



## Our 2024 membership dues are here!

Due pricing remains at **\$5** per year.

In our commitment to restoring the Pine River, we ask members to consider making an additional donation to help fund our mission. The extra funds will support our continued research, targeted solutions, and the development of community outreach programs. For more information on our current projects, visit our website at [healthypineriver.org](http://healthypineriver.org).

In 2023, Healthy Pine River has expanded its team with new board members, staff, and volunteers. We also have continued to work with local governments, the State of Michigan, Alma College, Triterra environmental consulting, the Gratiot Conservation District, and many other organizations and individuals who support us in finding solutions to the degradation of our river. We are incredibly grateful to all of those who have supported us in fulfilling our mission.

### **To pay your dues:**

**Online:** Payment via PayPal is available at <http://healthypineriver.org/join-us/>. We are currently making changes to our website. If you have any challenges paying online, please email us at [healthypineriver@gmail.com](mailto:healthypineriver@gmail.com).

**Via Mail:** **If paying by mail, please also print and fill out the membership application attached to this e-mail.**

Mail cash or check payment with the 2024 membership application to:

Healthy Pine River

P.O. Box 993

Alma, MI 48801

*Make checks out to Healthy Pine River.*

**In-Person:** You may pay your dues at our monthly membership meetings using cash or check. Please fill out a membership application form (available at the meetings). Our membership meetings are on the second Thursday of each month. The upcoming membership meetings are **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024** and **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Thank you for being a valued member of Healthy Pine River! Your support is integral towards our mission to restore the Pine River and its tributaries.

Sincerely,  
Healthy Pine River

# Who is Healthy Pine River?

*Our mission is to restore the Pine River and its tributaries to a healthy and beautiful state.*

We unite residents, area farmers, state and local governments, schools, and all those committed to restoring the Pine River's natural waterways and tributaries.

## HPR Contact Information:

**Email:** [healthypineriver@gmail.com](mailto:healthypineriver@gmail.com)



### Address:

P.O. Box 993  
Alma, MI 48801

**For more information visit us at:** [www.healthypineriver.org](http://www.healthypineriver.org)

Membership Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Alma Public Library.

Healthy Pine River is registered as a §501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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## Environmental Issues in the Pine River

### Algal Blooms and Increased Vegetation

An excess of nutrients from the following sources is leading to worsening algal blooms and increased vegetation:

- Septic Systems in disrepair lead to untreated wastewater entering surface waters (e.g. rivers, creeks, streams, drainage ditches)
- Excess livestock manure application to farm fields result in manure runoff into drainage ditches connecting to the Pine River

### Alma and St. Louis Impoundment Degradation

- High E. Coli Levels (It is advised that you do NOT consume fish from these areas)
- Sediment drop, which allows the river to become stagnate and shallow

# Making a Difference in our Community

## Research and Monitoring

- Annual water testing via Alma College
- Alma and St. Louis dams and reservoir research on causes of degradation
- Surveys with residents

## Education and Support Services

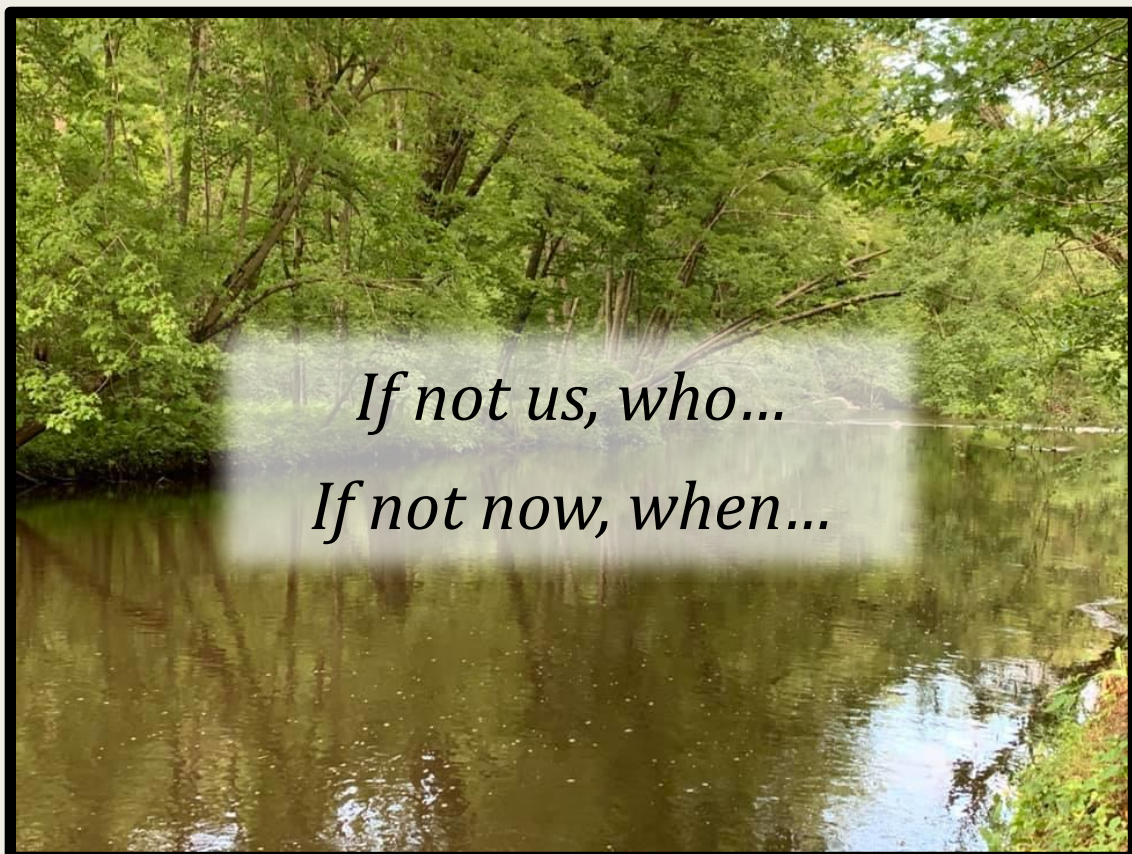
- Septic support services to rural communities such as Elwell, Elm Hall, and Sumner
- Community education on contamination sources of the Pine River
- Community education on potential health risks from the Pine River

## Connecting the Community

- Re-establishment of the Farm Engagement Committee to promote sustainable farm practices.
- Sponsoring community events that promote sustainability and stewardship.
- Directly working with local governments and State of Michigan agencies.
- Creating new fundraising opportunities such as the new “Friends of the Pine River” campaign.
- Adding members to the HPR team including new staff, volunteers, and board members.

## Why Should YOU join Healthy Pine River?









**We are the only group exclusively dedicated to improving and protecting the Pine River. Your membership will be a vital part of the positive change we are making. Together, we will ensure a healthier Pine River for our children and generations to come.**



## 2024 Membership Application (Printable)

Please check the box that reflects your annual Healthy Pine River membership commitment for 2024.

*Your annual \$5 dues are **included** in your donation to simplify the donation process and emphasize the importance of funding our mission.*

 \$5	 \$10
 \$25	 \$50
 \$100	 \$250
 \$500	 Other: _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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