

Community Engagement in Stormwater

Mobilizing Citizens in Grand Rapids
for Positive Environmental Action

A Short History of Rain in Grand Rapids...

- Sewage Overflows into the Grand River
- The Rain Tax - 1998
- Combined Sewer Overflow Separation - 1987
- Today: A New Era for Stormwater?

Watershed Education & Stormwater

- Place-Based Education
 - What's a watershed?
 - Where is *your* watershed?
 - How do you impact your watershed?

Watershed Education & Stormwater

- Shaping the issue in context:
 - Connecting Great Lakes Water Quality
 - Environmental Impact
 - Economic Impact
 - Social Justice

Watershed Education & Stormwater

- Combining Learning & Action for Change



Connecting to Trusted Organizations

- Mobilizing Faith Groups
- Block Clubs
- Scout Groups
- Schools



- http://www.raingardens.org/Gardens_To_Visit.php

Future Challenges

- Establishing a fair, equitable, Stormwater Utility

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Mobilizing the communities that drain into Grand Rapids



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<http://wmeac.org/index.php/water/protecting-water/rain-barrel-video/>

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