## **Regional Climate Trends**

## For Northwest Lower Michigan



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Multi-day precipitation events have also increased dramatically. Source: GLISA







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Northwest Lower Michigan Average Annual Air Temperatures from 1895 to 2016. Source: NOAA Climate Divisions.

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- Increased flooding and coastal erosion.
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