

LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

2019 was a great year! Thanks to our amazing supporters like you we achieved our goal of \$275,000 to launch the Chain of Lakes Water Trail. This water trail is a great example of amazing collaboration between access site partners, funders, stewardship groups, and other champions. We are grateful for each person and organization who helped make this happen. Stay tuned as we are now currently working hard on implementation to open the Chain of Lakes Water Trail this year!

Looking back, in our first five years, Paddle Antrim has done some amazing things and we are so glad you are a part of it! To date, we have engaged over 1,000 individuals out on the water with over 40 events, including a record number of paddlers at this year's Paddle Antrim Festival. Through revenue earned at those events, we have been able to assist 22 conservation and access to nature projects in our region through our Ripple Effect Mini-Grant Program. Through this all, we will continue to work to protect these waterways that we treasure and improve access to share them with others.

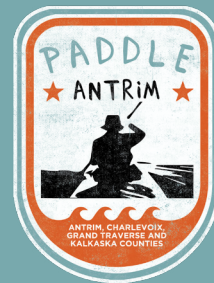
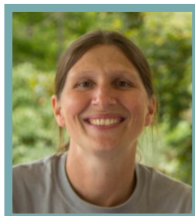
We are grateful for our engaged board, committed volunteers, generous donors, loyal partners, passionate paddlers and advocates!

While 2020 is looking a little different, I look forward to connecting with you and celebrating the opening of the Chain of Lakes Water Trail.

Warmest Regards,

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Deana Jerdee
Executive Director



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Mission

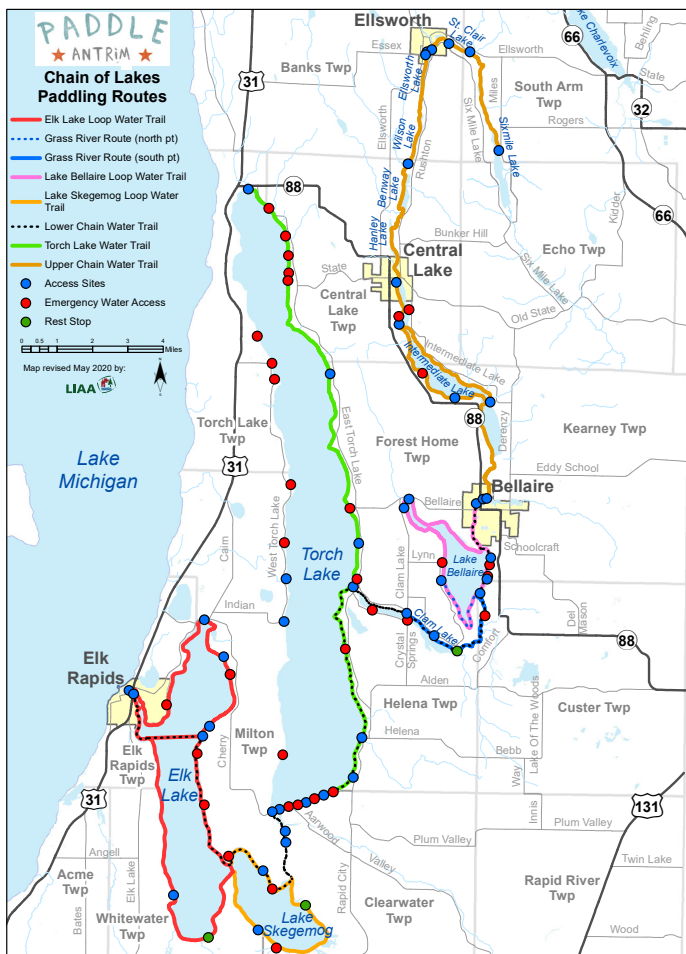
Paddle Antrim protects our water resources by using paddle sports to connect people to our waterways. Through stewardship, education, improved water trail access, and promotion of our waterways we will increase water resources protection and enhance the economic vitality of the region.

CHAIN OF LAKES WATER TRAIL

We are so excited to launch the Chain of Lakes Water Trail in 2020. We are grateful to all of the donors who helped us meet our capital campaign goal in 2019 and are moving forward with the next steps to launch the water trail.

This year, Paddle Antrim will install signs at each approved access site on the Chain of Lakes Water Trail, providing almost 100 miles of water trail for paddlers to experience. In addition to signs, we are creating a waterproof paddler guide to assist paddlers out on the water. Lastly, we are updating our website and developing other marketing materials to help share this incredible resource with residents and visitors.

Stay tuned as we work to create an incredible trail experience on the Chain of Lakes and hope you will join us later this year as we celebrate its opening and join us out on the water!



THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR CAMPAIGN DONORS

\$25,000 or more

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

Charlevoix County Community Foundation
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DID YOU KNOW OUR SIGNS WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN JUST PADDLING INFORMATION?

- Trail map
- Route difficulty and distance
- Access site location
- Amenities
- Safety topics
- Stewardship information
- Points of interest
- Emergency contact
- Community information



PADDLING CLASSES AND EVENTS

PADDLE ANTRIM FESTIVAL

Our fifth annual Paddle Antrim Festival in September marked our largest group of paddlers in the history of the festival. We welcomed 170 paddlers which was a 20% increase from the prior year. We enjoy seeing new and familiar faces each year and love that word about the festival continues to spread year over year. With three days of community events and two days of paddling, our communities, sponsors, and over 80 volunteers help make this great event such a success!

Normally 42 miles – the route was shortened this year to 31.5 due to high winds and waves. Paddler safety is the highest priority during the festival, thank you to all participants for the support we receive when we have to make these tough decisions. We love the diversity of the paddlers who join us, from our relaxed paddlers who travel 7 - 9 miles to our more experienced paddlers who make the entire journey.

FESTIVAL STATISTICS WORTH CELEBRATING!

50 HALL OF FAMERS

17 SPONSORS

170 PADDLERS

88 VOLUNTEERS

4,400 MILES PADDLED



PADDLING CLASSES AND EVENTS

MI PADDLE STEWARDS WORKSHOP

In partnership with Michigan Sea Grant, Paddle Antrim hosted a workshop with CAKE-CISMA to teach paddlers about aquatic invasive species. Due to slow speeds, proximity to the water, and ability to travel in most areas, paddlers are in a key position to identify and report aquatic invasive species. 20 participants learned about the dangers of aquatic invasive species, how to identify them, and how to report sightings through the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, including an hour on the water putting this knowledge to practice. Thanks to funding through Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's Watershed Action Volunteer Experience, each participant received aquatic invasive species laminated cards to use in the field. To learn more go to cakecisma.org or report a sighting at misin.msu.edu.

COMMUNITY PADDLES AND CLASSES

During the paddling season, Paddle Antrim offers community paddle events and classes to get people active, out on the water, and improving their skills.

Paddle Antrim hosts regular community paddles throughout the region to encourage paddlers to try new areas. In addition, classes are available for kayaking, paddleboarding, and canoeing and many include use of gear for those who may not own any yet. These classes are excellent for those who are new to the sport as well as those who have been paddling but never had any formal training.

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

2019 Revenues

Foundation	\$70,530
Private Contributions	\$27,064
Sponsorship	\$20,000
Public Grants	\$18,400
Events	\$16,101
Merch/Other	\$1,092
Total	\$153,187

2019 Expenses

Programs	\$38,461
Operations	\$21,071
Fundraising	\$2,618
Total	\$62,149

Net Assets

Beginning	\$90,892
Change	+\$91,038
Change in Assets	-\$1,648
Total	\$180,282



STEWARDSHIP

RIPPLE EFFECT MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

We continue to dedicate funds earned through the Paddle Antrim Festival to our Ripple Effect Mini Grant Program for local projects that align with our mission. In the past five years we have awarded over \$23,965 to stewardship, accessibility, and education projects in our region. In 2019 we supported five projects. Three projects focused on stewardship initiatives in the region. Antrim Conservation District was awarded \$565 toward the installation of a rain garden in Ellsworth in conjunction with the school's Lancer Leap program. The Boardman River Clean Sweep was awarded \$400 for equipment to host a clean-up on Torch River in August. The Au Sable Institute was awarded \$500 toward installation of a greenhouse to grow their own plants for their REYS program which provides environmental education to 5th graders.

Two projects focused on improving access to local lakes. The Village of Bellaire was awarded \$500 for continued development of a non-motorized boat launch at Richardi Park for the Chain of Lakes Water Trail. Disability Network of Northern Michigan in collaboration with Leadership Charlevoix County was awarded \$1,000 toward development of a non-motorized boat launch at Ferry Park in the City of Charlevoix.

MOBILE BOAT WASH

CAKE-CISMA joined the Paddle Antrim Festival this year to continue to emphasize the importance of cleaning boats/gear before entry into a new waterway to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. They brought a mobile boat wash unit to the festival and boats were verified clean or washed prior to entering the Upper Chain and again before entering the Lower Chain.



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East Jordan Area Chamber

Elk Rapids Area Chamber

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 PADDLE ANTRIM FESTIVAL HALL OF FAME PADDLERS WHO PADDLED ALL 31.5 MILES OF THE ALLOWED ROUTE IN TWO DAYS!

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