

Lower Grand Organization of Watersheds

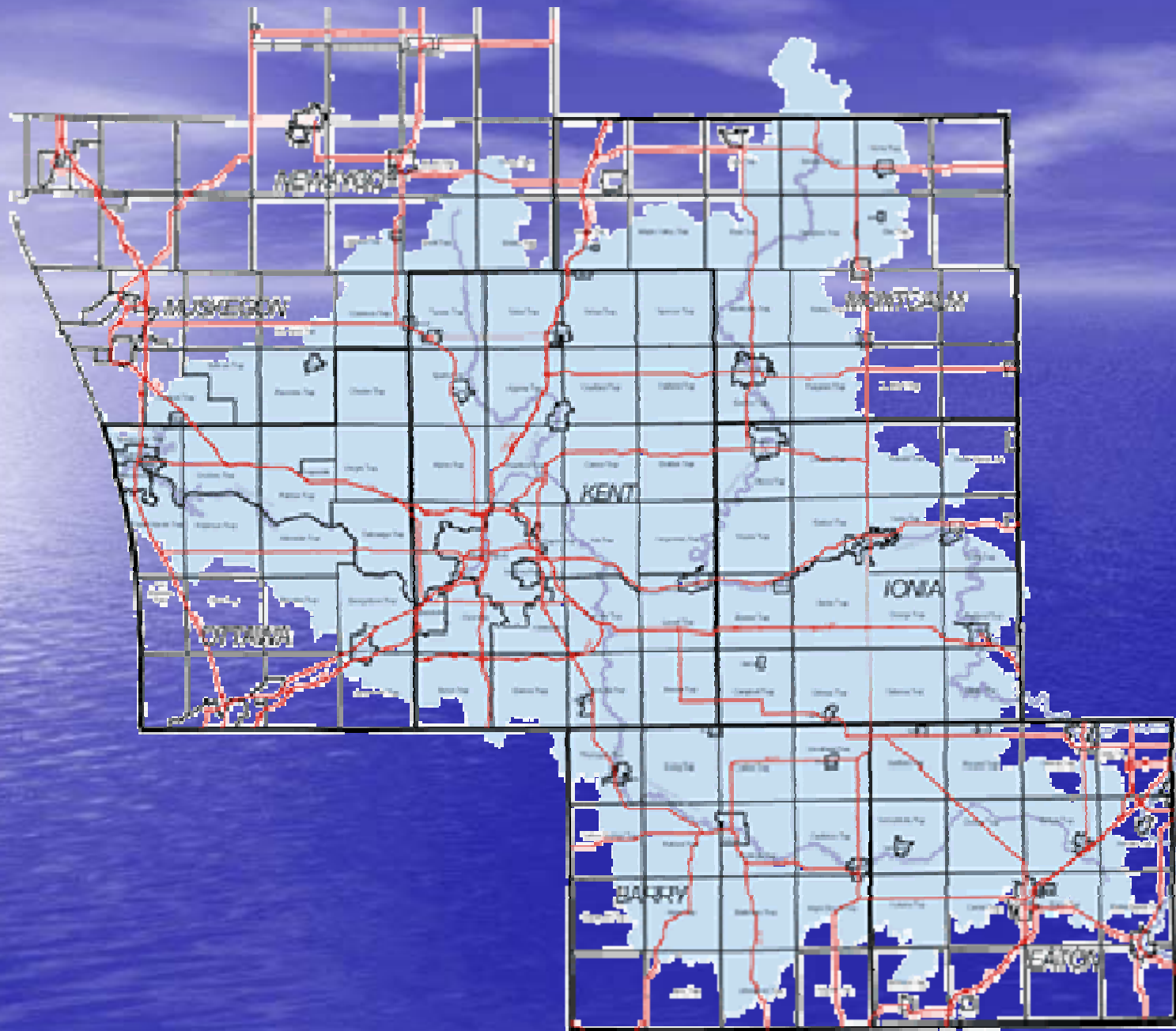


Brian Donovan, EGR City Manager,
Chairman LGROW Steering Committee
October 26, 2009

It's the Water . . .

- Michigan's primary resource.
- Unique in the world.
- Fulfils human needs.
- Supports natural systems.
- Citizens care!
- Requires attention by everyone.





A Management Plan

- Watershed Management Plan, 2004.
(*www.lowergrandriver.org*)
- Broad list of deficiencies and needs.
- Established work to be done.
- Adopted a watershed-wide approach.
- A new vision for the Lower Grand.



