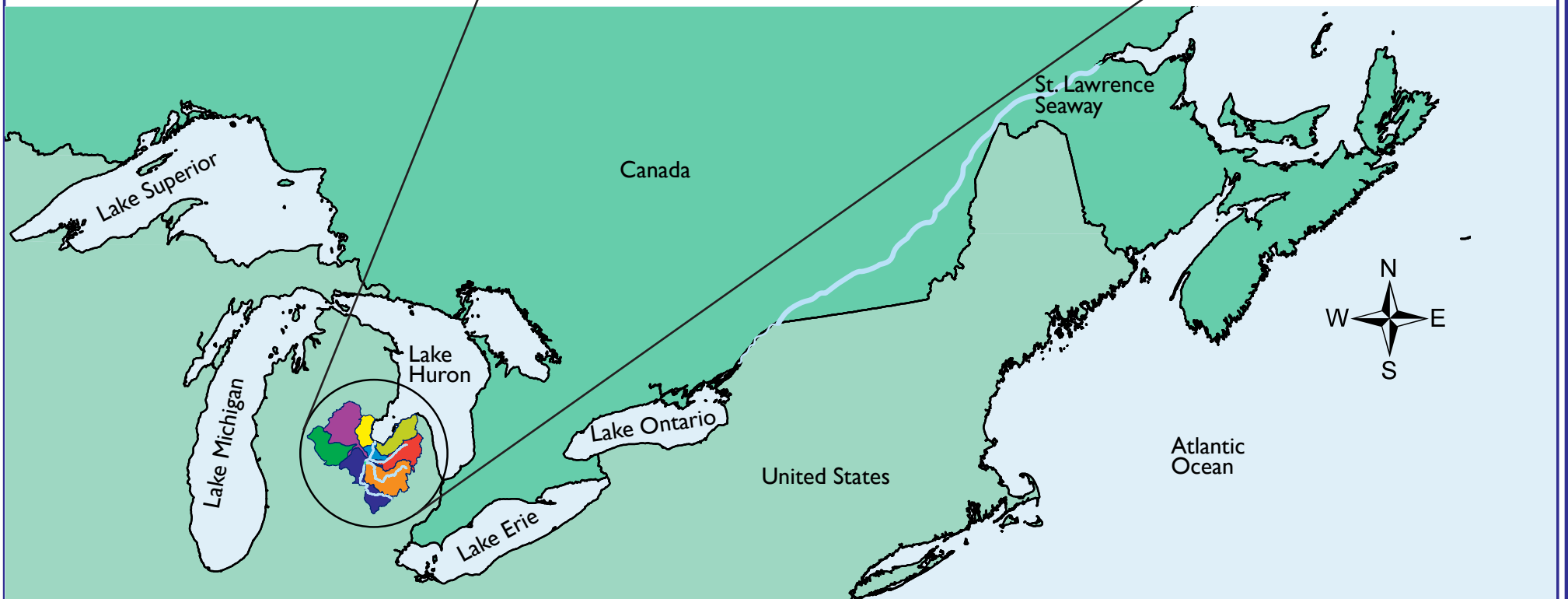


Oceans, Lakes and Rivers Are Connected

A watershed is the area of land that drains water into a particular river, lake or even ocean. Everything we do on the land affects "Our Water." When rain falls to the ground, it travels over top of land or underground into lakes, rivers, streams and creeks.

This is the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The Saginaw Bay Watershed is made up of many smaller watersheds. Can you find the Flint River? The Flint River Watershed is one of the smaller watersheds that together with other watersheds, like the Cass River or Shiawassee River Watersheds, help form the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The Flint River Watershed is part of the Saginaw Bay Watershed, which is part of the larger Lake Huron Watershed.

The Flint River Watershed covers most of Genesee County. There are two other major watersheds in Genesee County: the Shiawassee River Watershed and the Cass River Watershed. Can you find the Shiawassee River Watershed at the Southwest corner of Genesee County and the Cass River Watershed in the North?



Legend

	Michigan Counties		1 Cass River Watershed
	Genesee County		2 Flint River Watershed
	Water		3 Kawkawlin-Pine River Watershed
	Canada		4 Pigeon-Wiscoggin River Watershed
	United States		5 Pine River Watershed
			6 Saginaw River Watershed
			7 Shiawassee River Watershed
			8 Tittabawassee River Watershed

Watersheds fit together like little bowls inside of bigger ones. The Flint River drains into the Saginaw River and the Saginaw River drains into the Saginaw Bay. Therefore, the Flint River is part of the Saginaw Bay Watershed. Saginaw Bay is part of the Lake Huron. Lake Huron drains to Lake Erie, then to Lake Ontario, then through the St. Lawrence River and finally all the way to the Atlantic Ocean! Now that you know how water travels from Genesee County to the Atlantic Ocean, can you trace the path on this map?

