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### **Grand Valley State University Joins GVMC/LGROW Stormwater Partnership**

We are pleased to announce that Grand Valley State University has joined our GVMC/LGROW Stormwater coalition. GVSU becomes the 22nd member of the group.

Recent changes in the law required GVSU to have its own stormwater discharge permit. Rather than spending the time and resources to prepare the permit alone, GVSU joined with other communities in the LGROW program. As we reported last week, the City of Walker estimates their savings by participating in the collaborative effort at over \$87,000 per year.

GVSU joins the cities of Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kentwood, Walker, Ferrysburg, Rockford, East Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Grandville, Hudsonville. Also the townships of Cascade, Georgetown, Grand Rapids, and Plainfield. The villages of Sparta and Spring Lake are also members as are Forest Hills Public Schools, the Kent County Drain Commissioner and Administration, Kent County Road Commission, the Ottawa County Road Commission and the Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner and Administration.

The deadline for filing the application is April 1st and each of these

communities is working hard with Wendy, Bonnie and Brian to complete the final phases of the application. Once it is submitted MDEQ will take an estimated 18 months to review the permit applications.

### **Two New Board Members Join GVMC**

At our Board meeting yesterday two new Board Members were sworn into office. Joining the GVMC Board of Directors are Kent County Commissioner Diane Jones and Matt McConnon a trustee from Courtland Township. We welcome them to GVMC.

### **GVMC Partners with The Right Place and our Regional Partners on Governor's Economic and Education Summits**

In early March, GVMC, The Right Place and our regional partners through the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance will play a critical role in Governor Snyder's Economic and Education Summits. We have joined together to focus part of the Summit on West Michigan and will host two large regional meetings during the event.

## You're Invited To: Rick Snyder's Economic and Education Summit



**Event:** Governor Rick Snyder's Economic and Education Summit

**Date:** Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3, 2015

**Location:** Renaissance Center, Marriott Hotel  
400 Renaissance Ctr, Detroit, MI 48243

As a leader in Prosperity Region #4, we encourage your attendance at the summit. Your voice will influence the future economic and educational growth of our region. We need your input.

You can register for the Summit and hotel lodging using the link below.

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1663880>

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