

TABLE 3a. Overview of Impaired and Threatened Designated/Desired Uses for Portage Creek  
(*Italicized Text Represents Desired Uses Developed by Steering Committee*)

**Threatened Uses**

Coldwater fishery  
Warmwater fishery  
Other indigenous aquatic life and wildlife  
*Public water supply, groundwater*

**Impaired Uses**

Navigation  
Other indigenous aquatic life and wildlife  
Partial body contact, recreation  
*Native vegetation/naturalization*  
*Unique habitat and natural buffers*  
*Aesthetic and community amenity*  
*Flood control (capacity)*  
*Flow capability (transport)*  
*Flood prevention/control of storm water*  
*Public access and education*

**Related Watershed/Water Quality Issues**

Development encroachment  
Restricted flow (rocks, trees, brush & shrubs)  
Streambank and soil erosion  
Sedimentation  
Storm water loading  
Replacement of botanical diversity with invasive vegetation  
PCB contamination of sediments  
Nutrient loading from fertilizers and storm water  
Loading of hydrocarbons/organic compounds  
Low water/flow levels  
Agricultural runoff

**Broadbased Stakeholder Goals**

Restore/naturalize to control invasive species  
Treat as an aesthetic & community amenity  
Protect unique habitats/endangered species  
Extend recreational trail along the Creek into Kalamazoo  
Increase recreational opportunities  
Implement storm water BMPs  
Promote educational opportunities  
Protect agricultural land  
Coordinate land use planning across jurisdictional borders,  
consistent with Natural Resource Inventory information  
Link with wetland protection and water quality issues