



September 6, 2013

New Director of Environmental Programs

We are very pleased to announce that Wendy Ogilvie, LEED AP ND has recently joined GVMC as Director of Environmental Programs.

Ms. Ogilvie has been affiliated with GVMC and its environmental programs for over 13 years. She has been responsible for the complete administration of the 23 community NPDES Municipal Storm Water Permit Consortium serving Kent and Ottawa Counties. She has also been an active member of GVMC's Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW) and was instrumental in authoring and coordinating the Lower Grand River Watershed Management Plan.

In addition to her leadership with environmental programs within the GVMC/LGROW Region, Wendy has also held leadership positions serving governmental agencies and citizen groups in Berrien, Cass, Calhoun, Muskegon, Ottawa, Kent, Huron and Van Buren Counties. She has significant experience with environmental agencies at all levels of government including the MDNR, MDEQ and EPA.

She has successfully authored and secured grants in excess of \$4 million dollars for community based environmental projects. In addition, she was elected to the

2013 Board of the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, and is a member of the West Michigan Chapter of the US Green Building Council, The Student Conservation Association and the Michigan Environment Association. She has coordinated Earth Day activities with Friends of Grand Rapids Parks and volunteers with the Grand Rapids Public CA Frost Environmental School.

Wendy has a B.S. the University of Michigan and an M.S. from Michigan State University. She received the "2013 Outstanding Environment Consultant" award from the Michigan Water Environmental Association.

John Weiss, Executive Director of GVMC stated, "For the past year, we have been evaluating

our programs at GVMC and researching opportunities to expand services to our members and our community. Our LGROW program serving 23 governmental units working collaboratively to fulfill their responsibilities for their EPA and MDEQ storm-water permits has been a huge success. Wendy will bring our environmental programs to a new level."

East Grand Rapids City Manager and LGROW Chairman Brian Donovan said, "I have been working with Wendy on LGROW for many years. She brings a strong background and dedication to our existing GVMC environmental programs and many new ideas for the future. Her addition to the GVMC team will create the positive environmental outcomes that we are all working towards."

GVMC Breakfast Meeting Honoring Mayor Jim Buck



**with Special Guest
Senator Carl Levin**



Monday November 4, 2013

L. William Seidman Center at GVSU Downtown

\$20.00 Per Person

8:00-9:30 Seating will be open at 7:30 am

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