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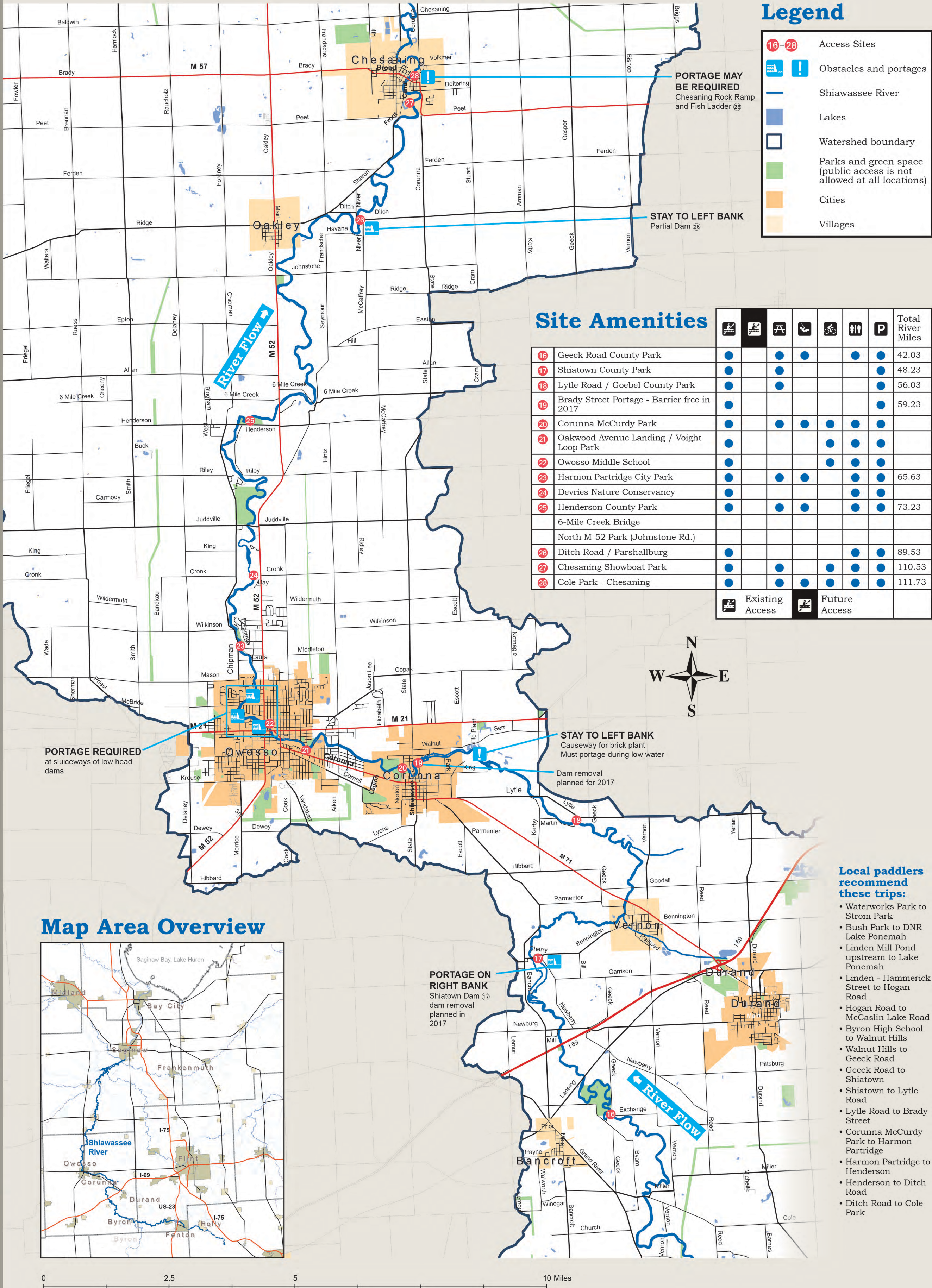


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The Shiawassee River is a shallow, slow moving stream which features an "Up North-Close By" view of nature and flows through forested, suburban and rural landscapes. The river current varies significantly depending on the time of year and the amount of rain. Please plan accordingly.

Before You Paddle the Shiawassee River

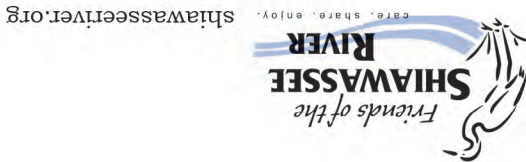
It is Michigan State Law that you wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) or life jacket

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Research/scout out your trip and paddle water appropriate to your skills. Not all areas of the Shiawassee River are suitable for beginners.
- Talk to local kayakers for information specific to the waterway you plan to paddle. (Check the Keepers of the Shiawassee Facebook page)
- Check weather and conditions before you paddle - including relevant river flow levels (river flow data is available at waterwatch.usgs.gov)
- Dams are hazardous and can be deadly. Learn to recognize them - not all are marked. Always portage around dams.
- Look out for and avoid possible hazards such as overhanging or submerged tree branches, a high volume of water, unpredictable currents, low water temperature, and other craft.
- Always tell someone about your plans, including where you intend to kayak and when you expect to be back.

