



UPPER MANISTEE RIVER ASSOCIATION

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UMRA is a 501(c)(3) Organization

The purpose of this Association is to preserve and protect for future generations the Upper Manistee River system and its drainage as a world-class natural resource

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Hello UMRA members,

The river continues to flow and UMRA continues to be busy! We recently received word that our Habitat Improvement grant was looked upon favorably by the DNR Fisheries Division and we will receive \$40,500.00 to do more fish habitat work in the stretch between M72 downstream to the Tree Farm!! We are not sure of the timing because we still need to get permits from Natural Rivers and EGLE. Landowners along the stretch, where work is identified to be done, will be notified and met with at the river's edge to describe what is planned. Each landowner's permission will be required before any work will be done on your river property.

As many of you know UMRA, not the DNR, have placed porta-johns at 8 locations for several years. The cost of the porta-johns has increased over the years and the Board has decided to place less porta-johns for the 2025 summer season. We have checked with other river groups and no other group provides porta-johns along their rivers. The locations for the 2025 summer season will be: Hole-in -the-Fence, Yellow Trees, Burnt Cabin and 3 Mile. We realize this is a change and hope by notifying each of you and explaining the rationale for the decision you will understand. Other rivers have more DNR facilities than the Upper Manistee. We are planning to meet with the DNR Parks and Recreation to seek more assistance with this issue.

The UMRA Board has also decided to upgrade our website: www.umrasite.org. We have many followers and communication is important and upgrading the website is the way to go. The upgrade is done so please check it out!!

We continue to monitor both the PFAS issue in Lake Margrethe and the Camp Grayling expansion issues. We hope we are doing the job you expect UMRA to be doing and we encourage your membership support. Thanks for all you do as members of UMRA.....

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Upper Manistee River Association