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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CEMCD	Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District
City	City of Sault Ste. Marie (Municipal Department)
CCGOV	Chippewa County Government
SPSC	Sault Project Steering Committee
STCI	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Little T	Little Traverse Conservancy
CCHD	Chippewa County Health Department
BPAC	Binational Public Advisory Council
LIAA	Land Information Access Association
Press	Sault Evening News, Voice, etc.
MDEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
LSSU	Lake Superior State University
EUPRPDC	Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission
NRCS	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
SAPS	Sault Area Public Schools
MSUE	Michigan State University Extension
CCRC	Chippewa Co. Road Commission
USGS	United States Geologic Survey
CCBA	Chippewa County Building Authority
CCR	Chippewa County Recycling
SOO	Soo Township Officials
CCO	Chippewa County Officials
MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ITC	Inter-Tribal Council
IJC	International Joint Commission
SCF	Sault Community Foundation
CCHD	Chippewa County Health Department
MSUE	Michigan State University Extension
MNFI	Michigan Natural Features Inventory
COC	Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce