The mission of the Council is to inspire attitudes, behaviors, and economies that protect, rehabilitate, and sustain the Huron River system.

Dear Friend of the Huron River,

Through the work of dedicated staff, board and volunteers, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) has been doing incredible work protecting the Huron River Watershed for 42 years. Forty years ago, the Huron River was severely struggling with contamination, flooding, drought, recreational access, and erosion problems. While we still have some issues, today the Huron is the cleanest river in Southeast Michigan. Its water is clear enough to see the pebbles of the riverbed and the fish and bugs that thrive in the Huron. Along its banks live wildlife and rare native plants. Long stretches have been designated state Natural River Zones for their scenic beauty. It is the key natural resource of the area and our main source of drinking water.

HRWC has been a major reason for the Huron’s success. In this Annual Report you will read about our many accomplishments during the 2006-2007 fiscal year to save the Huron River Watershed from irreparable damage. We work to change current patterns of development toward more river-friendly choices, specifically encouraging higher density where the infrastructure exists, and encouraging open space and farmland preservation in rural areas.

We are one of the most innovative nonprofits in Michigan. We’ve created several programs that were the first of their kind anywhere in the country. We have won many grants for our one-of-a-kind programs—everything from innovative land use tools such as the transfer of development rights, to flow and channel stream volunteer water-monitoring, to developing carrying capacities for local streams.

We hope as you read this report you feel pride in our accomplishments. After all, without the steadfast support of our volunteers, donors, and member governments none of this would be possible. Forty years ago a bunch of people had the foresight to work to protect and restore the Huron, now we must step forward and steward the Huron for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Laura Rubin
Executive Director

[Image of Great Blue Heron in Duckweed at Kensington Metropark]
With your help, the Huron River Watershed Council saw many successes in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. HRWC...

Instituted the Michigan Clean Water Corps, providing statewide trainings, mentorship and grant funds to lake and stream volunteer monitoring programs.

Continued our 15-year volunteer river monitoring program. Monitored 71 sites for macroinvertebrates and 19 sites for habitat assessment with the help of more than 400 volunteers. Our flow team of 21 volunteers monitored and measured 13 sites.

Successfully opposed the construction of a wastewater treatment plant that would have discharged to the Boyden Creek in Ann Arbor Township.

Ran a stormwater management and education campaign using ads in local papers and a direct mailing to encourage residents to protect the river through small steps at home.

Worked with the Village of Dexter, the Washtenaw County Road Commission, and others to identify and advance the steps for the Mill Pond Dam removal. Dam removal is scheduled for summer 2008.

Completed two site plans for streambank stabilization on Mill Creek at highly erosive sites.

Hosted the first Suds on the River event, highlighting breweries in our watershed that use Huron River water for brewing.

Protected and upheld the Natural River Act and the Huron River’s Natural River Designation against attacks to weaken the Act and the Huron River Plan. The Huron is the only river in SE Michigan that has been designated a Natural River by the Michigan Legislature.

Launched the Millers Creek Film Festival. Over 250 people attended the film festival’s public screening of 12 entries that call attention to the human connections to any creek, lake or other surface water that is part of the Huron River Watershed.
Initiated and planned for Liz Elling to swim the length of the Huron over two weeks in the summer of 2007.

With volunteers, conducted water chemistry monitoring in the Middle Huron subwatersheds to provide a better understanding of pollution contributions from non-point sources in the Middle Huron Watershed. An improved understanding of sources will help the Middle Huron Partnership select appropriate management practices to reduce and prevent pollution.

Improved the nutrient reduction and storage capacity of two large detention basins in the Kent Lake subwatershed by completing retrofits and construction.

Worked with five communities in the watershed to adopt and implement riparian buffer ordinances, educated residents about the importance of riparian buffers, and promoted stewardship of riparian buffers.

Enhanced the bioreserve map — a map that shows the last remaining open spaces in the watershed and their ecologic value. This atlas of the Huron River Watershed’s natural areas allows HRWC to work with local governments, private landholders, businesses, and the state to develop methods to protect these valuable lands.

Worked with local governments in the watershed to pass local phosphorus fertilizer ordinances and continued advancing statewide phosphorus fertilizer legislation.

Worked to implement strategies to reduce or eliminate noxious algae blooms that for years have plagued Ford and Belleville Lakes.
As a member of the City of Ann Arbor’s Greenbelt Commission, took steps to protect the landscape from sprawling development and excessive impervious surfaces, and preserve open spaces and farmland.

Gained newspaper coverage, radio shows, and speaking opportunities to advance our One Message: To save the Huron River Watershed from irreparable damage, we will change current patterns of development toward more river-friendly choices, specifically encouraging higher density where the infrastructure exists, and encouraging open space and farmland preservation in rural areas.

**HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL**

**Statement of Activities**

**Fiscal Year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007**

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| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS                          |       |       |
| Net Assets, beginning of year                 | 280,858 |       |
| Net Assets, end of year                       | 338,400   |       |
| **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**                      | +$ 57,542 |       |
Thank you to our volunteers, individual, business, and government members, technical advisors, board members, and funders. The Huron River Watershed Council received more than 9,626 hours of volunteer service this year. HRWC would not have the breadth and impact without you.

STAFF
Jennifer Fike
Finance Manager starting 11/06
Pam Labadie
Marketing Director (new)
Jo Latimore
Watershed Ecologist
Ric Lawson
Watershed Planner starting 6/06
Joan Martin
Adopt-A-Stream Co-Director
Suzy Morse
Land Use Planning Workshop Coordinator
Ellen Offen
Development Director until 12/06
Kris Olson
Watershed Ecologist
Cynthia Radcliffe
Webmaster
Chris Riggs
Watershed Planner until 6/06
Elizabeth Riggs
Watershed Planner
Laura Rubin
Executive Director
Margaret Smith
Development Director starting 2/07
Debi Weiker
Project Associate
Jennifer Wolf
Marketing Director
Susan Wooley
Finance Manager until 11/06

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Chair:
Paul Cousins
Village of Dexter
Vice-Chair:
John Langs
Superior Township
Treasurer:
 Evan Pratt
Washtenaw County
Janis Bobrin
Washtenaw County
Eunice Burns
City of Ann Arbor
Dick Norton
City of Ann Arbor
Diane O’Connell
Ann Arbor Township
Erik Petrovskis
Webster Township
Lev Wood
Oakland County

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS
City of Ann Arbor
Joan Lowenstein
Shirley Axon
Craig Hupy
Dick Norton
Eunice Burns
Alternates: Sumedh Bahli; John Hiefjie
Ann Arbor Township
Diane O’Connell
City of Belleville
Steven Walters
Brighton Township
Mike Slaton
City of Brighton
Don Bandkau
Brownstown Township
vacant
Village of Chelsea
Steven Wright
Commerce Township
vacant
Dexter Township
Kathryn Bowring
Village of Dexter
Paul Cousins
Genoa Township
Kelly VanMarter
Green Oak Township
Fred Hanert
Hamburg Township
Julie Metty-Bennett
Huron Township
Deeda Staniczak
Robert Staniczak (alt.)
Livingston County
vacant
Village of Milford
vacant
Milford Township
Mary Bajcz
Northfield Township
Susan Shink
Oakland County
Lev Wood

Village of Pinckney
vacant
Pittsfield Township
Jan BenDor
Putnam Township
Dick Knopf
City of Rockwood
vacant
Salem Township
vacant
Scio Township
Jean King
Gerry Kangas (alt.)
Sylvan Township
Pat Merkel
Village of South Rockwood
Tim Walsh
Springfield Township
Chris Benedict
Superior Township
John Langs
Van Buren Township
Dan Swallow
Village of Walled Lake
Lisa McGill
Washtenaw County
Janis Bobrin
Evan Pratt
Ellen Scavia (alt.)
Scott Munzel
Wayne County
Kurt Heise
Webster Township
Erik Petrovskis
West Bloomfield Township
Gene Farber
White Lake Township
Mike McAdams
City of Wixom
Michael Howell
Wolverine Lake Village
vacant
City of Ypsilanti
John McMillan
Sally Lusk
Ypsilanti Township
Bob Neely
Jay Bibby

FUNDERS
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Americana Foundation
Upton Foundation
Kellogg Foundation: People and Land
Ford Motor Company
Nine Tuna Foundation
Norcross Foundation
Visteon Foundation
Wilkinson Foundation
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
James A. and Faith Knight Foundation
Stranahan Foundation

BUSINESS AND FOUNDATION MEMBERS
Watershed
Pfizer, Inc.
Headwaters
Auto Alliance International, Inc
Toyota Technical Center, U.S. A., Inc.
Whole Foods Market
River
McKinley
Brook
Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors
Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative
Arbor Springs Water Co., Inc.
Bank of Ann Arbor
Books By Chance
Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.
Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.
Limno-Tech Inc.
MAV Development Company
Mosaic Foundation of Ria and Peter Heydon
Orchard, Hiltz & McClinton, Inc.
Spalding DeDecker Associate, Inc.
Wade-Trim
Marsh
Arbor Farms Market
Domino’s Farm Corporation
First Martin Corporation
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.
Howard Cooper, Inc.
NSF International

Wetland
Greenway Collaborative
Miller Engineering Associates, Inc.
Milliken Realty Company
thank you!