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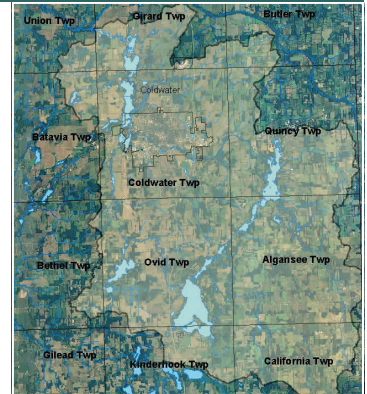
# Coldwater River Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program

In 2010, the Great Lakes Commission provided \$15,403.81 in grant assistance to the Coldwater River Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program. The Coldwater River Watershed includes 117,000 acres in Branch County Michigan.



Project goals included locating hot spots in the Coldwater River Watershed as well as monitoring the changes over time through their effect on the aquatic insect population .

Our Coldwater River team captains were first trained during an earlier MiCorps startup grant. This helped us prepare a team ready to more efficiently to train our new volunteers.



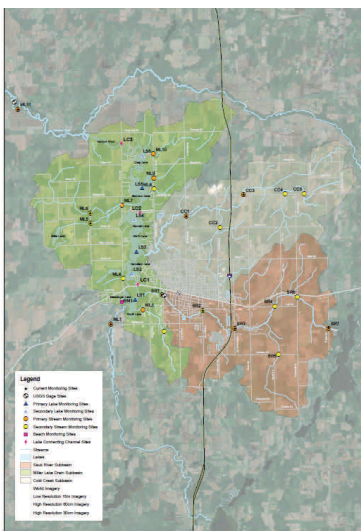
Although Branch County is predominately agricultural, this Saint Joseph River sub-watershed contains the densest population base in Branch County. It's issues stem from both urban and agricultural influences.

### Accomplishments:

- Our side by side was held on August 25th, 2010.
- Our QAPP was approved later that on September 7, 2010 and we were ready to go with our first volunteer events.
- 10 startup sites were chosen - five for the main volunteers at large and 5 for the BISD teams to monitor.
- Our first new volunteers were trained September 25th, 2010.
- Our first sampling day was held on Oct. 2 and Bug ID night on Oct. 6th.
- We accomplished 5 sets of fall and spring sampling events.
- Water quality education was provided to the public and students derived from MiCorps information sources.
- All data was entered into MiCorps site.
- We have begun utilizing accumulating information unfolding to help with project proposals, educational outreach and as a tool for our partners in this watershed.

*Come get wet with us!*

Local partners from the BCCD Board, the Branch Area ISD, Friends of the St. Joe River, and the North Chain of Lakes Association, along with many wonderful stream volunteers also provided match of over \$49,663.70 to our project.



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**Plans are now beginning for Spring of 2013!**