

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMS

Who's Keeping Track of Things in the Watershed?

The groups listed below conduct ongoing monitoring programs in Grand Traverse Bay and its watershed. Visit The Watershed Center's comprehensive, interactive, on-line database at www.gtbay.org for data that has been collected in the Bay and its watershed by these groups and others. This database is constantly being updated, with both new and historical data being added on an ongoing basis.

- **The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay**
www.gtbay.org
Stormwater, pathogens (beach monitoring and other), water quality, benthic invertebrates, shoreline survey, etc.
- **Inland Seas Education Association:**
www.GreatLakesEducation.org
Fish populations, water clarity, sediments and benthos, basic chemistry as part of their Scholarship programming
- **Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council**
www.watershedcouncil.org
Basic water chemistry volunteer monitoring program in the Elk River Chain of Lakes
- **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:**
www.michigan.gov/deq
The state monitors all major water bodies in the state on a rotating basis
- **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**
www.gtb.nsn.us
Ongoing air and water quality testing in Grand Traverse Bay, selected tributaries, and Elk Lake

In addition, there are a number of lake associations, including Three Lakes Association and Elk-Skegemog Lake Association, and other citizen groups that conduct periodic monitoring efforts throughout the watershed.

Ways You Can Help

- Participate in The Watershed Center's **Stream Search** program. Contact Sarah U'Ren at 935-1514 for more information.
- Get involved in your lake association or join a citizen monitoring group in your watershed.
- Participate in work bees, river cleanups, beach cleanups and area volunteer monitoring activities.