



Au Sable North Branch Area Foundation

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River Keeper Program

The Au Sable North Branch Area Foundation (ANBAF), in keeping with its purpose and mission has created a River Keeper Program that will provide a continuing benefit to the North Branch. The River Keepers Program will give members and other river beneficiaries the opportunity to participate in “hands on” stewardship of the North Branch. We have enlisted a network of volunteer River Keepers to assist with this endeavor; the following is the breakdown of the river sections or “Reaches”, of the North Branch, the River Keeper’s Reach assignments and their contact information.

Reaches of the North Branch and River Keepers contact information

Reach #	Reach Description	River Keepers	Phone
1	Dam 2 to Black Hole	Roger Fechner	348-4880
2	Black Hole to Twin Bridges	Gary Boyd Marcia Boyd	348-9838 same
3	Twin Bridges to Lovells Bridge	Glen Eberly Martha Eberly	348-3084 same
4	Lovells Bridge to Dam 4	Gary Neumann Roni Arleth	348-9848 same
5	Dam 4 to Jackson Hole	Bruce Carman Eric Bankhead	348-1229 348-6704
6	Jackson Hole to Kellogg Bridge	Mike Inman Sue Inman	348-2922 same
7	Kellogg Bridge to Morley Road	George Shaw Bonnie Marsh	989-860-4622 989-460-7108
8	Morley Road to Island Street	Larry Warner Marjorie Warner	313-920-4512 313-663-1331
9	Island Street to Flashlight Bend	Bill Anderson Debi Anderson	219-771-9178 219-242-1900
10	Flashlight Bend to Mouth of North Branch	Tom Wessels Bob Grant	231-510-3420 348-7574
	River Keeper Network Lead	Eric Bankhead	348-6704

River Keepers Duties

Be initial contact for issues on their Reach.
Distribute ANBAF River Keeper brochure to Reach residents.

Any time a River Keeper is on the river, observe river and/or take calls from others concerning:

- Location of river blockage from tree fall and/or large woody debris movement.
- Location of new erosion or other contamination.
- Location of failing or hazardous in-stream structures.
- Location of Purple Loosestrife or other invasive species.
- Location of excessive trash or debris.
- Location of signage issues.
- Location of abnormal water quality.
- Location of beaver activity.
- Note commercial canoe / kayak / tube rental traffic.
- Note access site issues.
- Note unpermitted construction along river.
- Note anything else that may be detrimental to the river.

Budget

The ANBAF has entered in to an agreement with **Ken Reed** for '**River Maintenance**' in 2018 and 2019. These monies will ONLY be spent on In-River maintenance, which is relocating large wood debris that may have moved during the last few years that impeded navigation or use of the river and/or new tree falls that impeded navigation or use.

Requests from property owners along the North Branch will be evaluated by the River Keeper for that Reach and the Network Lead, a site visit will most likely be required. A determination will be made in a timely manner as to accept or deny the request, if accepted, request will be prioritize if budget available, and then scheduled action by partner will be made. Network Lead and River Keeper will notify resident of determination and status of request.

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**Au Sable North Branch Area Foundation
c/o Marjie Warner, Treasurer
10389 Island Street, Grayling MI 49738**