

A close-up photograph of a person's hands cupped together, holding a small amount of water. The hands are positioned in the center-right of the frame. The background is a shallow stream with clear water, showing various aquatic plants, including long, narrow leaves and several small white flowers with yellow centers. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the skin and the clarity of the water.

Upper Grand River

Water Trail

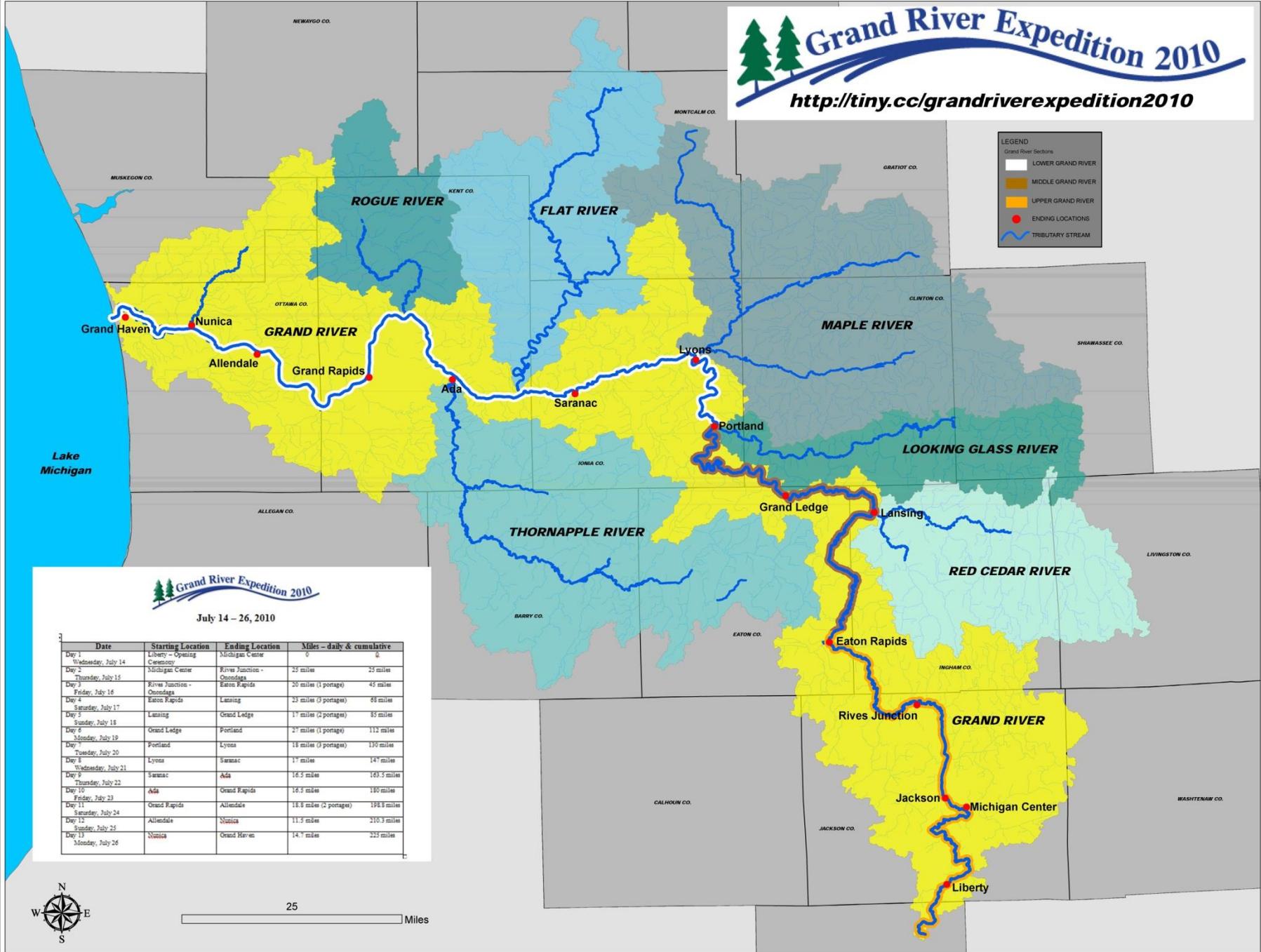


Grand River Expedition 2010

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LEGEND

- Grand River Sections
 - LOWER GRAND RIVER
 - MIDDLE GRAND RIVER
 - UPPER GRAND RIVER
- ENDING LOCATIONS
- TRIBUTARY STREAM



