

Determining the health of the Boardman-Ottaway River

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The Watershed Center
advocates for clean water in
Grand Traverse Bay and acts
to protect and preserve its
watershed.

THE BOARDMAN RIVER WATERSHED

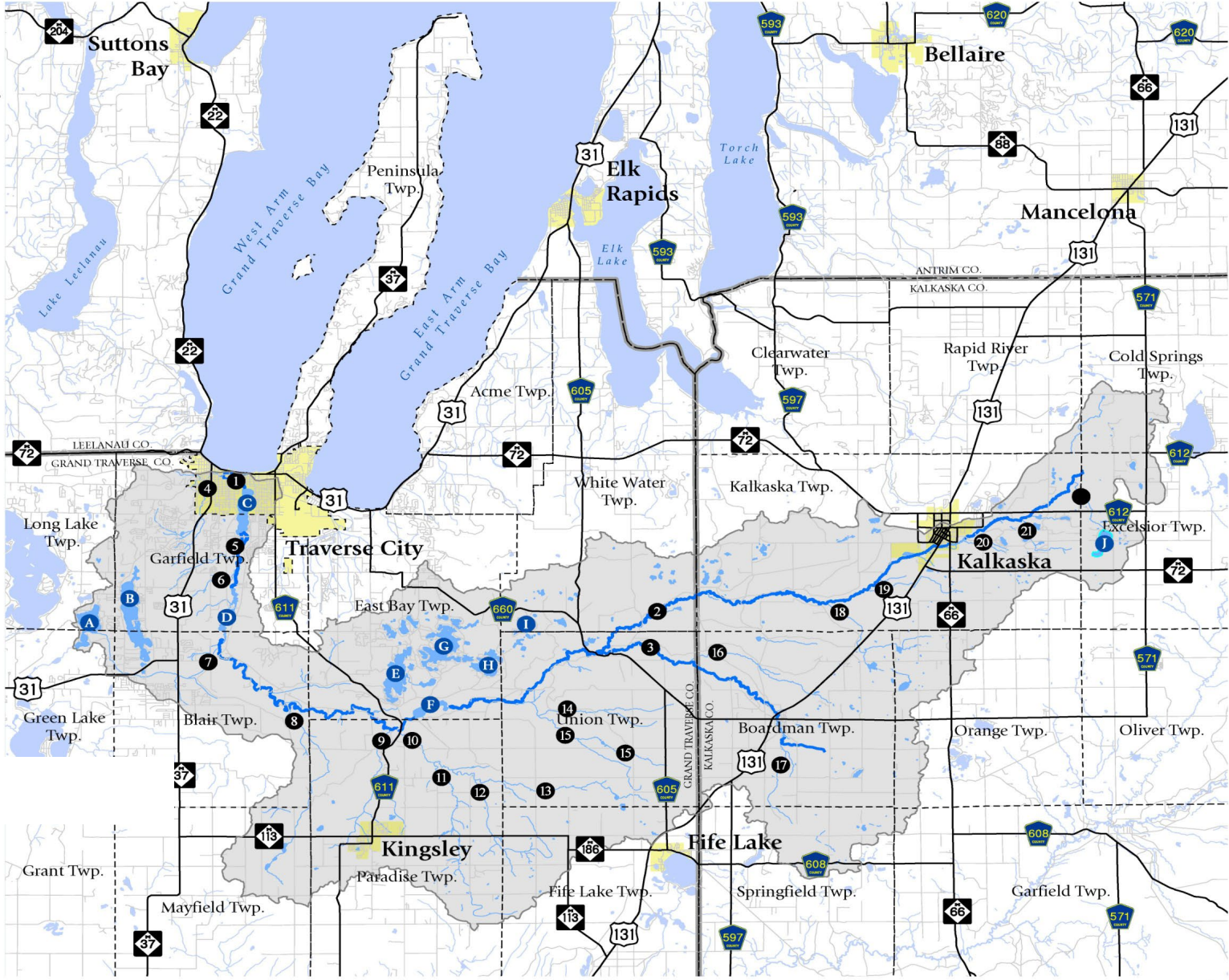
Boardman River

Tributaries & Inland Lakes

Data Sources: Michigan Geographic Data Library, Michigan DNR, Grand Traverse Conservation District

- Boardman River Watershed
- City or Village
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Major Road
- Major Road
- Boardman River

- Tributaries:**
- 1 Mainstream
 - 2 North Branch
 - 3 South Branch
 - 4 Kids Creek
 - 5 Miller Creek
 - 6 No Name Creek
 - 7 Beitner Creek
 - 8 Jaxon Creek
 - 9 Swainston Creek
 - 10 East Creek
 - 11 Jackson Creek
 - 12 Bancroft Creek
 - 13 Parker Creek
 - 14 Carpenter Creek
 - 15 Twenty Two Creek
 - 16 Taylor Creek
 - 17 Albright Creek
 - 18 Crofton Creek
 - 19 Failing Creek
 - 20 Vipond Creek
 - 21 Palmer Creek
 - 22 Hauenstein Creek
- Major Inland Lakes:**
- A Bass Lake
 - B Silver Lake
 - C Boardman Lake
 - D Boardman Pond
 - E Arbutus Lake
 - F Brown Bridge Pond
 - G Spider Lake
 - H Rennie Lake
 - I Island Lake
 - J Crawford Lake



180 miles of
river &
tributaries

22
jurisdictions

30% GT Bay
watershed



The Boardman River Watershed Prosperity Plan is a vision & roadmap for the future management of one of Michigan's most beautiful watersheds.





The Boardman-Ottaway River Network is dedicated to the preservation, protection, restoration, cultural significance, and sustainable use of the Boardman-Ottaway River and its watershed.

