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Rebecca,

October 1, 2016 marks the conclusion of the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the Stream Obstruction Removal Project on the South Branch Flint River. Crews worked on 12 miles of the 20.6 mile stretch of river identified in the project. Tables 1-3 summarize the year's activities and accomplishments.

Work crews completed 16 efforts and 355.5 hours to remove 54 obstructions (19 large, 11 medium, and 22 small).

The F.R.O.G. crew, led by Lapeer County Juvenile Probationary Officers Steve Kress and Steve Smith, committed to 9 efforts and 226.5 hours. DNR, Fisheries committed to 5 efforts (63.5 hours). FRWC volunteers committed to 2 efforts and 65.5 hours towards the project.

Although we were not able to clear the entire designated area, all who participated are deserving of accolades. In particular, we are thankful to the F.R.O.G. crew. The Lapeer County Probationary Office considers this project an excellent opportunity to work with their juveniles and teach them teamwork, responsibility, and ethic. All of us committed to this project will do our best to keep it going and we will continually seek additional volunteers to assist.

Sincerely,

Joe Leonardi  
MDNR, Fisheries

**Table 1.** Summary of obstructions removed from the S. Br. Flint River, 2016.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Large</b> (Larger group of trees, 1+ hr.)	<b>Medium</b> (1 or 2 ≥ 8" dia .5-1 hr.)	<b>Small</b> (single tree 8" dia. < .5 hr.)	<b>Status as of 10/1/16</b>
Farmers Creek (downstream of Demille Blvd.) (~2.0 miles)	1	2	1	Clear
Farmers Creek to Rotary Park (~0.3 miles)				Clear
Rotary Park to Saginaw St. (~2.1 miles)	7	5		Clear
Saginaw St. to Mayfield Rd. (~0.8 miles)			5	Clear
Mayfield to Millville Rd. (~2.5 miles)				Unknown
Millville Rd. to Stanley Rd. (~2.8 miles)	5		8	Clear
Stanley to Flint River Rd. (~1.1 miles)	2	1	1	Clear
Flint River Rd. to Norway Lake Rd. (~2.9 miles)	4	3	7	Clear
Norway Lake Rd. to Columbiaville Rd. (~1.6 miles)				
Columbiaville Rd. to Klam Rd. (~4.5 miles)				
<b>Total (~20.6 miles)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	

**Table 2.** Summary of effort for the S. Br. Flint River Stream Obstruction Removal Project, 2016.

Group/Last Name	First	Hours	Efforts
<b>Lapeer Juvenile Probationary Office</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>226.5</b>	<b>9</b>
Kress (FROG)	Steve	36.0	7
Smith (FROG)	Steve	45.5	9
Juveniles (FROG)		145.0	8
<b>FRWC Volunteers</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>2</b>
Chaltran	Lenny	3.0	1
Marietta	Dan	9.5	3
Ballard	Lynda	3.0	1
Smith	Aidan	12.0	3
Fallot	John	2.0	1
? (Ballard neighbor)	Anthony	2.0	1
McCreedy	Peter	6.5	2
Edwards Tree Service (Mark Edwards + 4 employees)		12.5	1
Osentoski	Dan	4.0	1
Thrower	Mac	2.5	1
Church	Preston	2.5	1
Church	Braelen	2.5	1
King	Chad	3.5	1
<b>DNR, Fisheries</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>5</b>
Leonardi (DNR)	Joe	23.0	5
Schelb (DNR)	Chris	11.5	3
Histed (DNR)	Ryan	3.0	1
Lokajtys	Rachael	11.5	3
Simrau (DNR)	Javin	6.0	2
Majdecki	Bob	8.5	2
<b>Grand Total</b>			

**Table 3.** Summary of the Stream Obstruction Removal Project on the South Branch Flint River, 2006-2016 (estimated 20.6 miles of river).

Year	Efforts	Hours	Miles cleared	Number of Obstructions
2006	40	1,280	20.6	>57
2007	17	232	?	Not tracked
2008	16	254	?	Not tracked
2009	20	437	20.6	46 (15 large/10 medium/21 small)
2010	14	370	19.8	44 (15 large/15 medium/17 small)
2011	25	564	19.8	58 (24 large/13 medium/21 small)
2012	24	745	19.8	136 (36 large/48 medium/52 small)
2013	29	764	20.6	103 (40 large/37 medium/26 small)
2014	16	458.5	11.7	58 (18 large/18 medium/22 small)
2015	16	410	8.6	56 (17 large/24 medium/15 small)
2016	16	355.5	12.0	54 (19 large/11 medium/22 small)
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>5870</b>		