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**2013-2022 FINANCIALS**



**GROSS PROFIT FROM FUNDRAISING: \$957,691**

**SUPPORTING SERVICES COSTS: \$145,703**

**NET ASSETS: \$80,215**

**SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: \$731,773**

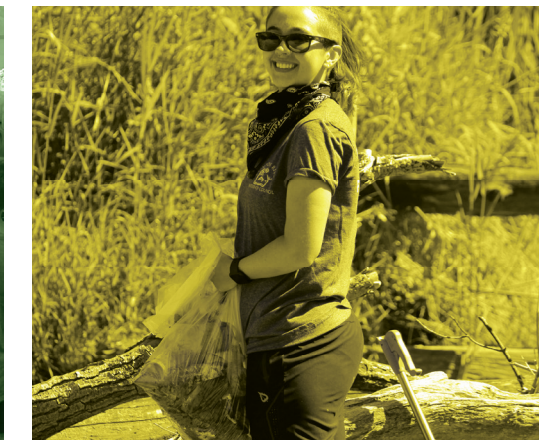
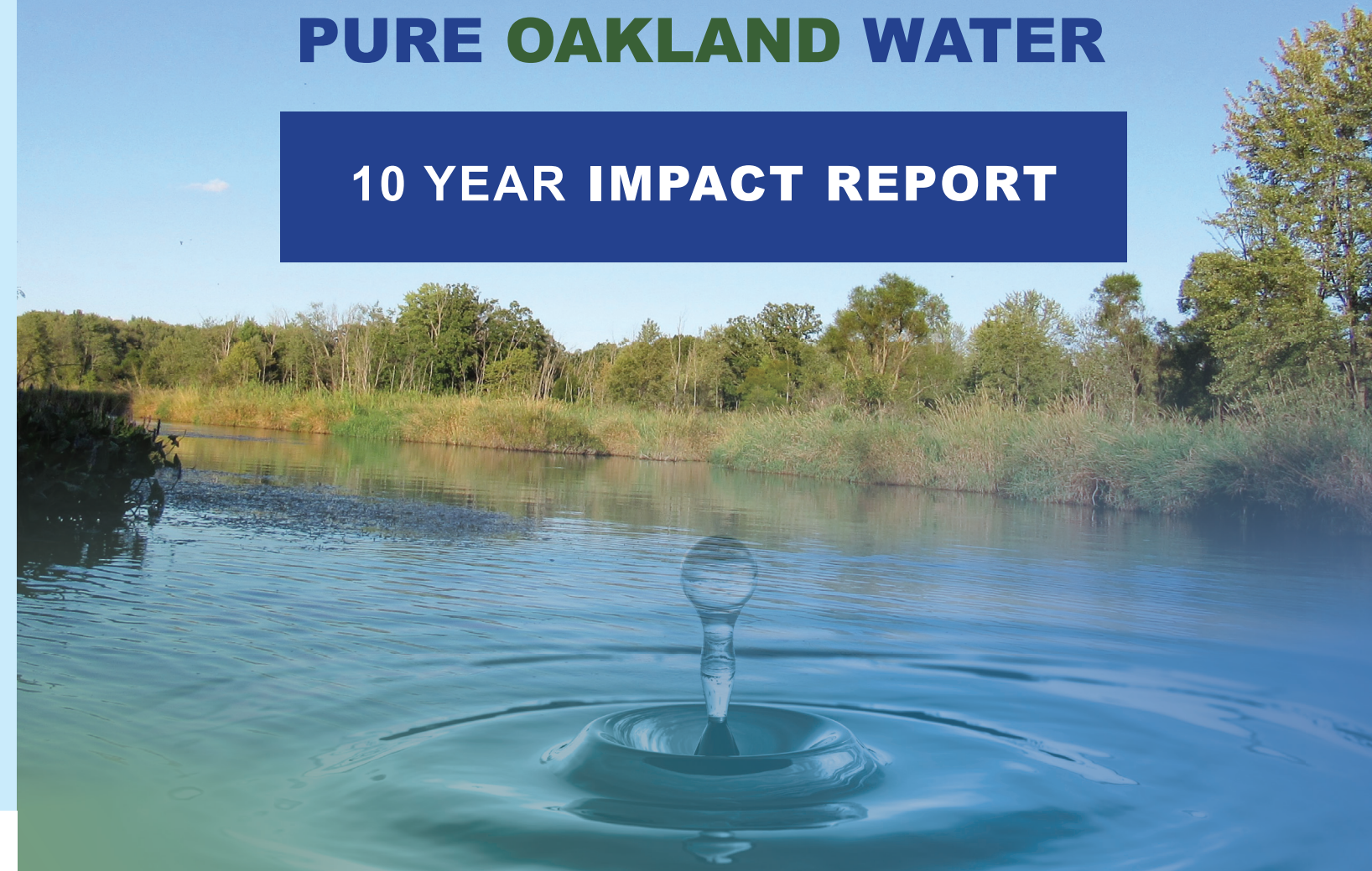
**MEET THE BOARD**

