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Today's question comes from lifelong conservationist and angler Bob Andrus. Bob heads up the [Au Sable River Watershed Restoration Committee](#) and has tirelessly worked to protect the Au Sable Watershed. He has been an invaluable partner to Huron Pines and a wonderful person to work with.

What is the name of the rare brown trout/brook trout hybrid?

See the [answer](#).

Be sure to attend the upcoming [Huron Pines Annual Meeting](#) on **Saturday, February 7** at the **Gaylord** Knights of Columbus Hall ([click here to see a map](#)) from 9:30-1pm. Please join us in discussing **invasive species control** in Northeast Michigan. The meeting is free to supporters and \$10 for others. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To register, please email jill@huronpines.org or call (989) 344-0753 x 21 by February 2, 2009.

Below is the 1/21/09 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

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Priority Projects in Northeast Michigan

Huron Pines is working to identify priority projects throughout Northeast Michigan. By reviewing Watershed Management Plans and working with local partners, we've developed a list of the top twenty "shovel-ready" projects in our region. In addition, we are conducting the initial technical research of these projects so we are ready to get moving as soon as possible.

To review the list of projects, please visit [Priority Projects](#). We appreciate your feedback.

Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference

The 10th Annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference "Building a Strong Community Supported Agriculture System" is Saturday, January 31 from 8:00am-5:00pm in Grayling. Learn about farmers who are greeting the challenges of today's agricultural world with new found passion and creative production, market and management strategies. For more information, visit [Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference](#).

Volunteer River Clean-up Grants Available

The Department of Environmental Quality and the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) announced the release of the 2009 Grant Application Package for Michigan's Volunteer River, Stream, and Creek Cleanup Program (VRSCCP). A total of \$25,000 is available with funding provided by the DEQ from fees collected from the sale of the state's water quality protection license plates.

The program provides small grants to local units of government to help implement clean-ups. Local units of government may partner with nonprofit organizations or other volunteer groups to carry out the clean-ups. Learn more by viewing the [Grant Application Package](#).

The [Great Lakes Commission](#) has a number of other grant programs available.

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Huron Pines is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

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