

Join us for the fifth TRC Annual Meeting

December 2, 2013

6:30—9:00 pm

Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

Featuring:

Homemade Desserts and Refreshments

Presentations:

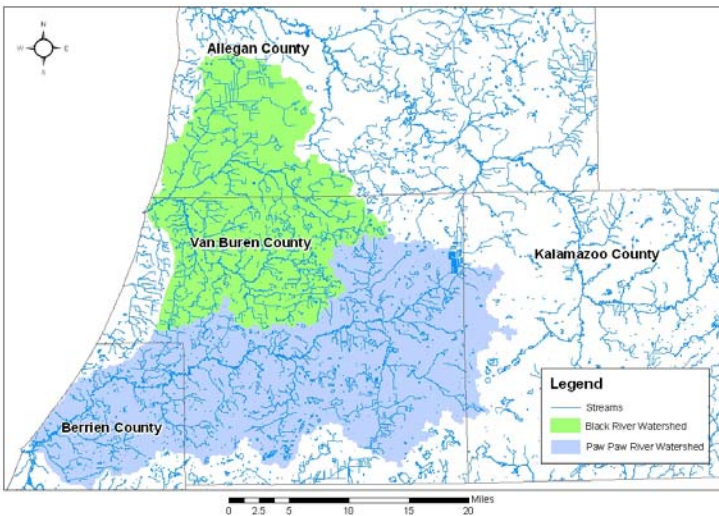
- ▶ **Making A Difference** - *Marcy Colclough, Senior Planner for SW Michigan Planning Commission*, will overview TRC's 2013 projects and accomplishments.
- ▶ **Climate Change in Michigan: How do we respond?** - *Peter Sinclair, renowned writer and researcher*, recently returned from a scientific expedition in Greenland to study Greenland's accelerated ice melt, will address observed and predicted consequences of climate change. While this presentation is designed to help community officials and planners answer the question "How do we respond to climate change?", it will be of interest to anyone who has ever pondered this question.



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Climate Change in Michigan: How do we respond?

Peter Sinclair, renowned writer and researcher, is returning to Southwest Michigan to address Climate Change in Michigan at the Two Rivers Coalition's 5th annual meeting on Monday, December 2 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence. This free event is open to the public and attendees will be rewarded with a one year membership to TRC.



Sinclair, who recently returned from a scientific expedition to study Greenland's accelerated ice melt, will address observed and predicted consequences of climate change, climate feedback loops and amplifiers, current conditions in the arctic, and the prospect of climate "tipping points".

Michigan's climate features cold, snowy winters that favor a variety of winter sports, and warm summers that appeal to thousands of vacationers each year and provide a boost for Michigan's local economies. Precipitation and climate in Michigan has also made Michigan a leader in livestock production as well as crops such as red tart cherries, blueberries, and apples. Each of these unique features is threatened by projected changes in climate. Sinclair will address how Michigan's features are in danger and what the impact may be.

Popular "climate skeptic" arguments will be addressed in some detail; and finally, an exciting and exhilarating review of current and developing alternative strategies for new energy production and the need for revisioning the electrical grid.

This presentation is designed to help community officials and planners answer the question "How do we respond to climate change?" It will be of interest to anyone who has ever pondered this question. It may also be of special interest to MSUE Master Citizen Planners as it qualifies for 2 continuing education credits required to maintain currency.

Refreshments and homemade desserts will be provided by the TRC Board of Directors during registration and social from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. RSVPs are encouraged and can be made to Marcy Colclough at (269) 925-1137 x25 or colcloughm@swmpc.org.

Two Rivers Coalition is a non-profit citizen's group working to protect the health of the Black River and Paw Paw River watersheds through conservation, education, and advocacy. TRC gained its 501(c)3 status in May 2009 and has led and partnered on several water quality protection and improvement projects in Allegan, Berrien, Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties. For more information about the Two Rivers Coalition visit www.TwoRiversCoalition.org.