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**POW PURE OAKLAND WATER**

**10 YEAR IMPACT REPORT**



I am so proud Pure Oakland Water celebrates ten years of service. It's been so impactful to educate our communities about our water resources, the threats of pollution and climate change, and more importantly, what individuals, businesses, and government can do to help. I'm thankful to our many sponsors who made our efforts possible.

The organization began during the first year of my administration as the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner. We saw many needs in the community and began supporting a variety of efforts.

Year after year we supported fourth and fifth grade students to attend watershed festivals at the Clinton and Rouge Rivers. They spent the day learning from many of our partners about human interactions with water and the environment.

We provided annual scholarships to students at Rochester, Lawrence Technological and Oakland Universities to support their interests in planning, civil and environmental engineering.

We helped provide summer Internships for students to work with local watershed groups. Many have graduated and gone on to work in the industry.

We recently started a new program for high school students called Blue Planet Jobs. The first event was in 2022 at Cranbrook. Students with math and science interests learned about the work done at the Oakland County Water Resources office.

For the last ten years, we also sponsored the annual Stormwater Summit at Lawrence Technological University (except during the pandemic). It brought together hundreds of local governments, academia, industry experts, nonprofits, and residents.

Our regular Art Fish Fun event at Beaudette Park brought families together for a park clean-up followed by arts and crafts, fishing on the mill pond, and BBQ.

We also supported Earth Day events, rain barrel workshops, and the installation of green stormwater infrastructure projects in Oakland County. These efforts combined with the ones I mentioned above introduced more young people and residents to the water resources industry that protects public health, the environment, and promotes a sustainable future.

Finally, many thanks go to our Board of Directors, who provide great guidance and support. Their thoughtful direction, commitment to ethical administration, and deep passion for our mission have made our many efforts highly impactful.

