### Summary of Data from Summer, 2023 Testing on Pine River, Upper Saginaw River Drainage Basin

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### Introduction

- Sampling sites were selected based on previous sample results
- Funding was supported by Alma College, and the Healthy Pine River Group
- Focus was given to downstream sites as St. Louis residents have complained about recent algal blooms
- Equipment used was calibrated and new water sources were installed for deionized water

### Methodology

- Followed State of Michigan and U.S. EPA field and lab protocols
  - See Mitchell and Stapp, 1997
- Error bars were less than what would appear on graphs
- Statistical Analyses were conducted (ANOVA and t-tests for significance)

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### Field Area: Sampling Area







#### Nutrient Results: Upper Pine River Watershed w/ Sampling Sites

### Results: Nutrient Analyses for Upper Pine River Watershed, Summer, 2023



### Results: Nutrient Averages for Upper Pine River Watershed

#### Average for N-Ammonia and SRP for All Headwaters Sites, Pine River, Summer, 2023





# Results: Thermotolerant *E. coli* Upper Pine River Watershed w/Sampling Sites

Thermotolerant E. coli Concentrations in Upper Pine River Watershed, Summer, 2023



# Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentration Averages for Summer, 2023 – Upper PR Watershed



Thermotolerant E. coli Ave. Concentration



## Results for Nutrients: Mid-Section of Pine River Watershed with Sampling Sites



#### Results: Nutrient Averages for Mid-Section Pine River Watershed



#### Average for N-Ammonia and SRP for All Mid-Section Sites, Pine River Watershed, Summer, 2023



### Results: Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentrations – Mid-Section w/Sampling Sites, PR Watershed, Summer, 2023



## Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentration Averages for Summer, 2023 – Mid-Section PR Watershed

Ave. Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentrations Mid-Section Sampling Sites, Pine River, Summer, 2023 900 800 700 CFU/100mL 600 **Concentration Above Which Poses** 500 Health Risk for Direct Contact 400 300 200 100 0

Ave. Thermotolerant E. coli



### Results: Nutrient Concentrations Downstream Sites Pine River Above St. Louis Dam, Summer, 2023

Nutrient Concentrations at Downstream Sites Above St. Louis Dam, Pine River, Summer, 2023



Ammonia (NH3) mg/L SRP (PO4) mg/L

### Results: Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentrations for Downstream Pine River Watershed w/Sampling Sites



Results: Ave. Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentrations for Downstream Pine River Watershed Above St. Louis Dam, Summer, 2023

> Watershed Above St. Louis Dam, Summer, 2023 1200 1000 CFU/100mL 800 **Concentration Above Which Poses** 600 Health Risk for Direct Contact 400 200 0

> > Ave. Thermotolerant E. coli Concentration



### Results: Nutrient Concentrations Control Sites, Pine River Watershed, Summer, 2023

Average Nutrient Concentrations for "Control" Sites, Pine River Watershed, Summer, 2023



# Results: Thermotolerant *E. coli* Concentrations for Control Sites, Pine River Watershed, Summer, 2023

Thermotolerant E. coli Concentrations Control Sites, Pine River Watershed,

Summer, 2023

