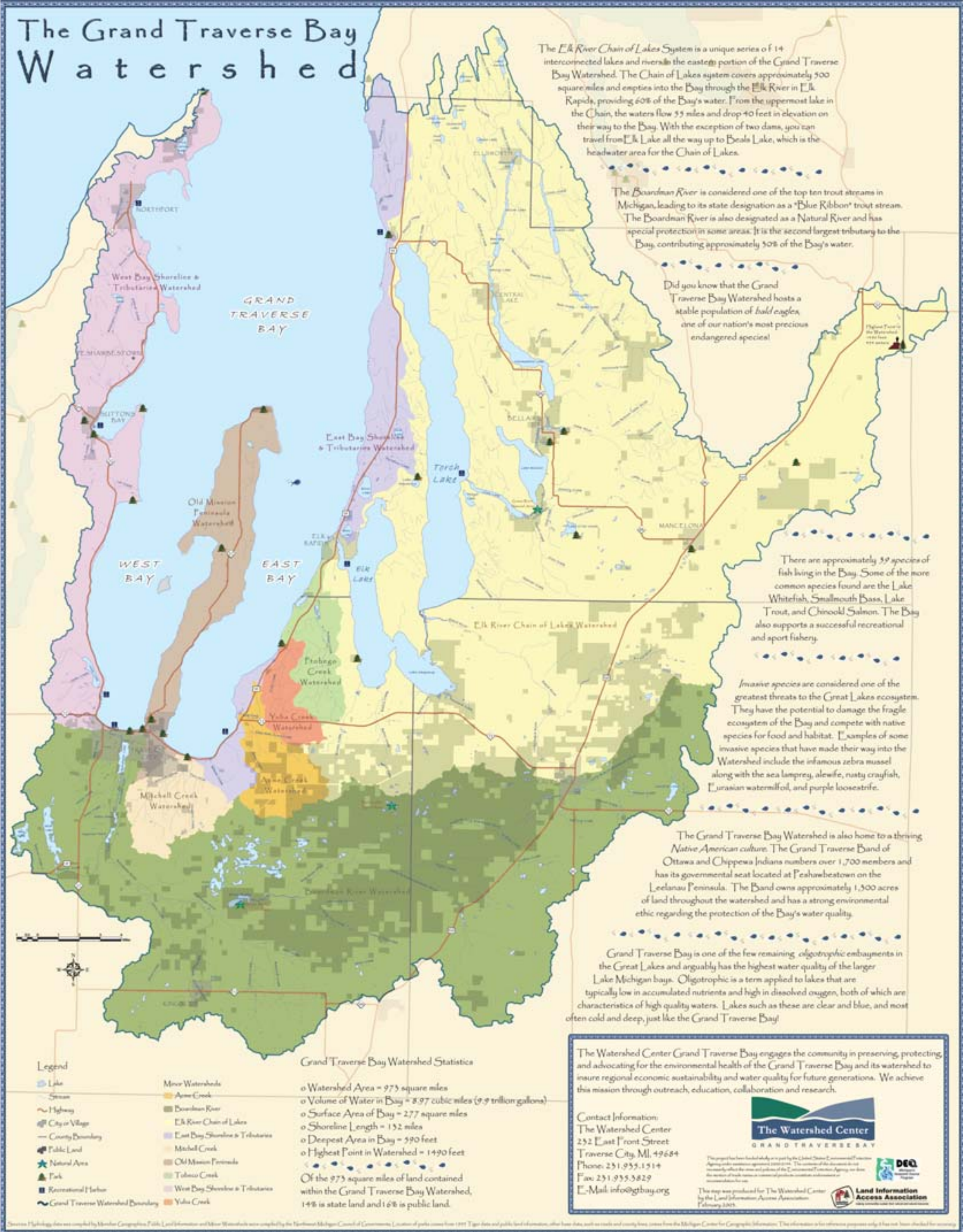


The Grand Traverse Bay Watershed



Meet our Baykeeper

In January 2002, The Watershed Center joined the Waterkeeper Alliance, an organization of more than 100 "keepers" from around the world.

The Grand Traverse Baykeeper is on the bay and out in the community, working closely with all users of the bay and its surrounding 973 square mile watershed to ensure that our beautiful, clean waters stay that way for generations to come.

The Watershed Center and the Grand Traverse Baykeeper serve as a resource to citizens, planners, and municipalities throughout the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed.

Our focus is on identifying problems and finding sustainable solutions to protect the environmental integrity of our area's waters.

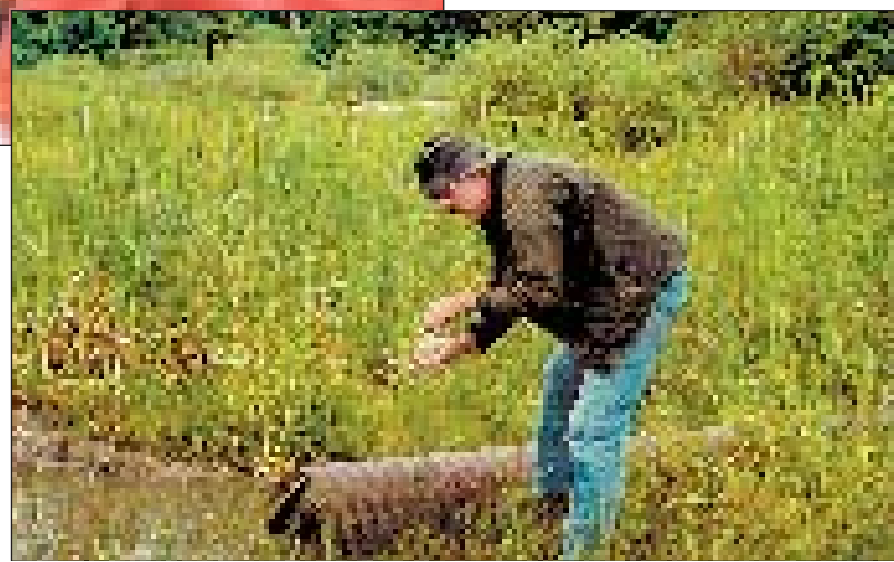
The Grand Traverse Baykeeper:

- Is the eyes, ears and voice for Grand Traverse Bay and its watershed.
- Serves as an advocate for pollution prevention throughout the watershed.
- Increases communication and networking among users of the Bay.
- Pursues action to stop identified water pollution.
- Works with individuals and organizations to strengthen public stewardship of the Bay.
- Responds to shoreline landowner's requests for assistance to identify water quality problems.
- Responds to citizen complaints about pollution incidents and requests for natural resources protection, including protection of endangered species.
- Actively monitors the health of the Bay by land, by boat and with the help of volunteers.



- Is highly visible on the water of the Bay in its watershed.
- For more information about the Grand Traverse Baykeeper, call John Nelson at 231/935-1514. To learn more about the Waterkeeper Alliance, visit their website at www.waterkeeper.org.

Left, John Nelson, Grand Traverse Baykeeper, frequently volunteers with Inland Seas programs, helping teach young people about watersheds and water quality issues. Below, Nelson, gathers samples from an area stormwater outfall. Monitoring is just one of the many things that the Baykeeper does to help protect and preserve the water resources of this region.



The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay engages the community in preserving, protecting, and advocating for the environmental health of the Grand Traverse Bay and its watershed to insure regional economic sustainability and water quality for future generations. We achieve this mission through outreach, education, collaboration and research.

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