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EPA Names Grand River An Urban Waters Partnership Site

Michigan LCV Applauds Federal Designation For River Restoration

GRAND RAPIDS - Michigan LCV commends the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for designating the Grand River as an Urban Waters Federal Partnership site and moving river restoration forward in Grand Rapids. The Grand River is one of 11 new locations added to the partnership. All were announced Friday afternoon in Grand Rapids.

“Restoring the Grand River is certainly a win for the environment, but it will also boost economic growth,” said Lisa Wozniak, Executive Director for Michigan LCV. “Today’s announcement opens the doors to a vibrant riverfront that will get more people outside, create jobs, and stand as a shining example of the benefits that come from protecting our natural resources.”

The Urban Waters Federal Partnership works to reconnect urban communities with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts to improve water systems and promote their economic, environmental, and social benefits. Through the partnership, federal agencies are working to revitalize waterways like the Grand River and communities that surround them, transforming overlooked assets and driving urban revival.

“This announcement on the banks of the Grand River sets our state apart as a clean water leader,” said Patty Birkholz, West Michigan Director for Michigan LCV. “We know restoring the Grand River is vital to Michigan’s environment and economy. We are thrilled to have federal support in making it the center of activity in Grand Rapids, and protecting it for future generations of Michiganders.”

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