



2009 Annual Report



The “voice” of the Flint River



The Flint River, headed toward Montrose, Flushing Township

If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.

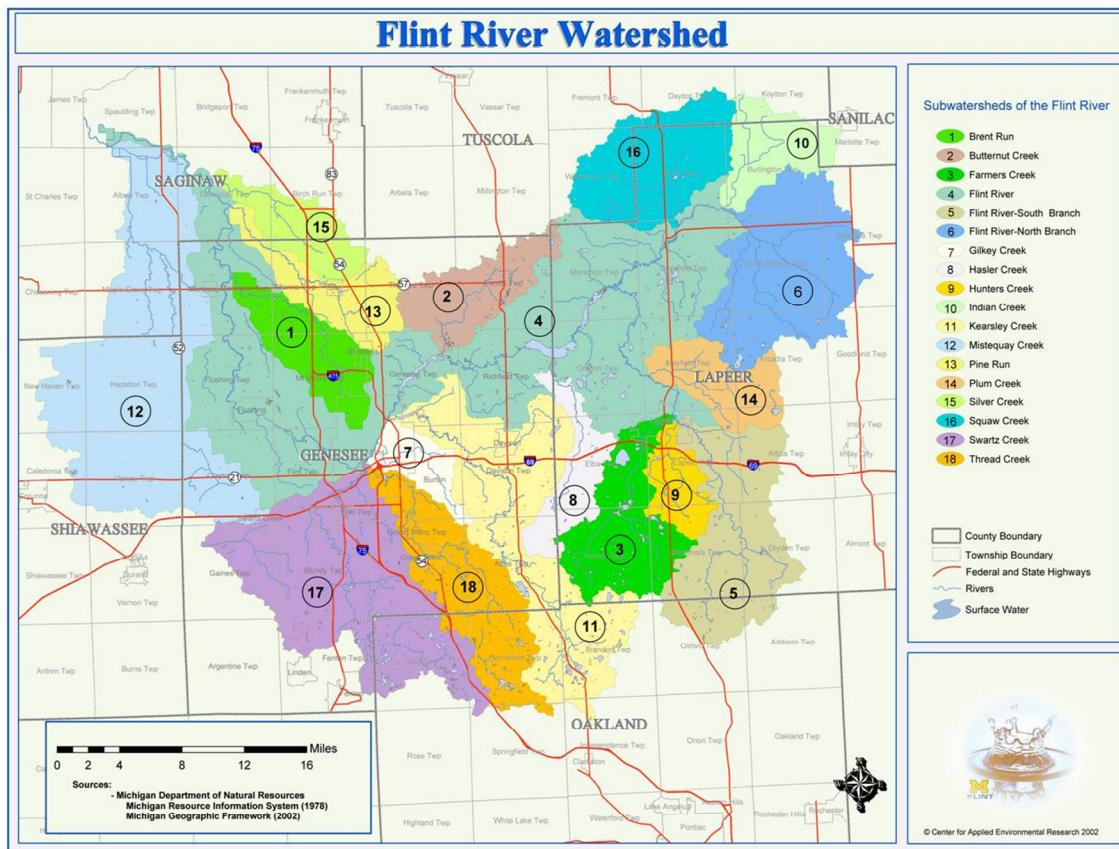
--LORAN EISELY, *The Immense Journey*, 1957

**About the Flint River
Watershed Coalition**

The Flint River Watershed Coalition represents concerned citizens, local government, business interests, educational institutions, and others who feel strongly that the Flint River and its tributaries are a vital resource to protect, preserve, and improve. With offices in Flint, Michigan, the Coalition serves as the Voice that speaks for the entire Flint River drainage basin including parts of Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Tuscola, and Sanilac counties. We are involved in a variety of education and advocacy efforts and are engaged in state and federal issues that have a direct influence on our local water quality.

The Coalition first convened in the fall of 1997 and incorporated as a 501©3 organization in August of 1998.

Currently, we are engaged in a variety of educational and advocacy programs throughout the nearly 1,400 square miles of Flint River Watershed. You can read all about the FRWC, its programs and successes here and on our website at www.flintriver.org



... since 1997: a voice of the river

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2009 Board of Directors

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Report from the Chair

"To protect, preserve and improve our watershed": that is our mission. An annual report is really the time to reflect on how well we have done in implementing our mission and how we can improve our 'delivery' system.

By all reasonable measures, 2009 was a good year! We dramatically increased our membership – resulting in broader outreach. We participated in dozens of forums, expos, speaking engagements, etc – and distributed literature to thousands of people. We have begun the implementation of a restoration project on the South Branch of the River – and have participated in additional such projects. Our chapters continue to "spread the word" – with more paddling and cycling events – along with important trail improvements. In Lapeer, the "BIG" work of the Chapter continued with more fish habitat restoration and stream clearing for paddling.

