Upper Grand River

Water Trail

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Partners:
Grand River Watershed Alliance
Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)
Jackson County Drain Commissioner
City of Jackson Parks
Jackson County Parks
Jackson County Health Department
Land Information Access Association (LIAA)
Region 2 Planning Commission
Jackson County Conservation District
City of Eaton Rapids
Local Townships
Legacy Land Conservancy
Potawatomi RC&D Council
Quiet World Sports
Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW)
Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Process To Date:
- Formed local planning committee
- Explored funding
- Communities/groups donated $ for LIAA contract
- 1 Public Open House to-date
- Identified 16 primary access sites to focus on for improvement
Challenges:
Few towns & long stretches with limited infrastructure & emergency access
Challenges: Woody Debris Management
Challenges:
No Camping Facilities
Moving Forward:
• Access inventory for other major tributaries
• Draft Master Plan by year-end
• Additional Open Houses
• Tackle challenges
• Continue partnership with MDNR, MGROW, LGROW, & others for headwaters to Lake Michigan trail & designation
• Coordinate signage, paddle guides, etc.