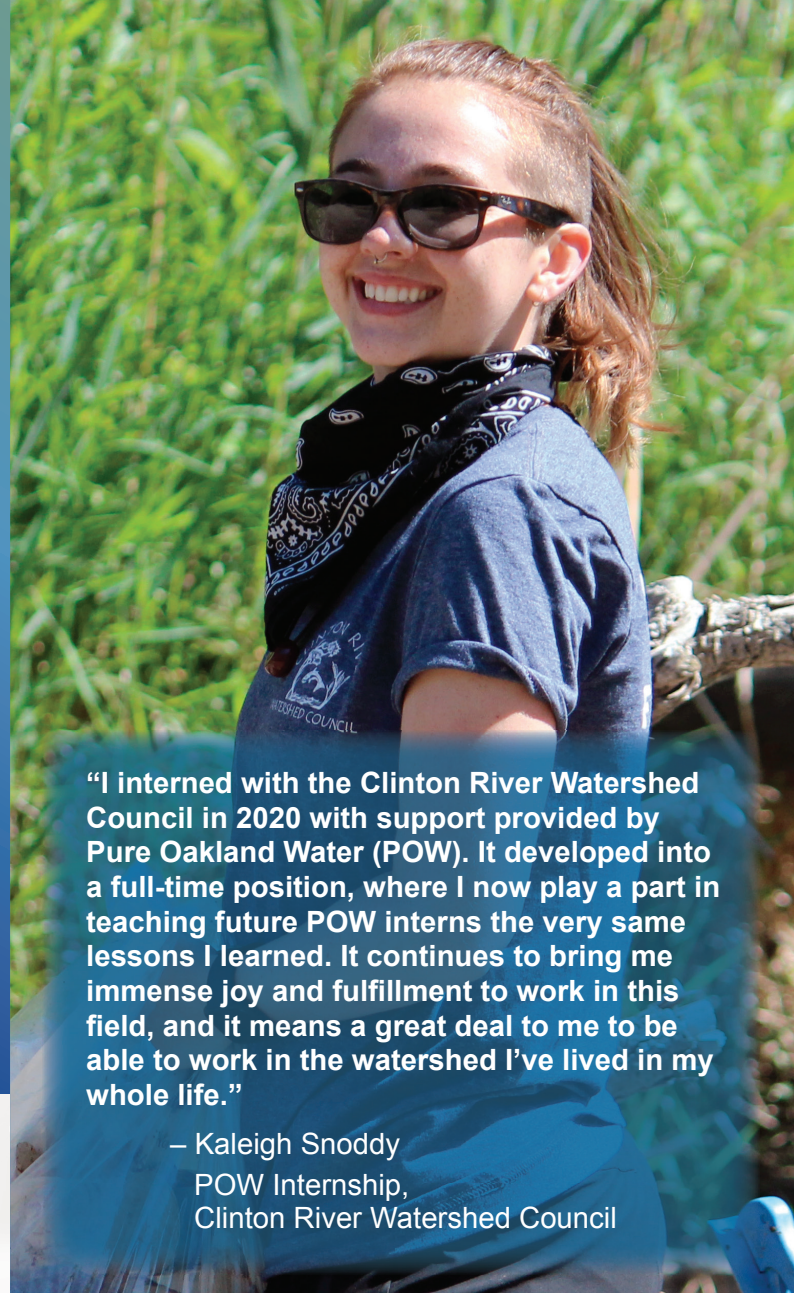
Sincerely,

**Jim Nash**  
Chair, Pure Oakland Water

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE | 2013 - 2022**

## RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Clinton River Watershed Council
- Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Detroit Zoo
- Friends of the Detroit River
- Friends of the Rouge
- Healing Our Waters
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Junior Achievement
- Lawrence Technological University
- MI League of Conservation Voters Education Fund
- Michigan State Fair
- Blue Heron Land Conservancy
- Oakland Conservation District
- Oakland County Kids' Clean Water Calendar Contest
- Oakland University
- Rochester University
- Royal Oak Township
- Tech Town
- West Bloomfield Parks



"I interned with the Clinton River Watershed Council in 2020 with support provided by Pure Oakland Water (POW). It developed into a full-time position, where I now play a part in teaching future POW interns the very same lessons I learned. It continues to bring me immense joy and fulfillment to work in this field, and it means a great deal to me to be able to work in the watershed I've lived in my whole life."

