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Stream restoration on the Au Sable a success! Check out the flying trees on [9&10 News](#).

Last week, we partnered with the MDNR and the U.S. Forest Service to complete our tenth season placing whole trees in the Au Sable River to help to restore fish habitat and prevent erosion. To create Large Woody Debris structures, trees were flown in via helicopter and placed along the north branch and main stem. For our trivia question this week, Huron Pines Restoration Project Manager Patrick Ertel asks this:

How many trees were placed along the Au Sable during the Large Woody Debris helicopter week?

See the [answer](#). Learn more about [Stream Enhancement with Large Woody Debris](#).

Below is the 10/1/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!

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Emerging Conservation Issues: Dam Summit well received

We recently hosted a public meeting in Grayling to learn more about dams in Michigan and what the future looks like for repairing, modifying or removing many of the aging dams in Northeast Michigan. A variety of partners and concerned citizens heard Bryan Burroughs, PhD from the [Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited](#) discuss his research on dam removal. Due to the fact that nearly 80% of federally regulated dams will be reaching the end of their lifespan by 2020, we need to be prepared to address mounting dam issues.

Visit [Dam Summit](#) to learn more about the event and access dam resources.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting and encourage those with project ideas to visit [How to Get a Project Started](#).

Save-the-Date: Great Lakes Conservation Meeting October 17th

We are pleased to announce a public input meeting on October 17th in Grayling to gather regional input for Michigan's Great Lakes Restoration and Protection Initiative. In June of this year, Lt. Governor John Cherry joined the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes and Michigan United Conservation Clubs to announce the Initiative in Lansing which has since led watershed alliances, sportsmen's organizations, tribal entities and other non-governmental and governmental stakeholders to participate in developing a framework for a comprehensive restoration and protection plan for Michigan. Part of the framework involves gathering regional priorities for the plan.

Event Details: October 17th from 7-9pm at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (just off M72 west). If you have any questions, please contact [Brad Jensen](#) at 989 344-0753 or visit [Great Lakes Restoration Public Input Meeting](#).

[Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council](#) is also holding a meeting for the Northwest Michigan region on October 27th.

Tall Ships and Watershed Education

Recently, [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members helped the [Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary](#) (TBNMS) in Alpena to create a thrilling field trip for elementary and middle school students from Rogers City and Onaway Public Schools. The goal was to teach the students about watersheds in an interactive and memorable way.

For half the day, the students took a tour of the new exhibit within TBNMS, learned about fisheries and invasive species in our region from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and then had a hands-on lesson about watersheds from [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members. The other half of the day was spent aboard the S/V Dennis Sullivan on Lake Huron. While on this magnificent tall ship, the students learned about several water quality tests, how to tie knots, and basic sailing safety.

This is one of the many exciting activities AmeriCorps members have the opportunity to participate in. To learn more about the Huron Pines AmeriCorps program, visit www.huronpinesamericorps.org.

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