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Many of our high quality northern Michigan streams are clear, cold and stable because they are fed predominantly by groundwater. Steve Sendek, a Senior Fisheries Biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, asks us:

Do low temperatures at night affect groundwater discharge into streams?

See the [answer](#).

Below is the 2/18/09 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!

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Focus on Invasive Species a Success

From the turnout at Huron Pines Annual Meeting, there is plenty of community interest in Invasive Species in Michigan. Over 90 leaders from across our region met in Gaylord to learn more about these destructive invaders. The meeting featured several speakers who all emphasized the need for early detection and rapid response when dealing with invasive species. It's a role that fits Huron Pines well and we've recently created the Invasive Species Program to address such issues. The program is targeting major invasive species in Northeast Michigan such as phragmites (frag-**mahy**-teez) along the Lake Huron coastline. To learn more about the program, contact Tim Engelhardt, Invasive Species Coordinator at tim@huronpines.org.

To learn more about the meeting, please visit [Invasive Species a Central Topic for Northeast Michigan Leaders](#).

We've had a number of people ask about the presentations. To view them, visit [Invasive Species](#) (under Invasive Species Presentations).

Award Winning Conservationists- 2009 O.B. Eustis Winners

The O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards were presented recently at the Huron Pines Annual Meeting. Since 1995, Huron Pines has been a partner with the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan and the award's selection committee to recognize the legacy left by Eustis, a man remembered as a respected industrialist, environmentalist and nature columnist in Northeast Michigan.

The advisory committee for Negwegon State Park, Rockport and Thompson's Harbor State Park was rewarded for balancing stakeholder interests with resource conservation during the recent phase one planning process for the three areas.

Jim Supina of Comins also received an award for providing outstanding leadership for various conservation groups in northeast Michigan including the Montmorency County Conservation Club, HeadWaters Land Conservancy, Wild Turkey Federation and Pigeon River Advisory Council.

Lastly, 20-year board member Roger Frye was recognized for his outstanding contributions to Huron Pines. Roger served on the Huron Pines board as well as the Montmorency Count Commission Board for over two decades. With his guidance, Huron Pines has been able to grow into an effective conservation organization meeting a number of community needs across the 11 counties of Northeast Michigan.

2008 Annual Report Available

Last year marked the completion of several great hands-on conservation projects for Huron Pines including the [Grayling Stormwater Project](#). We also completed a number of watershed project projects such as the [Claybanks Stream Restoration Project](#) and the [Crapo Creek-Lovells Road/Stream Crossing](#).

2008 also marked the beginning of number of great programs. Some of the highlights include the [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) program and placement of 19 members. We also launched programs to combat some of the most important conservation problems in Michigan including the [Invasive Species](#) program, the [Dam Assessment and Management Strategies \(DAMS\)](#) program and the [Conservation First Responder](#) program.

We would like to thank the over 400 volunteers who helped with our project efforts including river clean-ups, erosion control projects and protecting fish habitat and the hundreds of supporters who helped fund this critical work.

To read the 2009 Annual Report, please visit [Huron Pines Annual Report](#).

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo March 7-8

Don't forget about the upcoming [Midwest Fly Fishing Expo](#) held March 7-8 at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center. While you're there, stop by and say hello to Huron Pines staff.

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