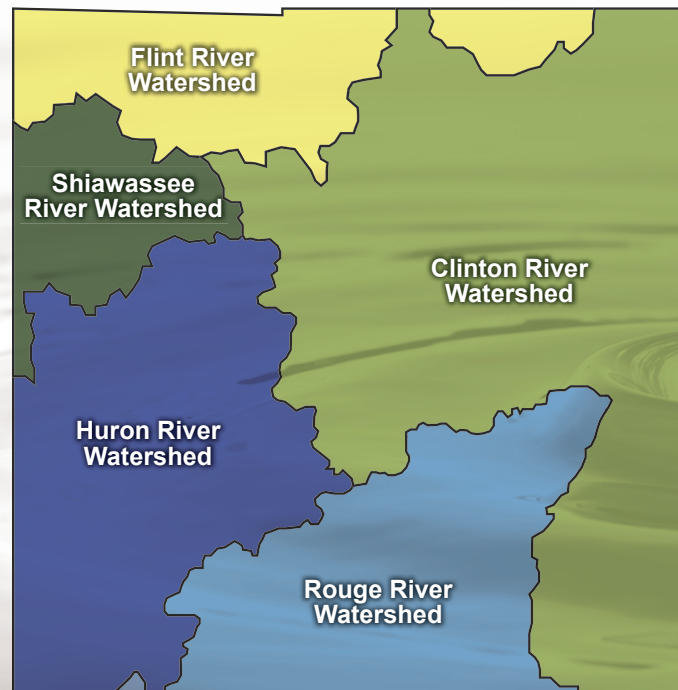
— Kaleigh Snoddy  
POW Internship,  
Clinton River Watershed Council

# \$110,000

**SUPPORTED 40 INTERNSHIPS** at the following organizations:

- Clinton River Watershed Council
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Friends of the Rouge
- Healing Our Waters

## THE WATERSHEDS of OAKLAND COUNTY



Guest at the Art Fish Fun Festival use arts & crafts to learn about water

# \$260,000

**SUPPORTED OVER 20,000 STUDENTS** attending water festivals at:

- Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Oakland University
- Friends of the Detroit River

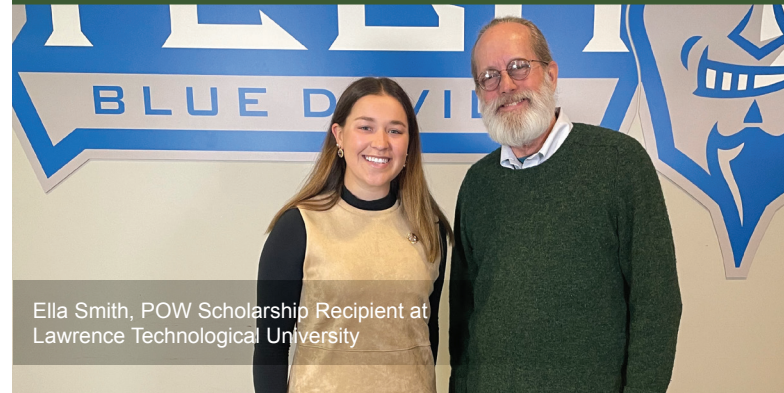


Commissioner Nash guides students at a water festival to a "Dirt Doctors" presentation

# \$100,000

**IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS** to attend the following universities:

- Lawrence Technological University
- Oakland University
- Rochester University



Ella Smith, POW Scholarship Recipient at Lawrence Technological University



"I will forever be a representative of Pure Oakland Water. Not because of the scholarship I was awarded, but because it brings a pulse to who I am, what I love, and what I believe in. Thank you."

— Cole Higley,  
POW Scholarship Recipient at Lawrence Technological University



Commissioner Nash and Anne Vaara with CRWC staff at Depot Park shoreline restoration project in Clarkston



**Nature is hard at work here!**

Our Green Journey with the Detroit Zoo rain garden

Before



This is a natural low area where stormwater pools after larger rain events.

After



By using this area in the landscape, the space is now a rain garden that works with nature.

# \$70,000

**GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

- Clinton River Watershed Council
- Detroit Zoo
- Friends of the Rouge
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Oakland Conservation District
- Royal Oak Township

# 60,000

**KIDS' CLEAN WATER CALENDARS DISTRIBUTED** as part of the Oakland County Kids' Clean Water Calendar Contest



Kids' Clean Water Calendar Contest Winners



Agnish Adhya, 2023 Grand Prize Winner