

Kuipers Drain Wetland

Developed to support Project Clarity's watershed restoration efforts, the Kuipers Wetland is a twelve acre wetland complex designed to help alleviate flooding and nutrient loading along the North Branch of the Macatawa River.



- The project was a partnership between the Outdoor Discovery Center, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Allegan County Drain Office.
- Located in Laketown Township adjacent to US-31, the site was acquired from the Lumir Corporation in 2013.
- The site stores and filters runoff from adjacent properties and an upstream watershed of over six square miles. The site also helps to prevent flooding along the US-31 corridor near Holland.

- 800 feet of two stage channel was created to provide more flood storage and stabilize what was once an illegal cattle crossing.
- The site was planted with native wet meadow plants that help to filter water.
- One of nine major restoration projects completed by Project Clarity, leading to the lowest phosphorus levels in Lake Macatawa since the 1970's.
- For more information on Project Clarity, visit outdoordiscovery.org

