

## Appendix 7. Stakeholder Concerns

### Urban/Urbanizing Related

- Wetland Filling (Wal-Mart, Crystal Ave., Harbor Shores Project, etc.)
- Soil Erosion and Sedimentation from Urban Development
- Polluted Urban Stormwater Runoff (roads, parking lots, etc.)
- Fertilizer and Chemical Runoff from Lawns
- Faulty Sewer and Septic Systems
- Fragmentation/Urban Development
- Hartford - Watervliet Area Development Corridor
- Loss of Natural Lake Shoreline to Sea Walls and Rip Rap
- Fisheries Habitat Fragmentation from Road/Stream Crossings (especially in Blue Creek and East Branch)
- Head Cuts Starting to Form on Blue Creek from Undersized or Misaligned Culverts on Road/Stream Crossings
- Impact of Road Improvements and Possible Tree Removal Along Trout Stream on 38th Ave. in Alma Twp.

### Agricultural Related

- Impact of Confined Animal Feeding Operation ([CAFO](#)) in [Hartford Area](#)
- Soil Erosion and Sedimentation from Cropland
- Lack of buffers on tributaries
- Chemical and Fertilizer Runoff from Cropland
- Livestock Waste and Livestock Access to Streams
- Historic Contributions of Sediment to Brush Creek from Agricultural Practices Along Red Creek (recovery is being monitored by MDNR)
- Groundwater Contamination in Coloma Township
- Vegetable production and soil erosion concerns (Cucumbers, tomatoes and jalapeño peppers are grown in unique ways, which make prevention of soil erosion difficult. Tomatoes and peppers are grown in mounds of soil. Cucumbers grow in short vines that spread across the ground with little root structure. After the cucumbers are harvested, the vines die leaving soils exposed. Winter cover crops are rarely planted to protect soils.)

### Industrial Related

- Groundwater Contamination from [KL Landfill](#) in Kalamazoo County
- [Hartford Superfund Site](#)
- Coca Cola/Minute Maid Effluent Discharge
- Ox Creek Groundwater Venting
- Groundwater Withdrawals for Commercial Bottling
- [Aircraft Components](#) Superfund Site – Benton Harbor

### **Conservation Related**

- Preserve the Connected Forested Floodplain Corridor
- Protection of Groundwater Recharge Areas
- Protection and Identification of Endangered Species Habitat
- Invasive or Non-native Species Competing with Natives
- MDNR Natural River Designation

### **Recreation Related**

- Watercraft on Waterways (gas, oil, wave action, etc.)
- Lack of Public Access to River
- Negative Impact of Increased Recreation on Natural Resources

### **General Concerns**

- Plant and Algae Growth in Area Lakes
- Canada Geese Population
- Sedimentation of Maple Lake and Paw Paw Lake
- In-Channel Erosion and Sediment Load
- Pesticide/Herbicide Use by Paw Paw Public Schools
- [Ecoli Impairment](#) of Pine/Mill Creeks