July 14 - 26, 2010

Date	Starting Location	Ending Location	Miles - daily & cumulative
Day 1	Liberty - Opening Ceremony	Michigan Center	0
Day 2	Michigan Center	Rives Junction - Onondaga	25 miles 25 miles
Day 3	Rives Junction - Onondaga	Eaton Rapids	20 miles (1 portage) 45 miles
Day 4	Eaton Rapids	Lansing	23 miles (3 portages) 68 miles
Day 5	Lansing	Grand Ledge	17 miles (2 portages) 85 miles
Day 6	Grand Ledge	Portland	27 miles (1 portage) 112 miles
Day 7	Portland	Lyons	18 miles (3 portages) 130 miles
Day 8	Lyons	Saranac	17 miles 147 miles
Day 9	Saranac	Ada	16.5 miles 163.5 miles
Day 10	Ada	Grand Rapids	16.5 miles 180 miles
Day 11	Grand Rapids	Allendale	18.8 miles (2 portages) 198.8 miles
Day 12	Allendale	Nunica	11.5 miles 210.3 miles
Day 13	Nunica	Grand Haven	14.7 miles 225 miles



25 Miles



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



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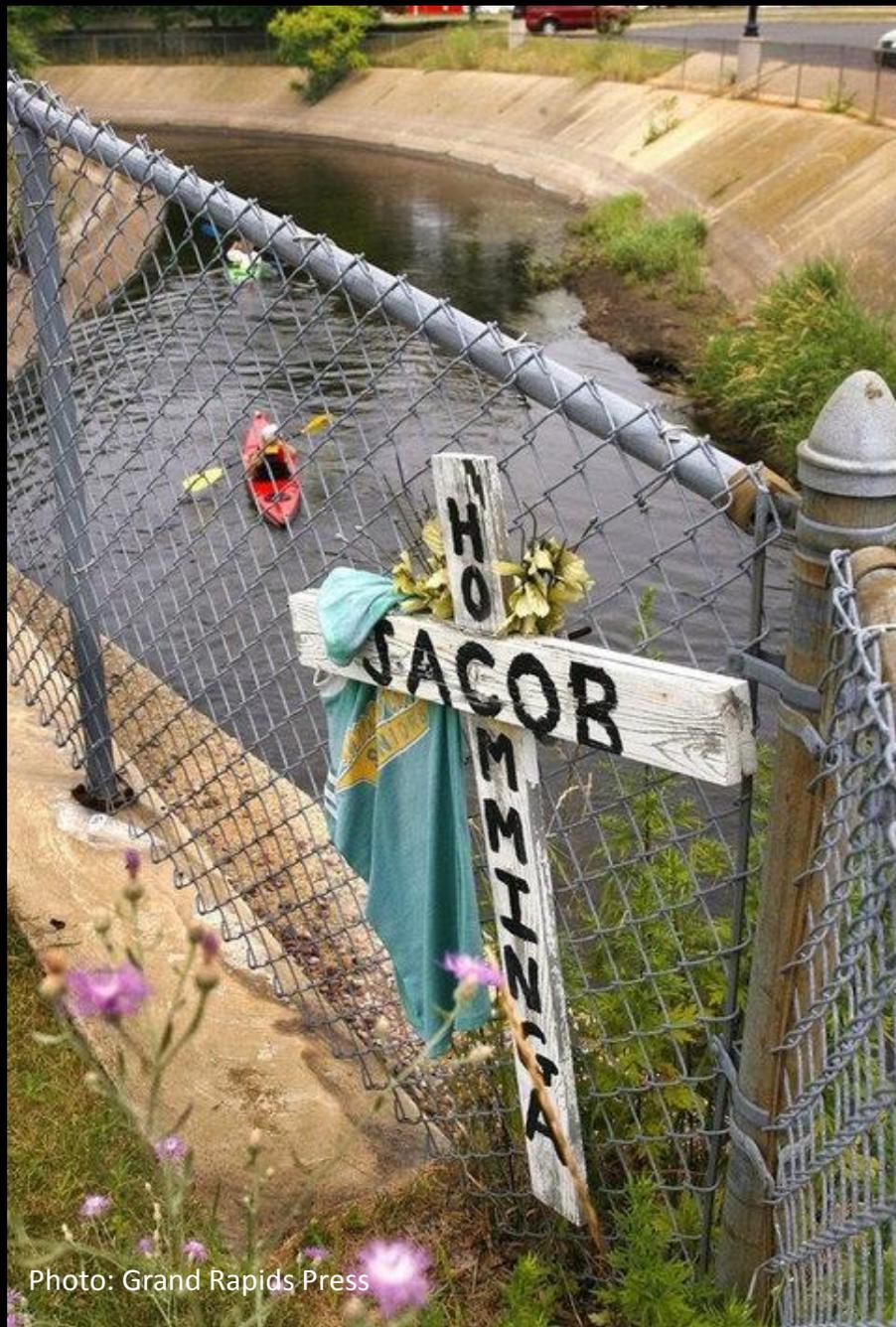