Be Considerate and Kind

- Respect other's experience and enjoyment of the river
- Travel and park on durable surfaces to reduce impact to natural areas
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find (unless it's trash!)
- Respect wildlife



The Water Trail Committee is a volunteer committee supported by local resource professionals. Three major groups organize social events, river cleanups, and water quality monitoring.

Who We Are

The Shiawassee River Water Trail is maintained by local volunteers, municipal leaders, and professional resources working to enhance stewardship of the Shiawassee River.

We envision a developed paddling trail from Holly and tourists to enjoy the Shiawassee River and the Shiawassee Flats that will allow residents communities along its course.

We believe in and promote Leave No Trace Ethics and Share the Resource values as we work to protect the integrity of the river as a valuable natural and community resource.

Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail



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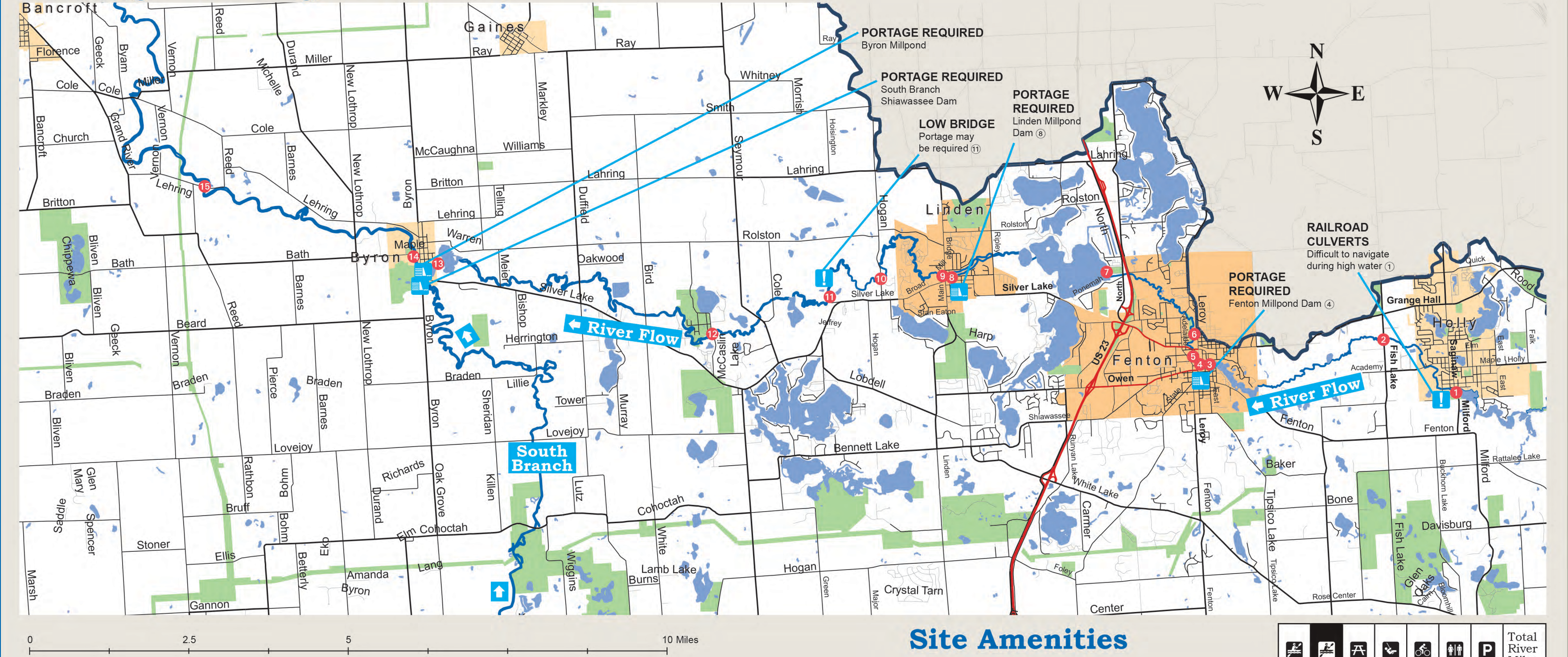
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Legend

1-15	Access Sites	Lakes	Cities
!	Obstacles and portages	Watershed boundary	Villages
—	Shiawassee River	Parks and green space (public access is not allowed at all locations)	

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Site Amenities

									Total River Miles
1	Water Works Park	•							0.00
2	Fish Lake Road	•							2.25
3	Strom Park	•							7.00
4	Fenton Mill Dam Portage		•	•	•	•			
5	Rackham Park / Fenton Cultural & Community Center			•					
6	Bush Park	•		•	•	•	•	•	7.64
7	DNR Lake Ponemah Boat Launch*	•					•	•	10.14
8	Linden Mill Pond Park and Dam	•		•			•	•	12.89
9	Bridge Street		•						•
10	Hogan Road		•						15.45
11	Rolston Road		•						
12	McCaslin Lake Road Put In	•							22.63
13	Byron Cemetery Portage	•							30.13
14	Byron High School Ball Field Launch	•					•	•	
15	Walnut Hills Family Campground*	•					•	•	35.03
*Fee to use									
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