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15th ANNUAL FRESHWATER SUMMIT OCTOBER 28, 2022
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TRAVERSE CITY, MI – October 11, 2022 – The Freshwater Roundtable is proud to announce the 15th Annual Freshwater Summit. The Summit will be held on Friday, October 28th from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Hagerty Center at Northwestern Michigan College.

“We are thrilled to host an in-person event again this year that provides our community the latest research and information regarding the health of our Great Lakes,” said Christine Crissman, executive director of The Watershed Center. “We have another great lineup of professional speakers and look forward to discussing current challenges and opportunities facing local and regional freshwater efforts.”

Presentations include salinity in the Great Lakes, management efforts for the New Zealand Mud Snail, food web impacts of microplastics, arctic grayling reintroduction, spread and impact of invasive *Didymo* in local rivers, monitoring water quality in Torch Lake, and lightning talks about local initiatives.

“We are honored to offer our continued support of the Freshwater Summit,” said Dennis McCauley, president of the Great Lakes Environmental Center and sponsor of the Summit. “The Freshwater Summit is a highly valued venue that brings environmental professionals, citizens, and businesses up to date on matters that mean the most for the understanding and protection of the Grand Traverse Bay watershed.”

A full agenda for each session and registration information is available online at <https://www.gtbay.org/events/freshwater-summit/>. Cost is \$35/person or \$15/student and includes lunch.

The Freshwater Summit is a product of the Freshwater Roundtable and is organized by The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay, NMC’s Great Lakes Water Studies Institute, Michigan Sea Grant Extension, Great Lakes Environmental Center, Inc., Inland Seas Education Association, NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management, Grand Traverse Conservation District, Conservation Resource Alliance, and Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council. The 15th Annual Freshwater Summit is sponsored by the Great Lakes Environmental Center, Inc.

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The Watershed Center is a non-profit organization that advocates for clean water in Grand Traverse Bay and acts to protect and preserve its 1,000-square mile watershed, which covers portions of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Antrim, and Kalkaska counties. Learn more at www.gtbay.org.