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ADOPT A RIVER: MAY 14, 2016

The Lansing Board of Water and Light and Impression 5 Science Center have teamed up to clean, educate, and beautify our community through Adopt a River. The GLRC will be teaching Adopt a River participants about watersheds and how polluted runoff reaches our rivers and lakes. Visit us from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. inside Impression 5 Science Center.

LOOKING GLASS RIVER EXPEDITION SET FOR JUNE 2–5, 2016

LOOKING GLASS RIVER EXPEDITION 2016

The 2016 Looking Glass River Expedition is, in honor of the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW) board member Gloria Miller of DeWitt, and the founder and president of Friends of the Looking Glass River. Clinton Conservation District is also helping to organize the Expedition.

The Expedition starts on Thursday, June 2nd and finishes on Sunday, June 5th, 2016. The four-day Expedition will begin with check-in and optional camping on the evening of Thursday, June 2nd at the DeWitt Riverside Park (405 S. Bridge Street, DeWitt, MI 48820). Friday, June 3rd, breakfast will be available for campers who stayed overnight and participant check-in will be available. Before lunch there will be presentations and a safety talk, then after lunch, shuttle to the Expedition starting point. Then, it is on the water to DeWitt. Evening activities include tours, presentations and live music. Saturday, June 4th, after breakfast and shuttle, there will be morning presentations, lunch and then a paddle to Wacousta. Evening activities include more presentations, a catered dinner, followed by live music. Sunday, June 5th, after breakfast and shuttle, the group paddles to the endpoint in Portland (lunch will be delivered en-route). *Continued on Page 2...*

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE GLRC ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

April showers mean May flowers—and May flowers mean it's time for rain garden volunteers. What do rain garden volunteers do? Rain gardening! Rain gardening is a lot like regular gardening, except that the crop produces a healthier Grand River, and for many people, a healthy river is as important as the vegetables and flowers that come from traditional gardens.

A lot of trash and leaves collect in the Michigan Avenue rain gardens over the winter and the volunteers will help tidy those up. A tidy rain garden is a healthy rain garden with healthy plants. Healthy plants aid in keeping the soil in the rain garden loose and able to absorb and filter rain water, which is the purpose of the rain gardens. When they filter water, clean runoff flows into the River.

Courtesy of MGROW

MGROW currently cares for two small rain gardens along Michigan Avenue west of Pennsylvania Avenue, but would like to take on another one, or more! There is no long-term commitment. If you are interested or if you have questions, email drullingerd@mgrow.org. Or, visit www.mgrow.org.

LOOKING GLASS RIVER EXPEDITION

Friends of the LOOKING GLASS

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Online registration is now open at this link. Fee is $100 for the full Expedition or $50 for day paddlers, with half prices for youth 12 and under. The fee includes camping, meals, and gear transport. Canoe and kayak rentals will be available directly through a local outfitter for an additional fee.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Arbor Day Celebration
April 29, 2016
Potter Park Zoo

Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW) Annual Spring Forum
May 6, 2016
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Grand Rapids, MI

Adopt a River
May 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Impression 5 Science Center

Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) Open House
May 26, 2016
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

GLRC Executive Committee Meeting
June 9, 2016
8:00 a.m.
TCRPC Large Conference Room

GLRC Full Committee Meeting
June 9, 2016
9:30 a.m.
TCRPC Large Conference Room

Michigan Water Environment Association Annual Conference
June 19 – 22, 2016
Boyne Mountain

*For more information, visit http://mywatersheds.org/about/events/