LOWER GRAND RIVER ORGANIZATION *of* WATERSHEDS



Creating a New Organization

- Association and Partnering
- Communications
- Technical Assistance



Association and Partnering

- Networking
- A Place for Watershed Work
- Produce Multiplier Effect
- Effective Evaluation



Communication

- Public Relations
- Education
- Serving a Diverse Population



Technical Assistance

- Funding Sources
- Grant Administration
- Referrals
- Latest Tools
- Prioritization





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Building an Organization

Grand River Forum/Assembly**

Assembly of All Members or Potential Members of LGROW

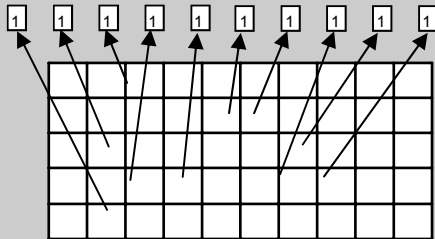
Appointed from Regulated Entities

Appointed from Qualifying Sub-basins

Elected at Forum Annual Mtg

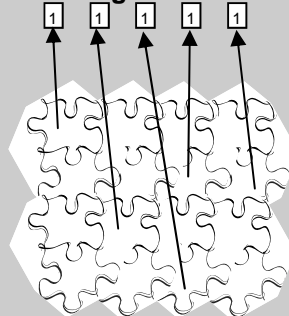
Water Management Members

(Governments, schools, regional orgs w/NPDES water permits in watershed)



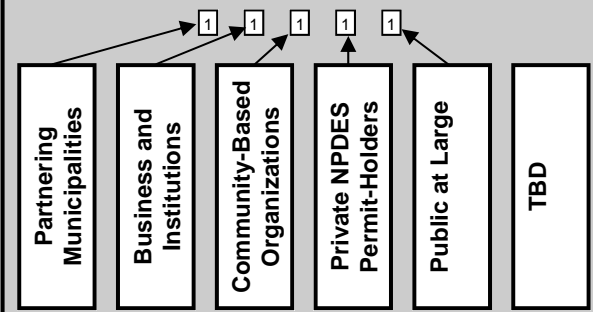
Sub-basin Organization Members

(At minimum organizational threshold)



GR Forum Representatives

(All stakeholder organizations, businesses, residents, etc.)



Board of Directors

Voting Members of LGROW
(each smaller box is one vote*)



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Legend:

-  Existing Trail
-  Proposed Trail
-  Proposed Bike Lane
-  Pedestrian Crossing
-  Pedestrian Underpass
-  Proposed Kayak/Canoe Route
-  Dam
-  Trailhead

Data:

Sources:
City of Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Dept.
Trails: Kent County and City of Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Dept.
Trailheads: City of Grand Rapids Planning Dept.
Aerial: USDA National Agricultural Imagery Program, 2005



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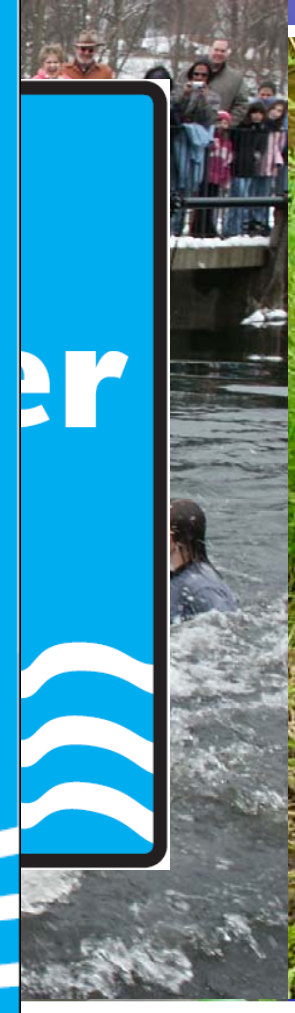
Engaging Citizen

Grand River Watershed

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A greater voice in watershed work



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GVMC Projects:

Rogue River Project

Lower Grand River Implementation

Lower Grand River Watershed Storm Water Education

Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds Initiatives

Lower Grand River Watershed Planning

\$1,085,000

Other Projects in LGROW

\$3,750,000





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What we're planning for:

- Continue with existing work.
- Organizational development.
- Ongoing Technical Assistance.
- Greater reach in watershed.
- Networking and partnering.
- Establish priorities in watershed work.
- Provide better service for members.





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Grand Rivers to Great Lakes!

- Fall Meeting of LGROW
- November 6th, 2009, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- GVSU Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton
- Address by Andy Buchsbaum, Dir Great Lakes Natural Resource Center, NWF
- Seating of Stakeholder Board of Directors





Please Join Us!