

## LITTLE MANISTEE RIVER WATERSHED STEERING COMMITTEE SEEKS ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LITTLE MANISTEE RIVER

In their continuing efforts to develop a watershed management plan for the Little Manistee River the Little Manistee River Watershed Steering Committee is seeking additional public comment on a Draft version of a plan at their next public meetings to be held May 24 and June 7, and through a public survey available on the internet.

Our goal is to engage all interests in developing a plan that is in the best interests of the Little Manistee River and its watershed. Over 125 local governments, agencies, organizations and individuals have signed a partnership agreement supporting the development of a watershed plan through an open process to help communities in managing the wise use of the natural, cultural, historical, social and economic resources of the watershed. The grass roots, volunteer-led planning process and the plan itself are intended to unify all interests around ensuring the wise use and management of the watershed.

The draft plan has been prepared by Networks Northwest and developed through a series of public working meetings over the past year.

While the Little Manistee River Watershed Steering Committee and our partners can drive the creation of the plan, the watershed community defines the content of the plan through the public meetings and this survey. We hope to hear from all stakeholders, including landowners, business owners, residents, visitors, and other parties with an interest in the watershed.

The draft plan is available for review on the LMWCC.org web site. Also available on the web site is a public survey asking questions relative to the watershed management plan content we encourage all interested parties to complete. If you have additional input beyond the survey or would like to help, be added to our emailing list or attend future working meetings, please respond to [littlemanwsassy@gmail.com](mailto:littlemanwsassy@gmail.com).

The next public meetings will be held May 24 from 6 to 8 PM at the Luther Lions Club at 1003 N. State Street in Luther and June 7 from 6 to 8 PM at the Manistee Intermediate School District (ISD) at 772 E. Parkdale Ave., Manistee in Conference Room A and B.