

St. Clair County Health Department's Stormwater Program

The St. Clair County Health Department manages the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit Program. This program is part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System which was created as part of the Clean Water Act. It ensures that stormwater is properly managed before reaching waterways. This protects local rivers and lakes.

6 Minimum Measures are Used to Protect Water Quality



Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination- prevents illegal pollution within the storm sewer system



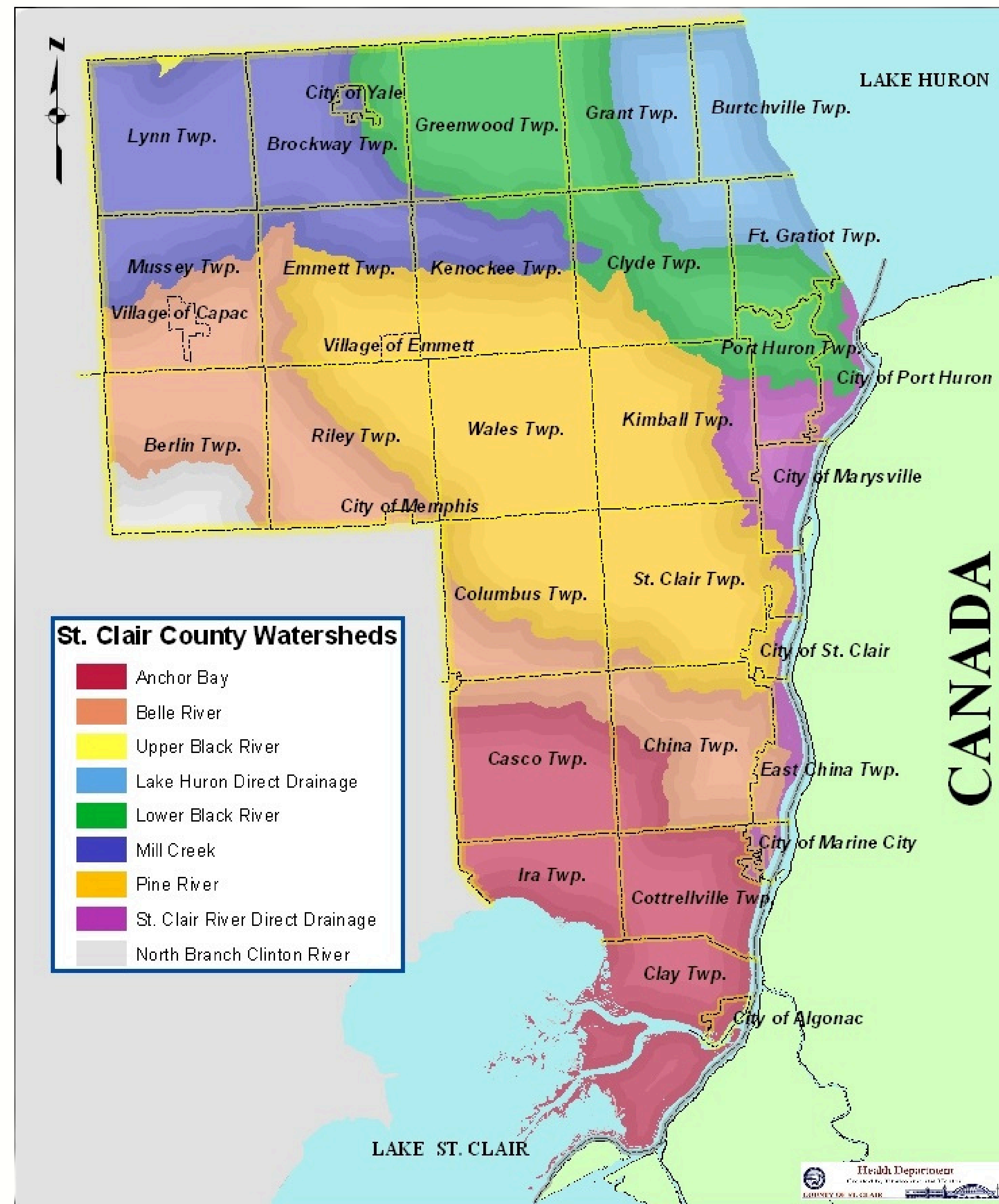
Management of Construction Site Runoff- implements sediment and erosion control



Management of Post Construction Site Runoff- addresses stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment



Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations- ensures environmentally friendly best practices at the local level



The Stormwater program is a featured vendor at Earth Fair, a free educational local fair that takes place annually at Goodells County Park.



Public Education and Outreach- engages the community through outreach in water protection efforts



Public Participation- encourages residents to get involved through public meetings, education and environmental protection opportunities



Rain gardens are part of the Stormwater Management Plan. They allow stormwater to soak into the ground. Rain gardens feature native plants and are often an effort between the county and environmental volunteers.

St. Clair County's watersheds feature beautiful freshwater lakes, meandering rivers, marshes and several beaches.