



August 20, 2014

GVMC's Environmental Programs Presenting at Upcoming Water Resource Conferences

Michigan Wetlands Association's 2014 Conference, "New Directions in Wetland Protection and Management" opens on Wednesday, August 27 and closes at noon on Friday, August 29 at the Amway Grand Plaza. Two hundred people from throughout Michigan are expected to attend.

GVMC has reserved exhibit space for LGROW to provide attendees an opportunity for learning more about wetlands in the Lower Grand River Watershed.

Keynote speakers include U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow - Michigan's Wetlands and the Farm Bill, Tinka Hyde, Water Division Director, Region 5 EPA - EPA National and Regional Update, and Dan Wyant, Director, MDEQ.

GVMC will be presenting "Restoring Green Infrastructure in the Lower Grand River Watershed" on Wednesday afternoon.

Two great choices for guided field trips include a kayaking tour of the Grand River and a walking tour of the Downtown Market.

Follow the link below to see a full agenda and to register.

<http://www.miwetlands.org/images/2014MWAConferenceV1.pdf>

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GVMC/LGROW is presenting "LGROW's Natural Connections for Green Infrastructure" on Tuesday afternoon and "Collaborative Approaches in Municipal Stormwater Management" on Wednesday morning.

GVMC/LGROW also has a booth at the conference to highlight the great collaborative work being done in the watershed. Several volunteers from LGROW are assisting conference organizers.

The conference provides an opportunity to network with others from throughout the Great Lakes, hear from leading experts on the state of the Great Lakes, and participate in breakout sessions on critical challenges facing the lakes. Attendees at the conference will hear the latest on cutting edge Great Lakes issues, including:

- An examination of the problem and solutions to harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie.
- What's being done to protect the Great Lakes from an oil spill under the Straits of Mackinac.
- How organizations can participate in restoration programs, such as the Farm Bill's Regional Conservation Partnership Program grants and community climate resiliency planning.

AND

- A look at how local groups in Grand Rapids are making the case to bring the rapids back to Grand Rapids

Field trips are also included that will take you kayaking the Grand River, touring the restoration of White Lake, experiencing our farm-to-table movement with locally produced snacks, and learning outdoor skills like fishing and archery.

If you are interested in registering for the September 2014 Great Lakes Restoration Conference, there is still time! Check out the full agenda and register today at <http://conference.healthylakes.org>

