

Munuscong River Watershed Association

Group Name: Munuscong River Watershed Association
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Activity: Watershed Alliance/Council

Description: The Munuscong River Watershed Association (MRWA) was formed in 1998 to protect and enhance the Munuscong River Watershed in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In the summer of 1999 the MRWA sponsored a cleanup project at Stirlingville where sediment islands had formed due to the existence of old bridge pilings from the early 1900's. Although the MRWA wrote at grant for the project we did not receive funding. The cleanup was completed through community involvement and the generous donation of labor and time from the Chippewa County Road Commission, who also cleaned up two other similar sites.

In 1999, the MRWA in wrote a "Learn and Serve" grant for Pickford High School. This grant allowed the MRWA to build an environmental platform and purchase water quality testing equipment and weather monitoring equipment. The platform, which is located on the banks of the Munuscong River, will be used by over 400 students from high school to kindergarten.

In 2002, the MRWA identified a water trail from Pickford to Munuscong Bay with signage and several "lunch and launch" sites for canoe and small boat travel. A brochure with map enables either a self-guided boat or car tour of the water trail. Future goals include highway signage to identify the boundaries of the watershed and sediment cleanup at the mouth of the bay.

Number of Volunteers: 22