

## Section C: Description of the Greater Bear Watershed

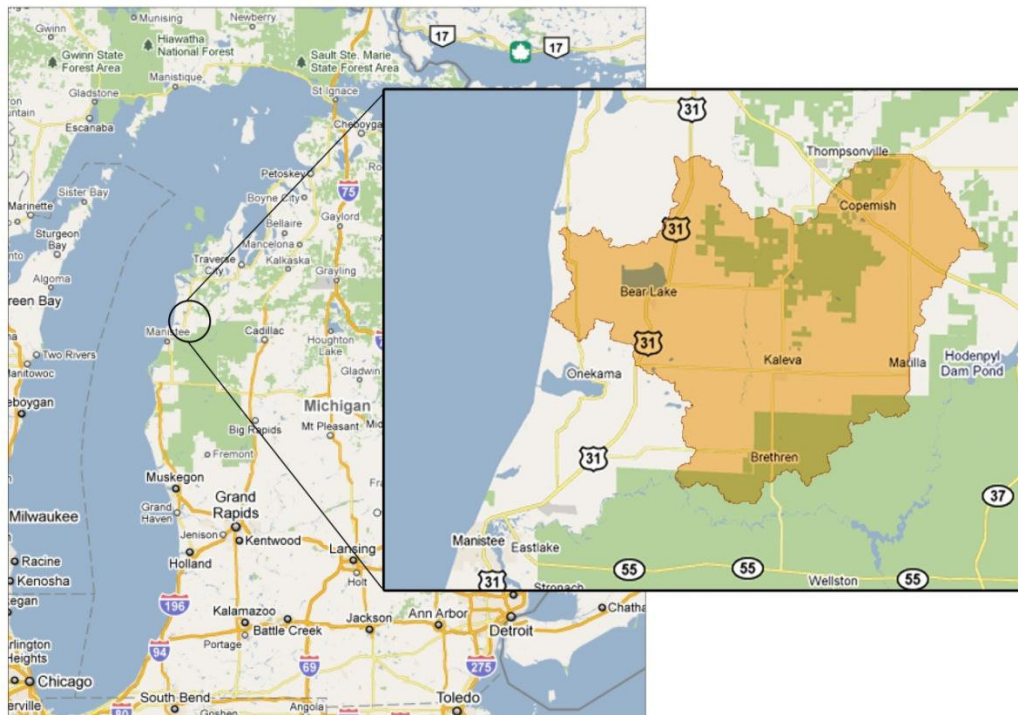
This section provides a comprehensive description of the Greater Bear Watershed, including its physical, political, and environmental setting.

### PHYSICAL AND NATURAL FEATURES

#### *Location, Size, and Boundaries*

The Greater Bear Watershed is located in the northwest portion of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula, primarily in Manistee County, with portions extending into Benzie and Wexford counties (see Exhibit 2). As shown in Exhibits 2 and 3, the watershed encompasses approximately 204 square miles or 130,800 acres; covering all, or portions of, 13 townships (Benzie County: Colfax and Joyfield townships; Manistee County: Arcadia, Bear Lake, Brown, Cleon, Dickson, Maple Grove, Marilla, Onekema, Pleasanton, and Springdale townships; and Wexford County: Wexford Township). The watershed includes three incorporated villages (Bear Lake, Copemish, and Kaleva), the unincorporated community of Brethren, which is located in Dickson Township within the Manistee National Forest, and public lands of interest to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) reservation (see Exhibit 4).

#### EXHIBIT 2. General Location, Greater Bear Watershed



SOURCE: Public Sector Consultants Inc., 2012, using data from Google Earth.