



US Army Corps  
of Engineers

# C-GLFER-Sabin Dam Removal, Boardman River, Traverse City, MI

**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 the Sabin Dam in the Boardman River and restoration of the river back to its historic channel. The purpose of the project is to increase upstream migration of aquatic organisms and reduce thermal impacts of the existing dam on the Boardman River. This project is authorized under Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, as amended – Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER).

**Non-Federal Partner:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

**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:** Design of the project has been completed by the non-Federal sponsor. A Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) for the Sabin Dam was executed October 12, 2017 with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. This was the first PPA executed with a Native American Tribe in the Detroit District. The construction contract was awarded on June 6th 2018 using Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and sponsor funds. Completion scheduled for summer 2019



Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	2,114,000
Non-Federal	1,950,000
Total	4,064,000

Project Milestones	
Advertise construction contract	May 2018
Award construction contract	Jun 2018

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