



**Governor’s Economic and  
Education Summit**

Several GVMC members participated in the Governor’s Economic and Education Summit on Tuesday in Grand Rapids. It was a good opportunity for our members to meet with leaders in government, business, education and economic development.

Much of the focus of the day was on the need to find qualified employees and how we can work together to promote job growth, improve education and better serve the citizens of Michigan.

Jaime Casap, Google’s Chief Education Evangelist, delivered the keynote message. He spoke about the huge impact that technology has on our lives and our education system. Also, how technology will drive education in the future.

There were several panel discussions regarding recruiting, retaining and training workers and working together will improve Michigan’s future by building an educated, and skilled workforce.

The Governor, Lt. Governor and many of leaders of state departments, senior staff along with educators and business leaders not only participated in the formal events, but also were available for private discussions throughout the day.

**Regional Issues Council**

On Thursday morning Wendy Ogilvie our Director of Environmental Programs along with Matt Chapman of Grand Rapids Whitewater presented an update of the Grand River Revitalization Project . The audience for the session was the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce’s Regional Issues



Council. Approximately 20 business leaders from West Michigan attended the presentation. They meet on a monthly basis to discuss significant regional issues and opportunities in West Michigan.

This was one of a series of presentations that Matt and Wendy have made about the project. They have spoken to local governments and service clubs throughout our area. If you would like to learn more about the project or schedule a presentation to your organization or service club please feel free to contact Wendy at [wendy.ogilvie@gvmc.org](mailto:wendy.ogilvie@gvmc.org)

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GRAND RIVER SPRING FORUM**

**Open To The Public**

**SAVE  
THE  
Date**

**Friday**  
May 6, 2016  
8:30 -11:30 am

**Wisner Center**  
CascadeTownship Library  
2870 Jack Smith Avenue  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**LOWER GRAND RIVER  
ORGANIZATION of WATERSHEDS**

**GVMC**

**Join  
us and  
Learn  
About  
Regional  
Issues  
Facing  
Our  
Watershed.**

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Registration begins at  
8:00 a.m.  
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