



Next Generation Stewards

Friends of the St. Clair River partners with Michigamme Elementary students

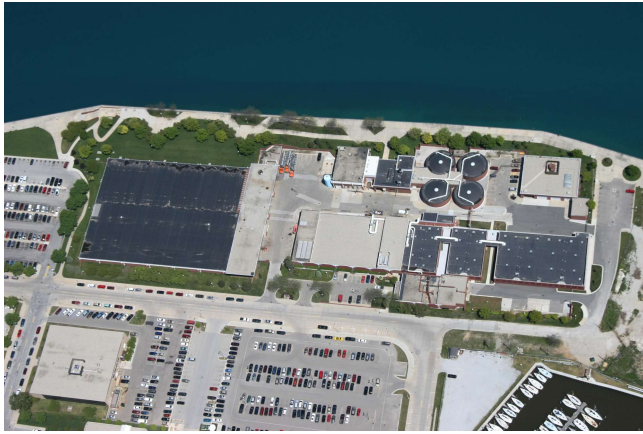
When the weather prevents field trips from coming to the River Walk, we bring the field trip to them! Thanks to a partnership between Port Huron Schools and Friends of the St. Clair River, Michigamme 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be learning more about the St. Clair River. The focus of this partnership is to provide local students with an opportunity to better understand the St. Clair River, the challenges it faces, and the efforts that are being undertaken to improve this treasure. This program is important because it highlights local pollution problems and solutions.



News from the Board

Friends of the St. Clair River is proud to be partnering with the City of Marysville on a Healing Our Waters grant project. Friends was selected to be the fiduciary of the grant which is being submitted to help the city with maintenance of their Chrysler Beach rain gardens. The rain garden project was completed in 2015 as a way to improve water quality at Chrysler Beach. The rain gardens trap polluted runoff from the street and parking lot before it enters the St. Clair River. We are proud to be the lead agency that will assist with maintenance and training for the

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Waste Water Treatment Plant Virtual Tour

Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.

St. Clair County Administration Building Don Dodge Auditorium

The Port Huron Wastewater Treatment Plant returns about 9 million gallons of treated wastewater a day to the St. Clair River. Come learn about the treatment processes that clean the water, the discharge requirements, laboratory testing performed, and the biosolids program. Every citizen scientist and well-versed environmentalist needs to know how waste water is managed. Don't miss this free and family-friendly virtual tour!

Our tour guide, Patty Troy, is the lab manager of the Port Huron Waste Water Treatment Plant. Patty holds a BS in Environmental Health from Oakland University, and a "C" wastewater operator's license with the State of Michigan. Patty is also the U.S. Co-Chair of the Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) for the St. Clair River area of concern.

You are also welcome to attend our Friends' monthly stewardship steering committee meeting, immediately following the virtual tour.

care of these functional yet beautiful gardens. Like to be involved? Let Kirsten know! BlueWaterRiverWalk@gmail.com, 810.294.4965.



Coffee & Conservation Conversation

Our Monday morning River Walks have evolved to include a warm up and chat afterward at a local coffeehouse or restaurant. The conversations, typically about environmental issues but often straying from that topic, sparkle like the snow we sometimes trudge through! Every Monday morning at 10 a.m., we meet at the arch at the north entrance to the Blue Water River Walk to walk the length of the path. It's about a two-mile round trip and takes a little less than an hour. Then we pick an area restaurant to enjoy snacks, beverages and each other's company afterward. We arrive at our chosen restaurant around 11 a.m. Join us for either the walk, the conversation, or both! Contact Kirsten Lyons with questions at BlueWaterRiverWalk@gmail.com or 810.294.4965.



Are you a Tweeter? Follow us [@bwriverwalk](https://twitter.com/bwriverwalk). We'll be posting our Monday morning restaurant choices there as they are made.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 2/22/16 @ 10 a.m.--Monday morning River Walk & Conservation Conversation
- 2/24/16 @ 6 p.m.--Waste Water Treatment Plant Virtual Tour
- 2/24/16 @ 7 p.m.--Stewardship Steering Committee Meeting
- 2/29/16 @ 10 a.m.--Monday morning River Walk & Conservation Conversation
- 3/2 & 3/3/2016--Great Lakes Area of Concern Conference in Dearborn

Friends of the St. Clair River is a grassroots environmental non-profit providing fun, educational activities that connect our community to our water resources.



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