



Huron Pines

*Conserving the forests, lakes and streams of
Northeast Michigan.*

Huron Pines Service Area

6,700 Square Miles
4,288,154 Acres

5,005 River Miles
172,800 Lake Acres



Watersheds

- Au Sable (2044 sq. mi.)
- Thunder Bay (1248 sq.mi.)
- Cheboygan (1490 sq. mi.)
- Ocqueoc (147 sq. mi.)
- Rifle (380 sq. mi.)
- AuGres (429 sq.mi.)
- Tawas (155 sq. mi.)
- Manistee (1780 sq. mi.)
- Muskegon (2721 sq. mi.)

Lakes
Rivers
County

Miles
Prepared by Huron Pines



Erosion sites on Upper Black River



Stabilize shoreline

Manage source of erosion

Provide outreach and education



Northeast Michigan Coastal Stewardship Project



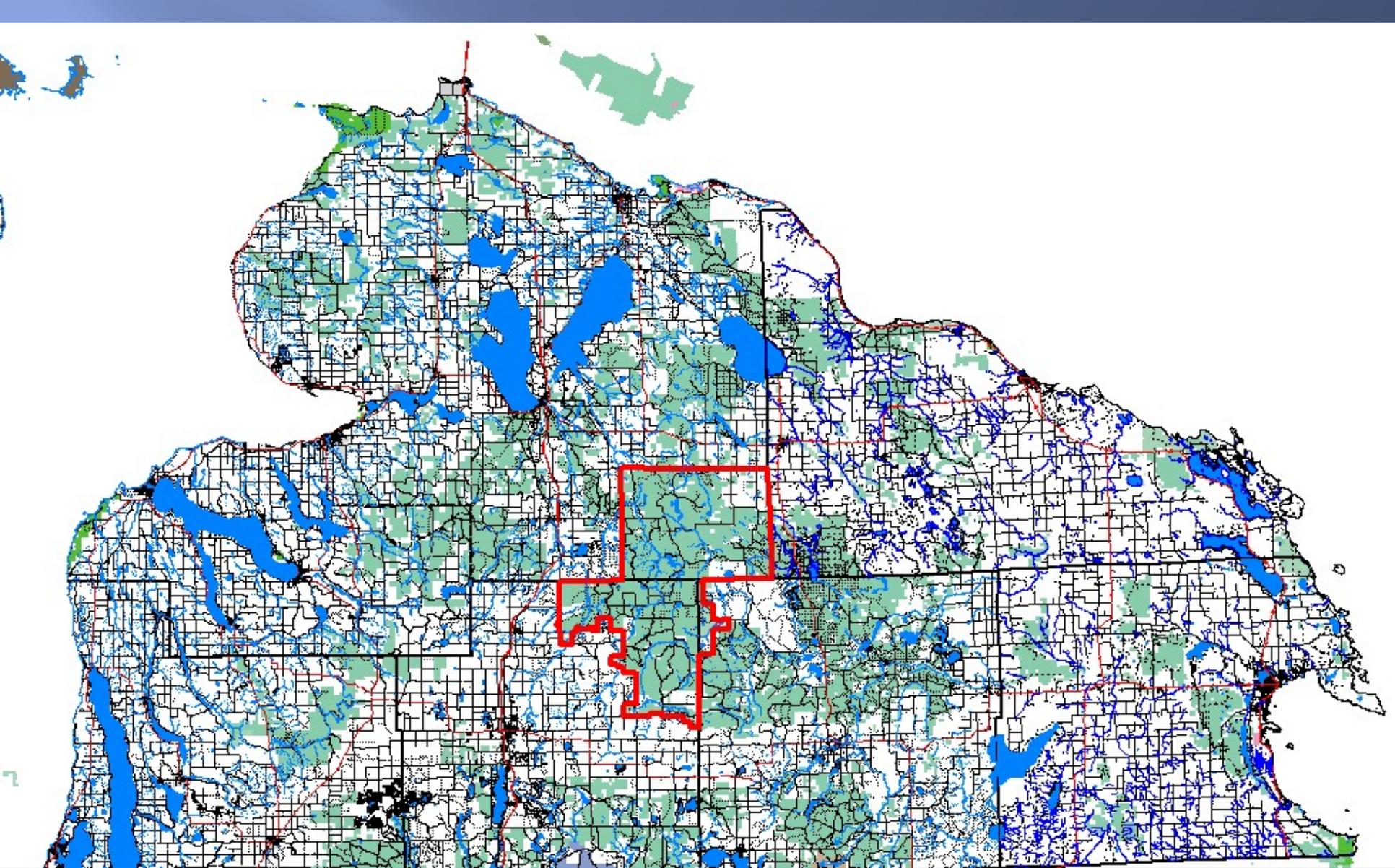
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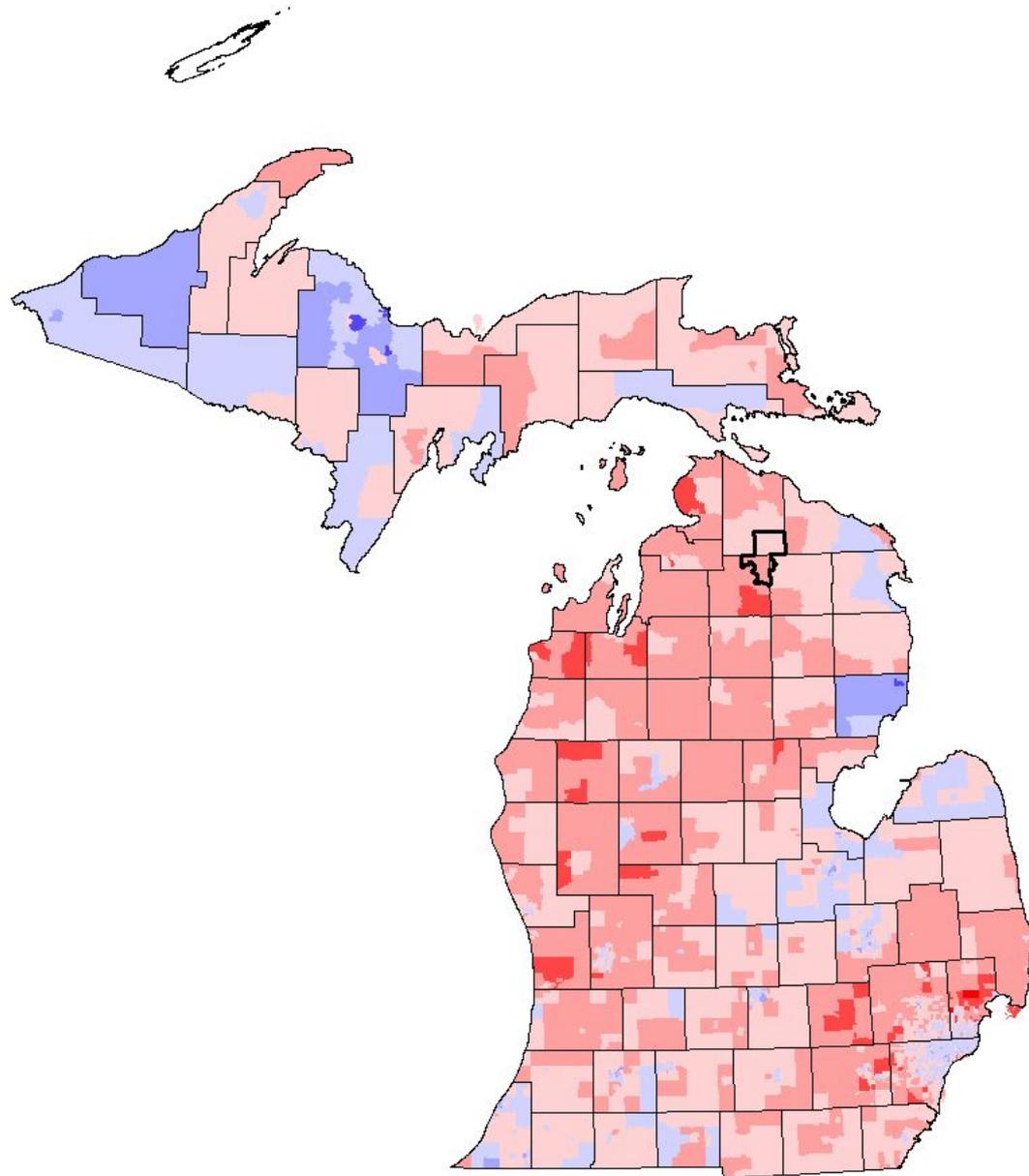
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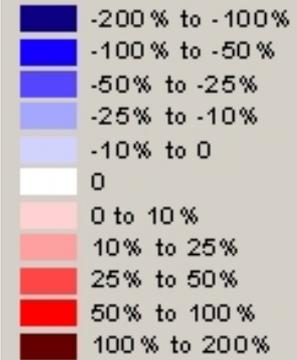


Pigeon River Habitat Initiative





Percent Population Change (1990 to 1999)





