



A New Initiative

Over the past several weeks we have had the opportunity through our LGROW agency to meet with representatives of several critical environmental groups serving our region. GVMC currently has the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds and the Rogue River Watershed Council working under our umbrella.

After the holidays and into the new year, I hope to be able to convene many area environmental groups into a work-session to discuss enhancing cooperation, collaboration and coordination of our efforts. We held a small-group meeting a few weeks ago which resulted in an effort to seek a highly competitive EPA grant for projects in our area. Combining the efforts of GVMC, LGROW, WMEAC, The Annis Water Research Institute at GVSU and several other groups we discussed and worked on developing a comprehensive grant application for our Grand River

Watershed. There are many very successful and hard-working environmentally focused organizations in our community working on improving and protecting our valuable natural resources. These groups are funded and staffed at varying levels and have a wide-variety of resources available to them. Our goal is to maximize our resources in a highly productive manner.

I hope through LGROW and GVMC to bring these varying groups together to discuss partnerships, cooperation, collaboration and seek new ways we can increase efficiency and lower cost through combining efforts and sharing resources.

GVMC/LGROW can play a pivotal role in fostering greater cooperation and seeking out new opportunities for our environmental groups to work together. Thus far, we have met with success in discussing our joint EPA application. In the future, our hope is to dramatically increase the level of understanding and cooperation among the environmental agencies in our region. I look forward to this new initiative.



Reminder Everyone's Invited

MDOT

Presentation on Transportation Funding in the Future

Grand Rapids Township Hall
November 27th 10:00-Noon

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

New Board Member Information

On November 20th many new Township Board members will be joining the communities served by GVMC. In order to keep them updated on regional activities and insure that they get a copy of the Weekly Update we need your help.

Please send copies of the email addresses for all your township and city elected and appointed officials. This will give us the opportunity to review our membership lists and make sure we have everyone's emails correct.

Our Weekly Update has a current circulation of approximately 350 per week. We are happy to send it to anyone you would like including elected officials, staff, members of boards and commissions, etc. You just have to let us know who you want it sent to.

Please send your updated email information to Gayle McCrath. Her email address is mccrathg@gvmc.org

*Thank you for your assistance
with this important task!*

Please Email Your Community's
Programs and Ideas for
Cooperation!