

Where am I in my watershed?

Our watersheds connect us in every way. Did you know...here in mid-Michigan, we are linked directly with Lake Michigan and other Great Lakes?!

A watershed is the area of land drained by a system of wetlands, ponds, lakes, creeks, streams, and rivers. In mid-Michigan, we are part of the middle-Grand River watershed. The Grand River watershed has one of the largest land areas in the whole state. The area of land drained by the Grand River's water connects through Grand Ledge, then Grand Rapids, then reaches Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. (Now isn't that truly GRAND?!)

Watersheds are not shaped like our square townships and counties. They are shaped by the many forces that have shaped Michigan over time: our bedrock geology, our glacial history, and the uplifting of the land after the glaciers. In short, we can call the major, large landscapes of Michigan "ecoregions." Our ecoregion in the middle Grand River watershed is unique, and we can be proud of it.

Watershed quotes:

"A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye, looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature."
Henry David Thoreau

"The personality of a river is not to be found in its water, nor its shape. The life of a river, like that of a human being, consists in the union of soul and body, the water and the banks."
Henry Van Dyke

"..we fishermoms fish for the same reason men fish: because we like it and because it gets us out of the house. And because we are free on the stream in a way we are rarely free anymore, where the water washes away the slush and shards of everyday life."
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