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We are proud to present our *Great Lakes Basin Dam Inventory Form* today, part of our [Small Dams](#) program. The program aims to create a process for selecting and implementing high impact restoration projects. Our question today comes from one of the program's key partners, Andrea Ania, a Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

## **What percent of dams were built for the purpose of hydroelectric power in the United States?**

See the [Huron Pines eNews answer](#).

Last year, Huron Pines worked with over 100 partners to complete multiple projects. Now available online, our [2009 Annual Report](#) describes our programs, financials and future vision.

Below is the 5/7/10 update for Huron Pines.

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## **Great Lakes Basin Dam Inventory Form**

Long days of research and data gathering, combined with many hours of partner collaboration, have finally paid off. With input from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Huron Pines, through its Small Dams Program, is proud to debut the *Great Lakes Basin Dam Inventory Form*. What began as a regional dam inventory form has evolved into a technique that can unify dam inventory efforts by numerous resource agencies and organizations and applied across the Great Lakes region.

This inventory form is a way to gather data that will enable resource professionals to rank the impact of all dams in a given watershed. By collecting this data, we are ensuring that the most efficient use of limited funding will be allocated to the highest impact projects. What is unique about this inventory form is the data collection process focuses on field based inventories. Conservation groups have made great progress in the realm of using existing inventories to prioritize dam removals. During this project, however, our goal is to put boots on and go find the dams that are currently not known and collect field based

data about those barriers. This form and process will benefit all the dam removal projects throughout the Great Lakes basin.

To learn more about the inventory form including what types of data will be collected and our upcoming projects, please visit [Huron Pines Small Dams Program](#).

## **“Season Opener” for Huron Pines Volunteers—Lake Stewardship in Montmorency County**

May 15<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the [11/11 Volunteer Program](#). If you are interested in [Lake Stewardship](#), please join us at the Lewiston Lions Park Pavilion on East Twin Lake from 10am-12pm. Anyone wishing to ‘improve their game’ when it comes to beautifying their lakefront while preventing soil erosion, should come out and get a little ‘coaching’ from the Huron Pines technical staff.

A free native plant, a free t-shirt and a free lunch (who says there’s no such thing) will be provided, thanks to our sponsors – Lewiston Lions Club, Lewiston Lioness Club, Montmorency County Conservation District, Montmorency County Conservation Club and the Twin Lakes Property Owners Association.

Best of all, the winner of a “must be present to win” RAFFLE will receive a FREE SITE VISIT and greenbelt design from a Huron Pines staff member. Please RSVP to Jill Scarzo at [jill@huronpines.org](mailto:jill@huronpines.org) or (989) 344-0753 ext. 21.

## **Huron Pines AmeriCorps event selected by Gaylord Lowe’s for Lowe’s Heroes Program**

Huron Pines AmeriCorps is excited to announce that their [AmeriCorps Week](#) project, taking place Tuesday May 11, has been selected by Lowe’s of Gaylord for their Lowe’s Heroes Volunteer Program. This program is designed to improve the communities where Lowe’s employees work and live. Each store team identifies a community project that will make a difference to their community and employees work together with local service organizations and citizens with the common goal to make their cities and towns better places to live. As a result of this partnership, Lowe’s will donate \$1,200.00 in materials to Huron Pines AmeriCorps and provide 10 volunteers to help “get things done” for the community of Gaylord.

“Thanks to the generosity and extra volunteer power that Lowe’s of Gaylord is providing, Huron Pines AmeriCorps has been able to increase the number and strength of our AmeriCorps Week projects,” said Abigail Ertel, Huron Pines AmeriCorps Member in charge of organizing the event. “The Lowe’s Heroes Volunteer Program ties in with the message of AmeriCorps and what our members are trying to do on a daily basis – strengthen the communities we live in by engaging more citizens in volunteerism. The Lowe’s Heroes Volunteer Program is allowing Huron Pines AmeriCorps to have a bigger impact on the Gaylord Community and really promote the power of AmeriCorps.”

Special thanks to all of our partners for making this event possible: Lowe's of Gaylord, Michigan Community Service Commission, Subway, Biggby Coffee, Save-a-lot, Edelweiss Garden Club, Otsego Conservation District, and Habitat for Humanity. Learn more at [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#).

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