## 2022 SUMMARY TNN ANNUAL REPORT: Sixteenth Report since inception.

Township Neighbors Network (TNN) - <u>Recognized</u> as a forward looking voice for the interests of the Antrim County coastal community on Grand Traverse Bay - <u>Tracked</u> state of the Great Lakes as rising water, colder Lake Superior.

<u>Presented</u> coastal initiatives to community groups by invitation - <u>Connects</u> to US-Canada Great Lakes shoreline and worldwide NGO's – <u>Adapted</u> 'make room for the water' policy from the Netherlands. From centuries of higher dikes to, harmony with water e.g. mounds dating to 500 BC.

<u>Concluded</u> 157 years of mankind's diversions, rechanneling and control structures amplify extreme water levels of Great Lakes since 1865 – <u>Supports</u> restoring natural 4 foot range (not 6'); bi-national field study of St. Clair River bottom contours.

<u>Advocated</u> DIY adapt/improvise infrastructure for resilience after 100 year storms flooded shorelines and homes from collapsed dams, drain overflows, pumping failures. - <u>Concluded</u> water level forecasts are difficult and unreliable; no expert forecast 2020 high or 1997-2013 low; multiyear models are one sided and contradictory.

<u>Revealed</u> that just 3% of statewide Great Lakes waterfront lots placed rocks alongshore – <u>Promoted</u> off-shore breakwater, a thoughtful design to make use the timeless harmony of natural forces. <u>Co-signed</u> open letter to US house/senate riparian districts for \$10 million appropriation to re-set water flow control policy.

<u>Tutored</u> Deed Restrictive Covenants, HOA's & Zoning. Recorded covenants run with the land. Docks/Hoists as zoned accessory structures must meet side setbacks. Stricter covenant setbacks prevail over zoning. Contact zoning administrator

<u>Reported debate:</u> YES, The Great Lakes region could be a climate refuge. NOT YET, until region works with nature to reduce water highs and increase the low to mitigate stronger storms.

<u>Progress</u>: Antrim coast has a 50-50 balance of preserved and private residences - <u>Tutored</u> zoning law and deed restrictive covenants including docks subject to buyer discovery.

<u>Call to action</u> eradicate Spotted Knapweed invasive species from beaches - <u>Enjoy</u> beach short story and woodsy poem - Advocate septic inspection and transport of all pumped human waste to treatment plant.