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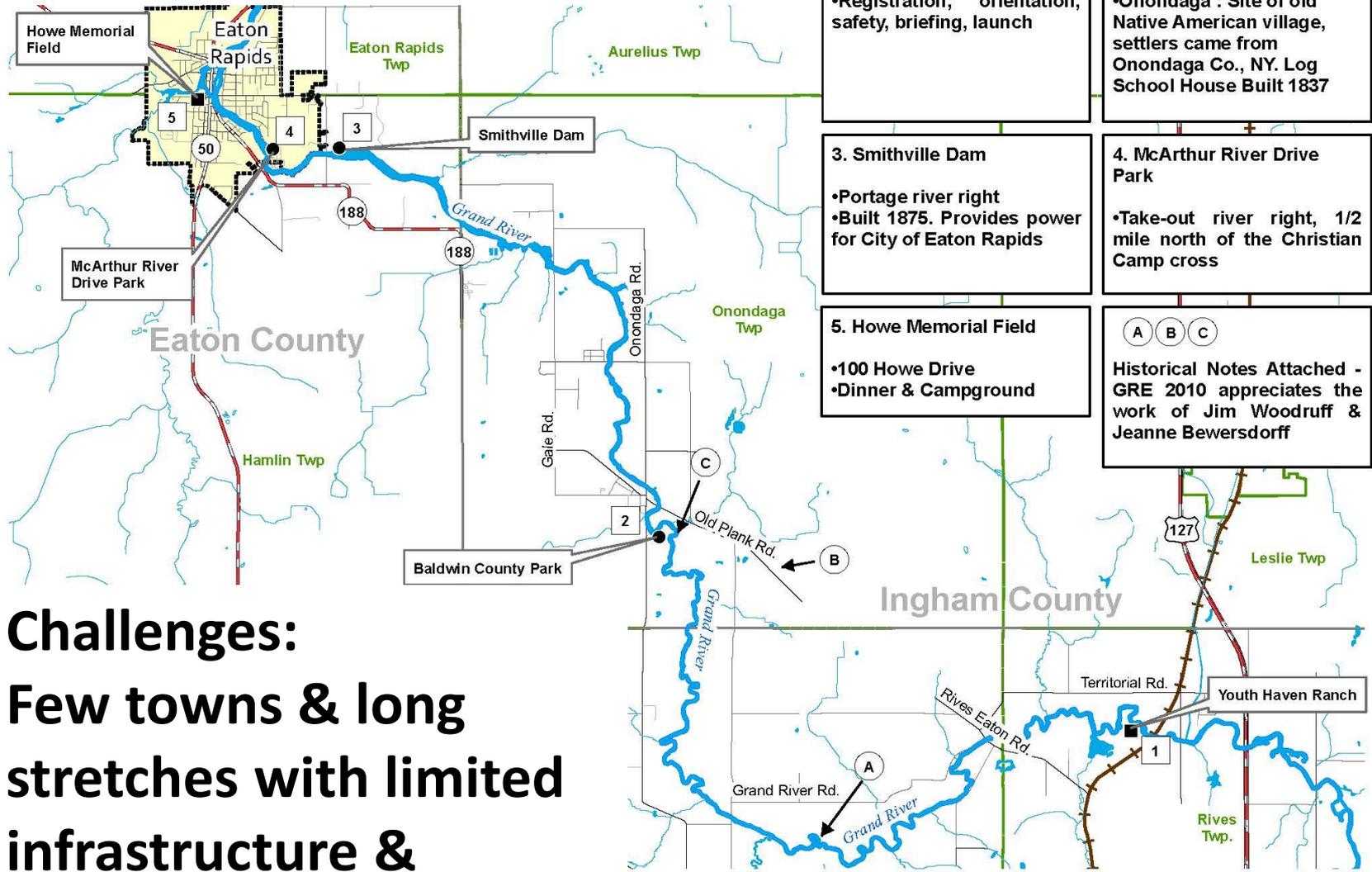


Process To Date:

- **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**

Day 3 - July 16

Rives Junction to Eaton Rapids



1. Youth Haven Ranch - Rives Township

- 3795 Perrine Road
- Registration, orientation, safety, briefing, launch

2. Baldwin County Park

- Lunch & restrooms river left
- Onondaga : Site of old Native American village, settlers came from Onondaga Co., NY. Log School House Built 1837

3. Smithville Dam

- Portage river right
- Built 1875. Provides power for City of Eaton Rapids

4. McArthur River Drive Park

- Take-out river right, 1/2 mile north of the Christian Camp cross

5. Howe Memorial Field

- 100 Howe Drive
- Dinner & Campground

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Historical Notes Attached - GRE 2010 appreciates the work of Jim Woodruff & Jeanne Bewersdorff

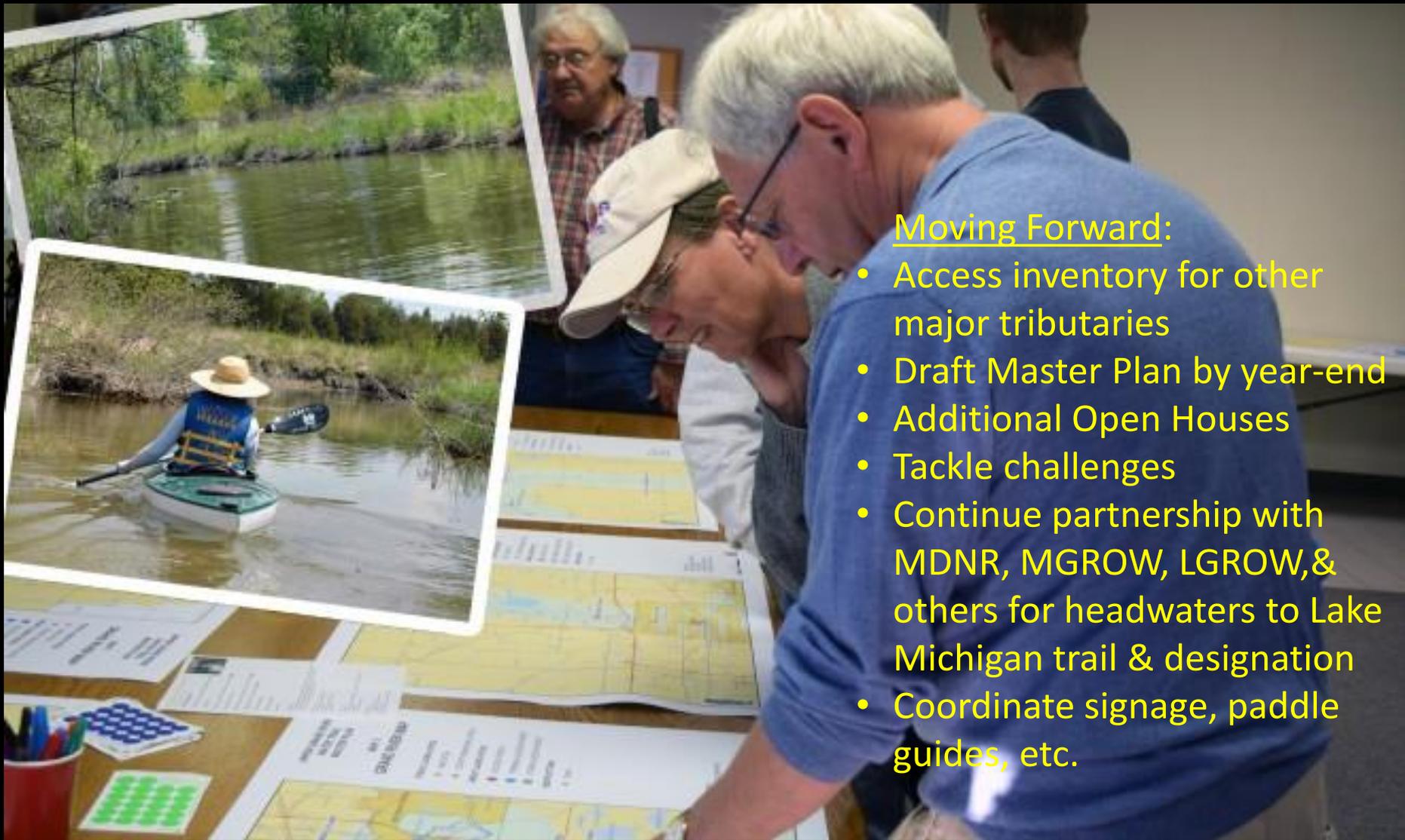
Challenges:
Few towns & long stretches with limited infrastructure & emergency access

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.