

# Inland Seas - Great Lakes Watershed Conservation Initiative

- The Field Course - June 25, 2017 - June 29, 2017.
- Traverse City, Michigan – Sutton's Bay Michigan
- 34 Educators from around the Great Lakes Region – 3 from Ohio
- Case study of Watershed Initiatives in Traverse City region.
- Training on bringing Stewardship Initiatives to Students

# Boardman River reclamation and 1<sup>st</sup> dam removal.



Trained on the schoolship schooner “Inland Seas”



Learned about invasive and native plant species, and how to control invasive species while protecting native species.







# **Get Off Cellular Devices and Get Into Stewardship:**

# Botany/Ecology Project

It is time to give back to our community and we want to focus our efforts on our most important local natural resource, the Sandusky River Watershed. Our students need to understand how their efforts and volunteer hours can make a difference in their community. Through this stewardship project, our students will not only learn that taking care of their watershed, the Sandusky River, will make a difference in their community but also impact everyone in the Great Lakes Watershed.

Students will come to better understand how taking care of our water is valuable, life sustaining, and essential to our future. These waders will allow our kids to wade directly in the river to clean the riverbed, conduct water quality testing, learn about invasive and native plant species, and learn how to manage a healthy river ecosystem for future generations.

*Our students will partner with our local water conservatory, park district, mayor, community, and other stakeholders all while learning regulations and environmental laws.*

This project can change the thinking of our students on a large scale because they will learn to understand that their community can be changed for the better through their interest and hard work.

# Materials Received from Grant for our students

3 pairs Hodgman Mackenzie Nylon and PVC Cleated Bootfoot Chest Fishing Waders, Size 10, Brown

2 pairs Servus Comfort Technology 14" PVC Steel Toe Men's Work Boots, Black

2 pairs Kamik Women's Olivia Rain Boot, Navy, 8 M US

3 pairs Hodgman Mackenzie Nylon and PVC Cleated Bootfoot Chest Fishing Waders, Size 8, Brown

3 pairs Hisea Insulated Waterproof Breathable Chest Waders with Rubber Bootfoot for Fishing, Size 7

3 pairs Hisea Insulated Waterproof Breathable Chest Waders with Rubber Bootfoot for Fishing, Size 8

3 pairs Hisea Insulated Waterproof Breathable Chest Waders with Rubber Bootfoot for Fishing, Size 10.5

2 pairs Hodgman Caster Neoprene Cleated Boot-foot Chest Wader, Size 11, Brown • AMAZON

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3 pairs Hodgman Caster Neoprene Cleated Boot-foot Chest Wader, Size 12, Brown • AMAZON

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Tom's of Maine:

The Tom's of Maine Green Your School Fund is committed to taking care of the planet for kids today and generations to come. We're excited to support teachers and nurture a love of the environment.

Ms. Moody responded

Thank you! We are so overwhelmed by your generosity. Our students will appreciate this and learn the value of giving back to the community.

Total funded project

**Fully funded**  
**July 6, 2017**  
**\$1,541**  
**2 donors**



## Letters from our students requesting grant money to purchase items for their Sandusky River Stewardship project.

Sept. 6, 2017

Dear Ms. Jeannie Williams (Inland Seas),

My name is Brandon Eulett and I am a senior in high school hoping to get a job as an electrician. I am writing this letter about the \$300 grant for Ms. Moody and our botany/ecology class to acquire materials to use to clean the Sandusky River.

I believe that by giving us the grant money it could help us to buy a multitude of things that would allow us to benefit the Sandusky River which in part will help Lake Erie.

I think the decision should occur so we can help protect our environment from pollution and invasive species and to help we need Standup Weeders that are \$22.00 each.

These changes will make me feel like I'm a part of something bigger.

Thank you

Brandon Eulett

Sept 6, 2017

Dear Ms. Williams (Inland Seas)

My name is Terry Gilliam I am a 17 year old guy and I am a senior at Bucyrus High school and I play baseball. I am writing this letter for the grant of \$300 to support Mrs. Moody and our class.

I am writing this letter to receive the grant of \$300 to support my Botany Class + clean the Sandusky River Water Shed. I am very pleased that you would consider giving us this grant, it really does make a huge difference and really means so much to all of us.

My understanding of this is were making the world a better place by starting with the Bucyrus and Crawford County area first.

I think this decision should occur because by letting us have this grant, it will help us get more things we need to better our world.

Cleaning out the river honestly means a lot to me because a lot of marine life is being lost everyday due to the trash getting stuck to them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely:

Terry Gilliam

# Letters to Mayor Reser

Honorable Mayor Reser,

My name is Sierra Cooper. I am a student at Bucyrus High School. I have lived here all my life, and I also work at Taco Bell. My favorite thing about Bucyrus is Alumiller Park. Due to that being my favorite thing in the community, I would like to explain what my Botany class wants to do for our course.

I am writing this letter to let you know my Botany's class plans to help Alumiller Park. We would like to clean up the park, as in pick up any trash we find or clear passage ways. We are also interested in cleaning the Sandusky River the best we can since it could positively affect others where the river runs through.

My teachers Mr. O'Connell and Ms. Moody have said you've showed support towards the school, since you're an alumni. Also that you've shown support towards our science classes with planting the tree last year. I hope we get your support about Alumiller.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you'd like further explanation, my class would love to elaborate to you in person! ~~so~~

Respectfully Yours,  
Sierra Cooper  
900 W Perry St



# Our Students - Inventory at the Sandusky River

