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# C-GLFER-Boardman River Dams, Traverse City, MI

## Habitat Focus Area

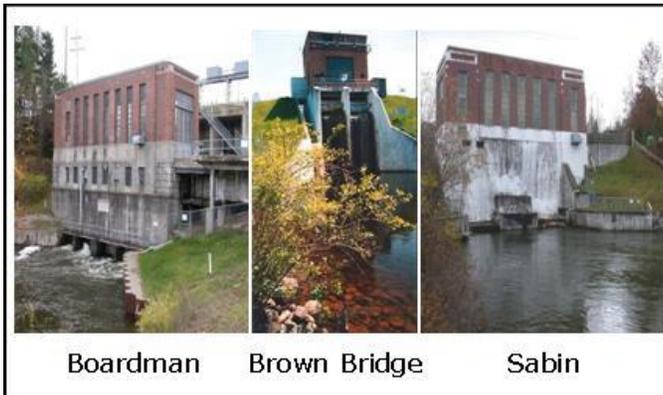
**Project Location:** The Boardman River originates in Grand Traverse and Kalkaska Counties, MI and flows approximately 49 miles before entering West Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, MI.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of modification/removal of 3 dams along the Boardman River: (1) Union Street Dam at river mile 1.5; (2) Sabin Dam at river mile 5.3 and (3) Boardman Dam at river mile 6.1. The purpose of the project is to increase upstream migration of aquatic organisms and reduce thermal impacts of the existing dams on the Boardman River. This project is authorized under Section 506 of WRDA 2000, as amended - Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER).

**Non-federal Partner:** Grand Traverse County, MI

**Project Benefits:** The Boardman is a top-quality trout stream with 36 lineal miles designated with “Blue Ribbon” status. Modification or removal of the dams would restore several miles of river and reconnect 211 miles of aquatic habitat.

**Project Status:** The Detailed Project Report (DPR) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) were completed in December 2014 and approved by LRD in July 2015. In Fall 2015, USEPA decided to directly fund removal of the Boardman Dam component of the project under the Economy Act using GLRI funds. Design for this portion of the project has been completed by the non-Federal sponsor and is being reviewed by USACE Detroit District. Upon execution of the Interagency Agreement with EPA, it is expected that award of a USACE construction contract for removal of the Boardman Dam and associated river restoration will occur in Fall 2016. The Sabin Dam and Union Street Dam components of the project will continue to be pursued under the GLFER authority. A Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) for the Sabin Dam will be prepared and coordinated with the NFS in 2016. Upon final PPA approval by HQUSACE, the PPA is expected to be executed in FY17. A construction contract is expected to be awarded in FY17 using FY17-18 GLRI funds.



Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	9,930,000
Non-Federal	5,370,000
Total	15,300,000

Project Milestones	
Advertise construction contract	Jul 2016
Award construction contract for	Sep 2016
Advertise construction contract for	Jul 2017
Award construction contract for	Sep 2017

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