

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



Quarterly Highlights

Summer has been a busy season for participatory science efforts!

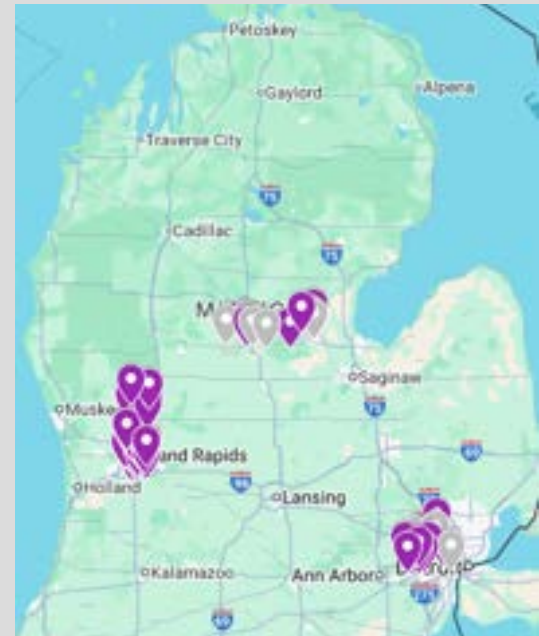
- **20 gages adopted!** We are ~1/4 of the way toward our goal of having regular monitoring and observations of conditions across our watersheds.
- **90 iFlood report submissions** including observations of minor riverine flooding occurring in all 3 of our partner watersheds.
- **11 gage locations** supported with technology enhancements.
- **8 days in the field** this summer with an amazing team of scientists, engineers, and partners.

Participatory Science for Resilient Watersheds

Thanks to all of our amazing Working Group partners, communities, and supporters, the MI Resilient Watersheds Project has reached an exciting milestone this month.

100 gages deployed across Michigan!

To celebrate that we have reached 100 gages installed, our quarterly newsletter for August 2025 is highlighting our participatory science network - the amazing partners that are monitoring gages, providing support, and submitting iFlood reports to gather data and observations in support of building flood resilience capacity in our communities.



To each and every one of you who have answered cold calls, responded to letters of introduction, provided site access, helped with installations, adopted gages, and filed reports, a **BIG THANK YOU** from the Project Team to you. Our summer fieldwork was a huge success because of you. I can't wait to see how our participatory science efforts grow and evolve throughout this coming year.

In Gratitude,

- Wendy Robertson, MI Resilient Watersheds Project

Adoptable gage of the month - Nash Creek at Balyeat Field



The Nash Creek at Bayleat Field flood gage is located next to the pedestrian bridge to Bayleat Field at 200 E. Division St, Sparta, MI 49345.

Cue the cheesy Sarah McLachlan music and channel your early 2000's TV ad vibes (just kidding - kind of). Starting in August, we'll be featuring a lonely, adoptable flood gage installed in one of our partner watersheds to support our efforts to reach >80% coverage for flood monitoring. The best news is, our gages don't require food, shelter, or even that much of your attention! And you can share reporting duties amongst your friends, family, and neighbors.

Gage adoption is easy and doesn't require much of your time. Choose a gage on your favorite neighborhood walking path, park, or greenway and support flood monitoring in your community. Don't live near our gage of the month? Check out the adoptable gages near you by visiting our website: mifloodresilience.org/iflood and contact us to learn more.

August's gage is located along Nash Creek in the Rogue River Watershed (Kent County, MI). Easy to access, with parking available off E. Division St in the village of Sparta, the gage along Nash Creek at Bayleat Field is visible from the pedestrian bridge and ready for adoption by you! Join our team of participant reporters by taking (pictures of) this gage today.

Interested in adopting a gage but **want to learn more?** Email us at mifloodresilience@gmail.com today and we'll show you how quick and easy it is to monitor, report, and support your community's flood resilience.

Thank you to our gage adopters!

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Chippewa Nature Center
City of Mount Pleasant, MI
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