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Npt. Creek survey you mentioned

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Dear Laura,

What is the status of the survey you mentioned at last month's meeting?

Please allow our input: Any survey regarding Michigan Natural Resources in Leelanau Township should include all taxpayers in the Township. The creek headwaters begin within the Township and the Northport Creek Watershed takes in over 4 square miles of the Township.

A survey should be fact based and there are many facts including the creek (a MI Natural Resource) being "impaired" both by E.Coli and the impoundment. Does the creek, in its present state, support brook trout and to what extent?

Facts need to be weighed, not the least of which is cost. It would not be appropriate for a special interest group to build a dam (with private funding) on a dedicated Michigan Coldwater Trout Stream. These waters are fall under the Public Trust Doctrine of our Michigan Constitution.

Let's all be happy with a healthy, free flowing trout stream that doesn't cost taxpayers a lot of money (dredging trapped sediment etc.) to maintain. Tax dollars could be spent more wisely. Do we really want the creek to remain in the unhealthy state it is for another 100 years?

Thank you for your public service and attention to this important issue.

Regards, David Brigham - Leelanau Forum ☮

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David,

Thank you for your email. We will be discussing the Master Plan Survey in our planning commission meeting next week, October 18th. I will add your email to our correspondence. Please feel free to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom.

Thank you,
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