Rename the Boardman River to the Ottaway River; establish it as a legal entity

Install in-stream & riparian habitat

Culvert removal, natural area creation, & connectivity of trails at S. Airport crossing

Annual action plan with goals, metrics, timelines, & organizations responsible

Planning on a watershed-wide basis for zoning, policies, enforcement, ordinances, & procedures

Eliminate parking along the 100-block of Front St.; develop a public space overlooking & connecting the river

Create a sustainable recreation plan

Expand MDNR Natural River designation to the headwaters



The Boardman-Ottaway River Network identified the urgent need to develop an action plan for the Boardman-Ottaway River that protects the health of the river ecosystem while providing opportunities for public access & recreational use.

A HEALTHY THRIVING BOARDMAN-OTTAWAY RIVER

Shared definition of
a healthy river

Common metrics &
shared data

Regular monitoring
& reporting on
health of river

LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE RIVER

Consistent policies,
land use practices, &
enforcement across
jurisdictions

Shared values
across stakeholders

Enforcement
mechanisms &
incentives

ROBUST EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education &
outreach for all
groups

Leverage existing
educational best
practices

Creative content
& outreach
navigators

DIVERSE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING BASE

Feasible &
sustainable
funding plan

Active pursuit of
diverse funding

Support to
oversee &
manage

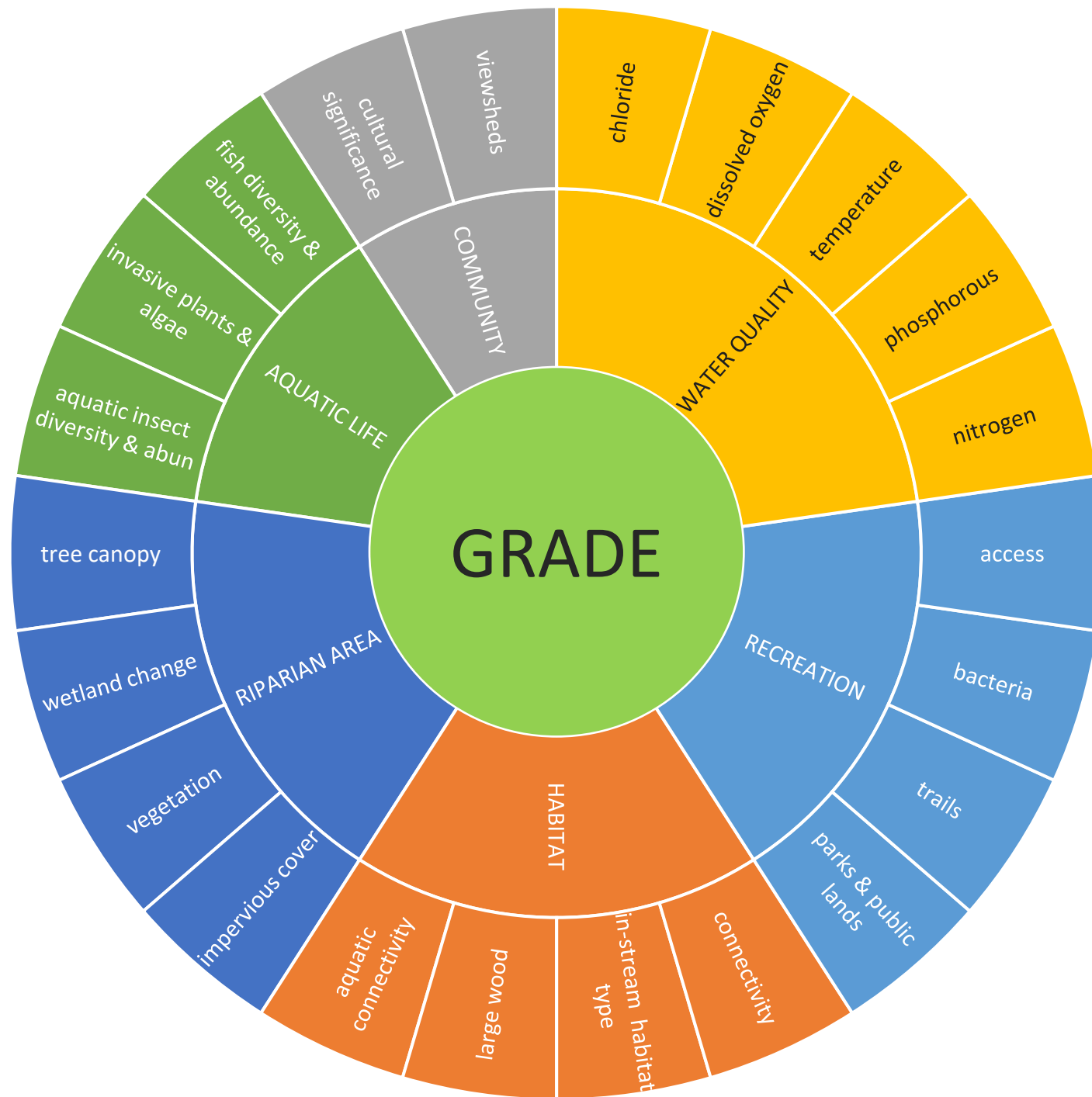
ENGAGED USERS & STAKEHOLDERS

Involved in
planning

Involved in
implementation

Involved in
evaluation &
monitoring

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR USERS OF ALL ABILITIES





Boardman-Ottaway River Network Leadership Team

Conservation Resource
Alliance

Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa & Chippewa Indians

Grand Traverse
Conservation District

The Watershed Center
Grand Traverse Bay

Traverse City Downtown
Development Authority