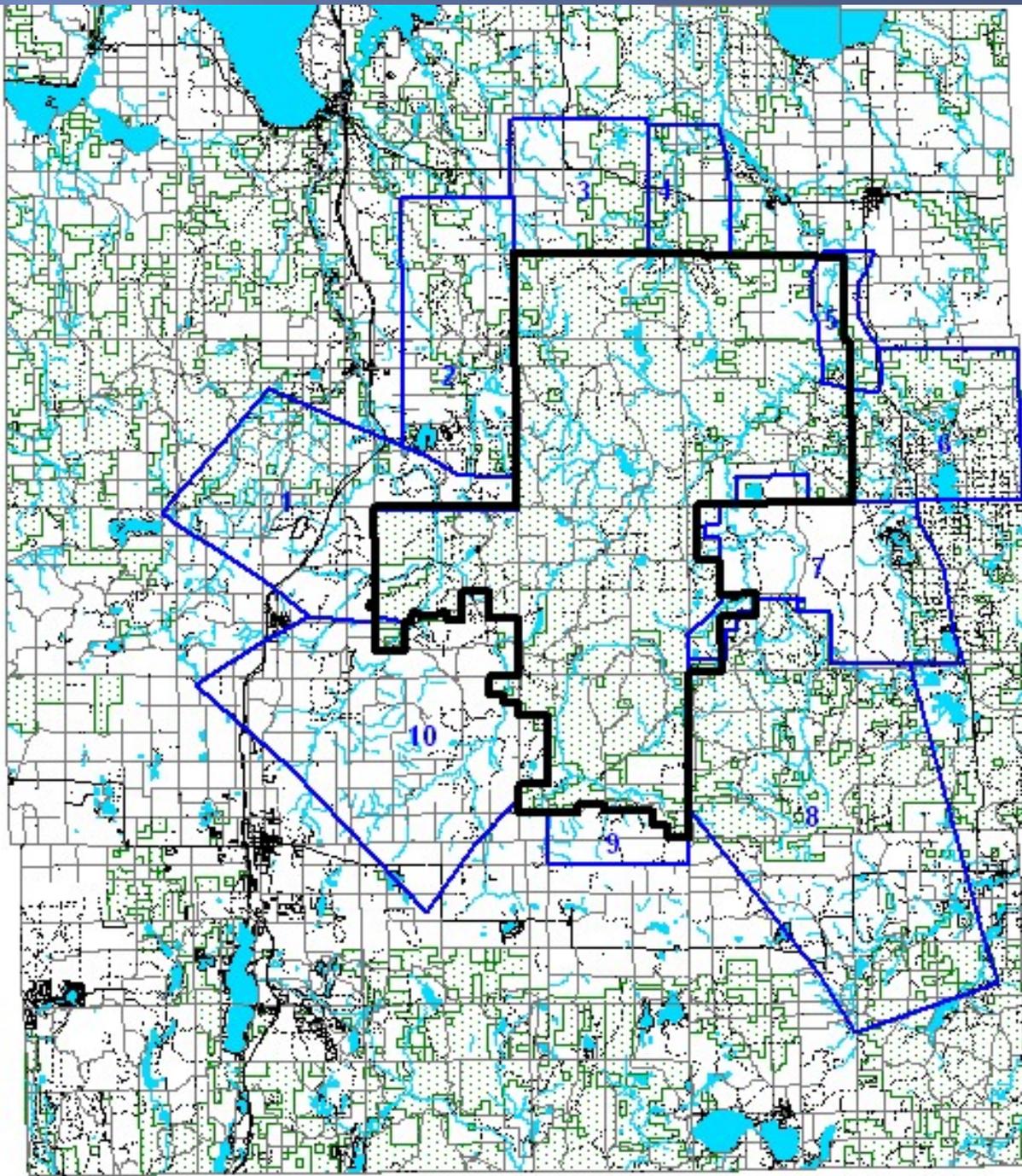


Pigeon River Habitat Initiative Partnership

- ▣ Pigeon River Advisory Council
- ▣ HeadWaters Land Conservancy
- ▣ Huron Pines
- ▣ Little Traverse Conservancy
- ▣ Montmorency County Conservation Club
- ▣ Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society
- ▣ Pigeon River Country Association
- ▣ Trout Unlimited, Headwaters Chapter
- ▣ Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- ▣ Upper Black River Restoration Committee
- ▣ Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- ▣ USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services
- ▣ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ▣ Otsego County Conservation District

