

September 16, 2013

Dear Three Lakes Association Members:

It was a busy summer for the 2013 Internship Program. The program began June 17 and concluded on September 11. Sabeth Dalbo (Elk Rapids High), Tineka Witt (Central Lake High), Annika Stoltz (Elk Rapids High) and Ashley Robbins (Mancelona High) were this year's participants.



Our Intern's interns studied the aquatic environment by:

- Expanding upon the current data regarding the Clam River Plume.
- Inventorying over 20 road ends to monitor water way and runoff erosion.
- Constructing a Greenbelt at Butch's Tackle and Marine.
- Studying macro invertebrates to determine the health of Maury Creek.
- Creating a "macro invertebrate kit" for each school district.
- Furthering public education by staffing a booth at the Antrim County Fair.

The internship included over 60 hours of research, training and sampling. For the past 9 years, the interns have prepared a final report based on their experience. As technology is changing the way we seek information, it was determined that this year, all intern work would become a part of our website

as specific content, not a formal report. Additional information is linked to other portions of our website as well as external sites.

Sabeth Dalbo: Clam River Plume Tineka Witt: <u>Macro invertebrates</u>

Annika Stoltz: <u>Natural Shorelines and Greenbelts</u>
Ashley Robbins: Public Education and Fish Shocking

Environmentally Yours,

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