

Who Is Your Local Watershed Group?



The Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC) was formed to protect and improve the quality of our water resources through a coordinated and consistent stormwater management effort. The GLRC represents 20 of the region's counties, communities, and schools that have been required to implement a stormwater management program as part of the federal Stormwater Regulations. In a nutshell, the GLRC was formed to help reduce polluted runoff from reaching our local rivers and streams.

Watershed Management Plans

In 2006, the GLRC published watershed management plans for the Grand River, Red Cedar River, and Looking Glass River watersheds. These plans were updated in 2007 to address current water quality issues and needs. The revised plans focus on restoration and maintenance of designated uses for surface waters and advocates for an inter-municipal approach for protecting water quality. One of the goals of the plan is to provide educational programs for greater Lansing area stakeholders, including programs that advocate voluntary pollution prevention actions and stewardship of our water resources by the public, government, and business. Implementing a regional education campaign is a key component in implementing the Watershed Management Plans.

Public Participation, How You Can Get Involved

While public education is a large of the GLRC, public participation is just as important. Here are some activities that you can do to join us in protecting our local water resources:

- Help collect information about our local rivers and streams by filling out simple visual assessment sheets. This can be done by a local boy/girl scout troop, by individuals using the waterway for recreation or pretty much anybody!
- Participate in the local Adopt A River events that take place every spring and fall.
- Help label storm drains in you community. By labeling the storm drain to let people know that they dump directly to the river can reduce pollution in a big way!
- RECYCLE – Use your community's local recycling program and facilities to help reduce trash and pollution in your community.

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water - and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean. For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit www.mywatersheds.org.