



Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

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February 5th Ice Breaker Focuses on Decades of Water Quality Monitoring

In 2008 Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council volunteers monitored water quality at 59 different sites on 37 lakes and streams within Northern Michigan. Since 1984, the Watershed Council has relied on hundreds of dedicated volunteers who monitor water clarity, algae abundance, phosphorus levels, and more. An incredible amount of data has been generated from this program and is used by the Watershed Council, lake and stream associations, local governments, and regulatory agencies in an effort to protect and improve the water resources that are so important to our region.

On February 5th join Kevin Cronk, Monitoring and Research Coordinator for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, to learn about the history of the volunteer monitoring programs and see results from decades of data collected by dedicated volunteers. This informational session is part of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's new winter education series called Ice Breakers. The session will be held from noon – 1:00pm at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, 426 Bay Street, Downtown Petoskey. This event is open to the public free of charge. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants. For more information and to view a complete list of Ice Breaker Sessions available, visit www.watershedcouncil.org/events. To register for the event call (231) 347-1181.

***About Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council:** Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council speaks for our members including full-time and seasonal residents, lake associations, and businesses. We work to maintain the environmental integrity and economic and aesthetic values of lakes, streams, wetlands, and ground water in Northern Michigan, as well as statewide and throughout the Great Lakes Basin. As the lead organization for water resources protection in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties, the Watershed Council is working to preserve the heritage of Northern Michigan – a tradition built around our magnificent waters.*