

Project Context....



Project Fundamentals

- Remove Brown Bridge, Boardman and Sabin Dams, and modify Union Street Dam
- Return the Boardman to a more natural, cold water, free flowing river
- Largest dam removal project in Michigan's history
- Largest wetlands restoration in the Great Lakes Basin
- Grounded in spirit to what the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative means to freshwater conservation this Project is less about river restoration; rather it has become more an inspirational showcase of collaboration in making the impossible possible.





A Clear Signal...





An Evolving Model For Watershed Scale Restoration

Create a diverse and dynamic advisory team of funders and resource conservation leaders:

- Help find and leverage funding and other resources that align with local priorities
- Implement policy change at the state level that will allow watershed-based hydrologically conscious economic development balanced with a meaningful conservation ethic
- Create regional strategies for prosperity and sustainability

Instill A Tribal Traditional Ecological Knowledge Based Conservation Ethic:

- Consider how all things are connected through the hydrologic cycle – water constitutes the canvas upon which life is painted
- Integrate Traditional Values and Tenets with contemporary scientific practices and standards for effective and balanced communication among stakeholders

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- Love
- Respect
- Courage
- Honesty
- Wisdom
- Humility
- Truth



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 Watershed Planning – Endeavor to consider planning efforts are grounded in genuine Love for the conservation of environmental integrity and sustainability for all beings sentient and otherwise.



Economic development – Ensure that efforts to improve or enhance the economic conditions of the communities affected by the project are done out of *Respect* to the natural environment you look to affect, with particular regard to the ubiquitous element of all environmental elements – water.

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• Citizen engagement – Having the Courage to bring any and all stakeholders to the table in all aspects of the project from concept development, planning, implementation and accountability while recognizing tat all views should enjoy equal consideration.



Deliberately seek out and involve local units of government through *Honest* and genuine efforts to provide a sense of ownership in the success of the project.

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Leadership development – Commit to share the Wisdom we have gained through experience by recognizing and celebrating successes while learning from our failures.



Placemaking – Have Humility to accept the variety of a community member perspectives and values and recognize that everyone identifies with a different sense of place and quality of life.

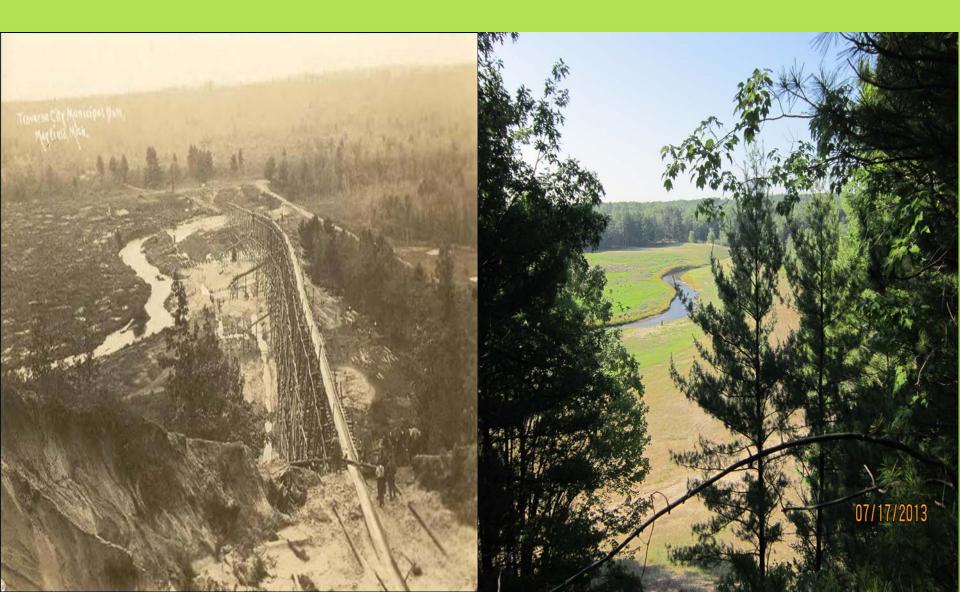
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Endeavor to develop regional and statewide policy that is grounded by *Truth*, in as much that it is supported by defendable, current and validated data collected using sound scientific methods which are relevant, repeatable and mutually acceptable; never stop learning...



What once was, shall be again...



When Are We Done?

"Walking in a good way...when I reflect on my journey through life: What is the path I will choose? What steps will I take while on this journey? What impact, good or bad, will my steps have on the world around me? Will I be able to look back on my journey and feel proud? Have I truly tried to Walk in a Good Way?"

Henry "Hank" Bailey
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians





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