

SAGINAW BAY WATERSHED

REGIONAL
CONSERVATION
PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT

WORKING WITH FARMERS
TO GROW CLEAN WATER

if we could enroll
25,000 acres

with
**MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES**
like

REDUCED TILLAGE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
COVER CROPS BUFFER STRIPS

WE COULD KEEP

2,695
TONS
of sediment

17,388
LBS
of phosphorous

ON
the
LAND

OUT
&
of our
WATER

ANNUALLY

WHAT'S *at* STAKE?

The Saginaw Bay is the biggest watershed in Michigan, but how big is it?

5.5
MILLION
ACRES

22
COUNTIES

50%
AGRICULTURAL
LAND USE

15%
MICHIGAN'S
TOTAL LAND AREA

900,000
PEOPLE
rely on the
SAGINAW
BAY
for
DRINKING
WATER

TAKING ACTION



TARGETED APPROACH

The Great Lakes Watershed Management System, developed by Michigan State University's Institute of Water Research, plays a primary role in the project. It helps identify optimal locations for best management practices to be implemented.

IMPLEMENTATION AREAS

- CASS RIVER 908mi²
- SHIAWASSEE RIVER 1160mi²
- PIGEON AND PINNEBOG RIVERS 340mi²
- PINE AND CHIPPEWA RIVERS 1025mi²
- KAWKAWLIN RIVER 250mi²
- SEBEWAING RIVER 103mi²



Agricultural land management practices are the name of the game, but in order to put them to work, we have to get key players and resources involved.



\$10 MILLION

This project has secured \$10 million in federal funding that will be directed to farmers at optimal locations in the watershed.



30 PARTNERS

The Conservancy and the Michigan Agri-Business Association are co-leading this innovative project. For a full partner list, visit: nature.ly/saginawRCPP



**100 CERTIFIED
CROP ADVISORS**

These are the people who make it happen, the voice of the project. They will be communicating with farmers and enrolling them in conservation

For more information on the project, visit
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