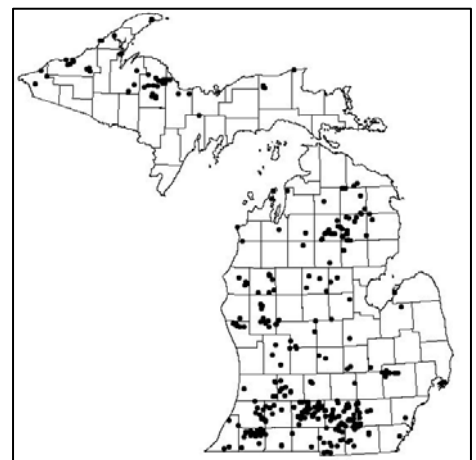# Michigan's Landowner Incentive Program
Helping Landowners Help Rare Species

- **LIP is critical to the future of threatened and endangered species:** more than 75% of Michigan's threatened and endangered species occur on private land. With 79% of Michigan in private ownership, listed species conservation goals cannot be achieved on public land alone.

Karner blue butterfly

- **LIP is helping endangered species recover:** in one Michigan metapopulation, the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly is progressing towards delisting criteria due to habitat work on private lands. LIP is working in 7 of the 9 metapopulations.

- **LIP is preventing extinction of globally imperiled species:** the federally endangered Mitchell's stayr butterfly exists only on 19 known sites in the world, 17 of which occur in southern Michigan, and 15 of those are on private lands. LIP is managing 10 of these sites.

- **LIP is documenting new occurrences of threatened and endangered species:** in three years, Michigan's LIP has recorded 71 new locations of listed animal and plant species.

- **LIP is helping to implement Michigan's Wildlife Action Plan:** the plan identifies the pivotal role private lands play in meeting Michigan's Wildlife Conservation strategies of protecting statewide diversity. LIP target species are also species of greatest conservation need in the WAP, making LIP an integral component for implementing the plan.

- **LIP is directly affecting thousands of acres of habitat:** in 3 years, Michigan has funded 300 projects on 11,342 acres.

- **LIP is assisting private landowners in conserving and enhancing their habitat for threatened and endangered species:** in 3 years, Michigan has helped 465 landowners with technical assistance on 35,561 acres.

- **LIP is most effective as a stand alone program:**

  o Maximizes landowner investments

  o Implements WAP directly to private lands

  o Competitive grant ensures effective and efficient program

  o Provides support to States who have made it successful

Locations of LIP Assistance