACTIVITIES

Education

- Publishes the quarterly newsletter *Watershed News & Views*
- Conducts educational programs and presentations
- Hosts the annual "River Congress" for schools involved in water quality monitoring
- Educates and informs residents through the *Adopt-A-Stream Program* and *Water Watchers*

Advocacy

- Maintains a network with local, state, and federal agencies in support of sound water quality decisions
- Works with local governments to promote sound land use practices
- Reviews permit applications
- Develops and distributes information leading to sound water quality initiatives
- Distributes "Issue Updates" concerning water quality issues of immediate concern

Monitoring

- Developing a database of Saginaw Bay Watershed water quality conditions
- Maintains a network of over 45 area schools monitoring watershed streams and rivers
- Works with and supports local, state and federal agencies monitoring the water quality of the Saginaw Basin
- Publishes the *River Monitor*, the newsletter of the School River Monitoring Program

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed relies upon individual members for its financial support. If you are an individual, organization, local government or business, we invite you to become a Partnership member. As a member, you will receive

- Our quarterly newsletter "*Watershed News and Views*"
- A membership certificate
- Our annual report
- Periodic issue updates
- Access to educational and research material
- The satisfaction of being a part in the protection and restoration of the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Yes, I would like to support the Partnership's efforts to protect and restore the ecological integrity of the Saginaw Bay and its watershed. Please accept my membership in the following category of support

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Subscriber | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Supporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 Key Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ Other | |

All contributions are tax deductible

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to PSBW and mail to:

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Saginaw Valley State University

Pioneer Annex 9A

University Center, MI 48710

Phone (517) 791-7367 • Fax: (517) 790-1597

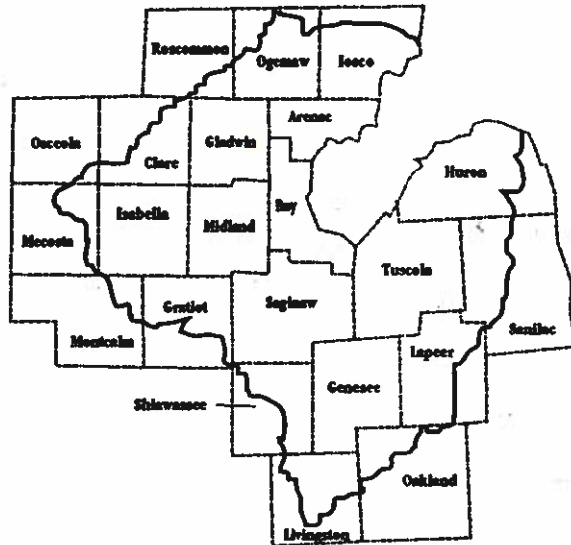
PARTNERSHIP for the SAGINAW BAY WATERSHED



*"Protecting the water
resources of the
Saginaw Bay
Watershed through
information, advocacy,
and education"*

WHAT IS THE SAGINAW BAY WATERSHED?

The Saginaw Bay Watershed represents one of Michigan's most unique regions. Consisting of the entire land area and waterways that drain into the Saginaw Bay, the area is home to 1.4 million people and covers 8,700 square miles. In addition, the Watershed's 22 counties contain over 7,000 miles of rivers and streams. Agriculture, heavy manufacturing, tourism and outdoor recreation are all leading industries, and are all fundamentally dependent upon access to abundant supplies of fresh water.

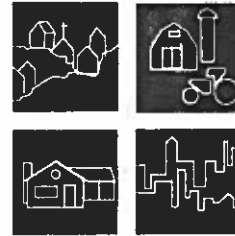


The Saginaw Bay Watershed, however, is not healthy. The Saginaw River and Bay have been designated an "Area of Concern" by the International Joint Commission on the basis of contaminated sediments, fish consumption advisories, degraded fisheries and loss of significant habitat and recreational values. Other environmental quality problems in the watershed relate to land management practices, erosion, toxic contamination, and others.

WHO IS THE PARTNERSHIP?

The Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed was established through the merger of the Saginaw Bay Watershed Council and the Saginaw Basin Alliance. With the mission of facilitating public and private cooperation for the wise use of watershed resources, the Partnership provides education, advocacy, and monitoring activities for the residents of the Saginaw Bay Watershed. As an association of citizens, environmental educators, business representatives, agricultural producers, local governments and others, the Partnership conducts and promotes activities to protect and restore the ecological integrity of the Saginaw Basin.

Established as a non-profit agency, the Partnership supports wise resource management through education, advocacy, and monitoring, to ensure regional economic viability and high quality use by future generations.



VISION

"A Saginaw Bay Watershed with a restored and sustained ecology that offers a healthy environment, strong economy, and high quality of life for current and future generations."

WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

- Established one of the country's largest high school river monitoring networks
- Initiated a nationally known Adopt-A-Stream Program
- Published quarterly newsletter, *Watershed News & Views*, since 1992
- Performed hundreds of presentations to local governments, businesses, civic groups, and schools
- Established the *Saginaw Bay Endowment* for long-term regional resource protection
- Worked to establish several sub-watershed based advocacy organizations
- Provided local input to regional, state, and federal decision making bodies
- Responded to questions and concerns from thousands of area residents and visitors
- Coordinated a series of successful *Land Use Visioning* workshops for local communities in the Watershed
- Worked with local governments to establish zoning practices and ordinances to protect the region's water quality
- Informed hundreds of citizens through "Water Watchers" educational outreach programs
- Developed the Saginaw Bay Watershed's first storm drain stenciling project
- Conducted teacher training workshops for schools involved in water quality sampling
- Managed grant programs to provide funding for water quality initiatives developed by other watershed organizations
- Worked as the local advisory agency for the EPA/MDNR Saginaw Bay National Watershed Initiative project