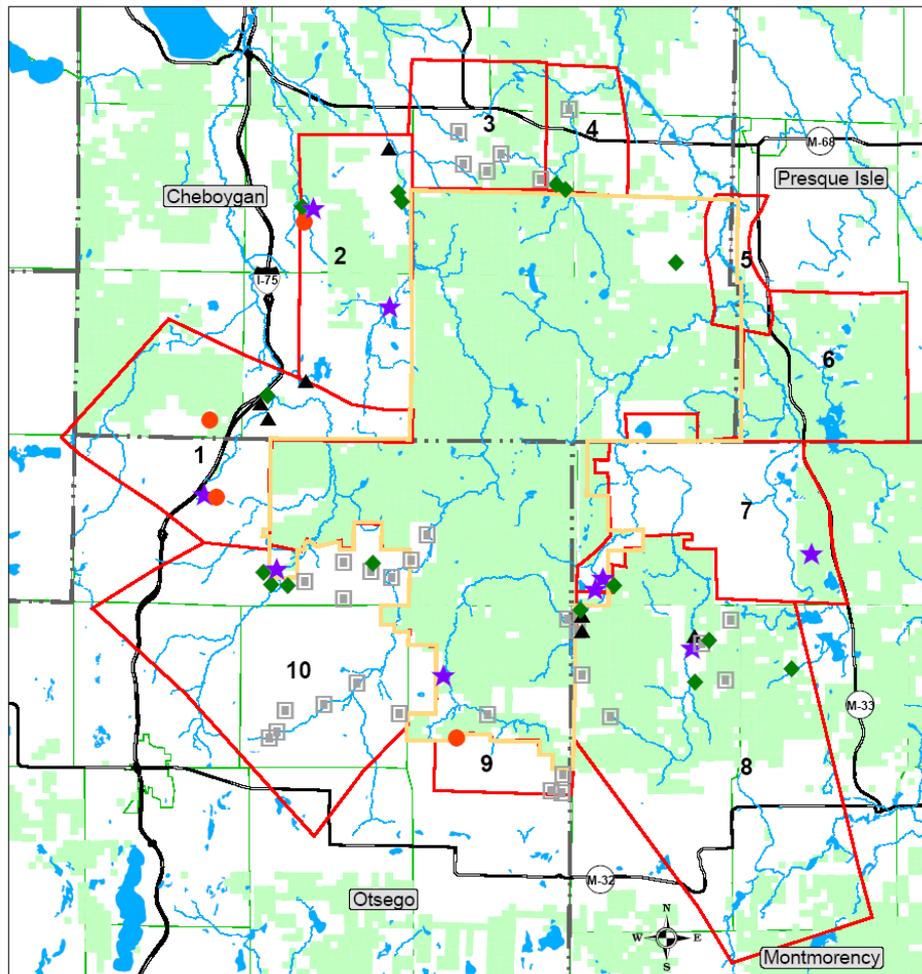
Goals

- ▣ Consolidate state ownership within the PRC
- ▣ Complete a general inventory of areas for protection
- ▣ Extend Protection beyond current forest boundary where necessary to protect habitat and watersheds
- ▣ Promote education of ecological processes and benefits of wildlife habitat and watershed protection



Pigeon River Habitat Initiative Property Owner Contacts

June 2006



Project Impacts:

Wildlife plantings completed on 178 acres.
Forest Stewardship Management Plans placed on 4,215 acres.
Seven permanent conservation easements secured protecting 873 acres.



Major Project Funders:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Charlevoix County Community Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited
William B. Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Project Steering Committee Members:

Headwaters Land Conservancy
Huron Pines
Little Traverse Land Conservancy
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Montmorency County Conservation Club
Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society
Pigeon River Advisory Council

The mission of the PRHI is to work with private landowners in the PRC buffer lands to protect the wild character of the PRC and provide corridors for wildlife.



Current Program

- ▣ Pigeon River Habitat Specialist whose main job is to meet and talk with landowners
- ▣ 3 key areas talked about to landowners forest mgmt, plantings to attract wildlife, permanent land preservation agreements
- ▣ Cost sharing available to pay for writing of Forest Stewardship Plans and food plots

Current Program - continued

- ▣ 85 landowner site visits
- ▣ 2,691 acres covered by Forest Stewardship Plans
- ▣ 200 acres of wildlife plantings
- ▣ 2,489 acres permanently protected through 9 permanent land preservation agreements
- ▣ 1 more is underway that will permanently protect another 400 acres

Benefits to Landowners

ENHANCING WILDLIFE
HABITAT

POTENTIAL TAX INCENTIVES

POTENTIAL COST SHARING

ADDITIONAL RECREATION
OPPORTUNITIES



Project Supporters

- ▣ Charlevoix Community Foundation
- ▣ Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- ▣ Trout Unlimited, Headwaters Chapter and William B Mershon Chapter
- ▣ MDNR – Wildlife Division
- ▣ Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society
- ▣ Pigeon River Country Association
- ▣ Ruffed Grouse Society
- ▣ Montmorency County Conservation Club
- ▣ Dart Container Corporation
- ▣ William Myers Memorial Fund
- ▣ Anonymous Sources
- ▣ Merit Energy
- ▣ Michigan Fly Fishing Club

The Future?

- ▣ Some successes-more public exposure
- ▣ Key to the program is that staff can bring entire tool kit of conservation options directly to the landowner
- ▣ Expansion of project into our service area

Thank you

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