

Our Vision

Since 2007, we've had our hands in the dirt, feet in the water and boots on the ground inspiring citizen action through stewardship, monitoring and education to restore and enhance the St. Clair River and its watersheds.

Promote Healthy Landscapes

We are committed to clean rivers, green spaces and water-based recreation that protects and promote our natural resources.



Expand Stewardship and Science

Our staff blends stewardship and education to implement habitat restoration, water quality monitoring and place-based youth education.



Secure Diverse Funding

We are supported by donations, contracts, grants and sponsorships. These investments help us build thriving ecosystems.

Foster Collaboration

We team up with partners in Michigan and Ontario to advocate for environmental solutions, inspire action and raise up a new generation of environmental stewards.



Trusted Leader

Our passion runs deep for making the St. Clair River a destination watershed. Show our **watersheds love one river at a time!**

Join Our Efforts

Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website

- ◆ Request a presentation or tour for your school, business or community group
- ◆ Become a volunteer habitat Steward
- ◆ Attend our events, like Blue Water Sturgeon Festival, Stream Leaders or a shoreline cleanup
- ◆ Visit our website for upcoming events, trainings and workshops
- ◆ Make a tax-deductible donation to support our one-of-a-kind work



Contact Us

For more information about Friends of the St. Clair River, visit www.scriver.org.

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Established in 2007, we are Michigan's Thumb Coast largest environmental 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our team consists of a dedicated Board of Directors, talented staff and passionate volunteers. Donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law. **Thank you for showing the water some love!**



Friends of the St. Clair River

Michigan's Thumb Coast
Watershed Organization



**Showing 40 miles of
love to the St. Clair River
and its watersheds
since 2007**

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is another word for drainage basin. Watersheds are areas of land that drain, or shed, runoff and snowmelt to a larger body of water, like a river or lake. Watersheds don't end at the boundaries of the water; they extend onto the surrounding land.



Everyone lives in a watershed. A watershed can be as small as a yard draining into a ditch, a few acres draining into a pond, or a thousand square miles draining into Lake Huron.

Our Watershed at a Glance

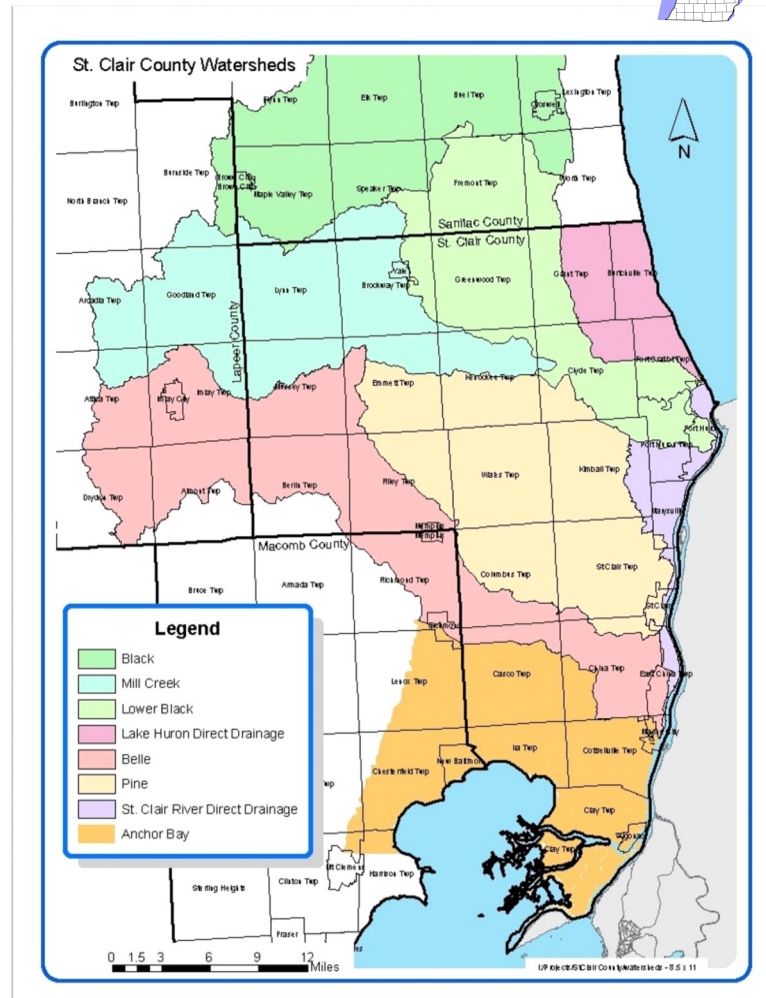
The international St. Clair River watershed is unique in its makeup. On its American side, this river is comprised of seven distinct watersheds spanning 1,000 inland river miles and 58 shoreline miles on Lake Huron, the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair.

- ◆ Six water filtration plants provide over 11 million gallons per day of drinking water to 100,000 residents
- ◆ Home to the largest threatened Lake Sturgeon population in the Great Lakes
- ◆ Contains the largest freshwater delta in North America known as the St. Clair Flats
- ◆ Has 12 Lake Huron and 2 St. Clair River beaches
- ◆ Surrounds ten islands, six of which are land of the Canadian Walpole Island First Nation

Find Your Watershed

This St. Clair County map color codes every watershed (drainage basin) in St. Clair County. For example, the Black River watershed is shaded light green to show all the land that drains to the Black River. Find where you live, work or play on the map.

Black River Lake Huron Mill Creek
St. Clair River Pine River Belle River
Anchor Bay



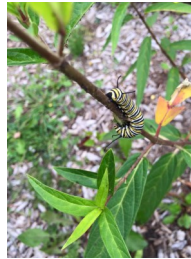
We have a responsibility to be stewards of our watersheds because the health of our land and water are connected.

Our Watershed Programs

From clean water to green spaces, we are committed to advocating for healthy rivers and the lands around them. Our programs are designed to inspire, educate and connect people to the outdoors.

Land Stewardship

- Maintain and monitor quality habitats and green infrastructure projects
- Lead hands-on field work sessions
- Train volunteers to monitor for the presence and health of key plants and animal species



Environmental Education

- Deliver experiential learning in the classroom and in the field
- Lead community workshops, tours and presentations on a variety of topics
- Offer environmental monitoring programs to support conservation of local species



Watershed Management

- Secure funding that helps repair and prevent pollution problems
- Implement land use practices like river clean-ups, streambank stabilization and green infrastructure
- Support water and land trails
- Work with Canadian partners to restore the St. Clair River Area of Concern