But the potential for more and better means to accomplish our mission remain. YOUR support and YOUR involvement are critical to our continued success. I invite your participation – with financial support, volunteer time, and suggestions. Thanks to all of you who have supported our mission in 2009.

Report from the Executive Director

This year was a very challenging year for the communities of the Flint River watershed, our state, and our nation. Certainly, times like these test our resolve in so many ways.

So I feel all the more fortunate to report to our friends, members, and supporters that because of you, the Flint River Watershed Coalition not only came through the year in a financially sound manner, but also used new and innovative approaches to build our membership, improve our programs, and better serve as the “voice of the Flint River.”

This year, in particular, stands out as the year we started to expand our focus from our traditional and much loved education programs to include on the ground improvements to our watershed. In addition to the long-term dedication of our Lapeer Chapter in clearing canoe paths, we are now working with partners in both Lapeer and Genesee County to begin implementing the recommendations from various watershed management plans that ultimately will help protect and improve the water quality of our rivers and streams. We are also starting to see real momentum on returning the Flint River to a more naturalized river in the downtown Flint area, an achievement that we are very excited about.

Of course, our big event for the year was the Flint River 500 (you can read more about this event on page 11). With a cadre of dedicated volunteers, we held a three-day event that helped the FRWC reach 500 members for the first time ever. We had a lot of fun and made a lot of new friends. My sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered, attended, and joined the FRWC during this event.

And while Mother Nature seemed to have it in for us during the Spring of 2009, we nonetheless managed to build the participation in all of our education and outreach programs, which you can read more about starting on page 13.

Once again, on behalf of the board and staff of the Flint River Watershed Coalition, I thank you for joining us in our efforts to protect, preserve, and improve OUR watershed.

Water Quality Monitoring

Each spring and fall, a corps of volunteer water quality monitors hit the streams of the Flint River Watershed to collect data on the health of our waterways. Participants are trained to record details about each site and collect an appropriate sampling of aquatic organisms. Details such as stream depth, width, and flow provide information about the habitat while aquatic organisms help determine the quality of the water and local habitat. Based on the number and diversity of organisms collected, each site receives an overall rating of: Poor, Fair, Good, or Excellent.

In the Spring 2009 season, monitors experienced their most challenging season since 1999. Adverse weather conditions through most of the two week testing period made it difficult to test sites. Due to the efforts of monitors making duplicate efforts to test their sites, almost all sites were tested. The weather was more cooperative in the fall and our monitors got to almost all of our Genesee and Lapeer County sites.

Volunteers who are trained as Monitors are a key to the success of this program, their time and commitment is essential. The data collected is shared with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment- Surface Water Quality Division, as well as the Genesee County Drain Commissioner. In addition, the FRWC has an interactive map on our website: www.Flintriver.org (under the programs tab) with a 10 year cumulative tabulation of results for each site, as well as photos, site descriptions, and directions.

In addition to our successful monitoring seasons, the FRWC began the certification process to become an official MiCorps Monitoring program. As a part of this program, the data collected by the FRWC will be comparable to programs from other parts of the state. And with the various data quality assurances included in our plan, our future data can be used with more authority at the state level.

Below is a summary of the 2009 Spring and Fall monitoring seasons:

Spring 2009

16 new monitors
17 of 20 Genesee Co. sites monitored
6 of 10 Lapeer Co sites were monitored
0 of 3 Saginaw Co sites were monitored
0 of 1 Tuscola Co sites were monitored

Fall 2009

18 new monitors
20 of 20 Genesee Co. sites monitored
6 of 10 Lapeer Co sites were monitored
0 of 3 Saginaw Co sites were monitored
0 of 1 Tuscola Co sites were monitored

Spring, 2009 & 2008 Scores Compared:

4 Improved, 3 declined
7 No change in ratings
20 Comparable scores not available

Fall, 2009 & 2008 Scores Compared:

6 Improved, 5 declined
11 No change in ratings
12 Comparable scores not available



Gilkey Creek Stream Profiling

Stream profiling our state's waterways is a valuable step towards identifying areas for restoration efforts. In 2009 the FRWC coordinated a statewide "Train the Trainer" Stream Profiling workshop. This workshop was conducted by Joseph Rathbun from the then Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Over 30 people attended this training from cities across the state.

Following the training, the FRWC coordinated local stream profiling efforts throughout the Gilkey Creek sub-watershed. Many of our benthic monitors assisted with this process, representing different organizations such as the Sierra Club, Flint River Corridor Alliance, and members from the Grand Blanc High School's Wilderness Club. The final report can be found on our website at www.flintriver.org.



Watershed Management

The Flint River Watershed Coalition has traditionally focused on our very successful education and outreach programs. Our mission to protect, preserve, and improve the Flint River Watershed, however, extends beyond these wonderful programs. As such, the board of the FRWC determined during our strategic planning process that our work also should include grassroots efforts to improve the quality of our watershed.

In 2009, the momentum behind this type of work began to pick up, and we are very excited about the great progress we've made.

South Branch Watershed – the FRWC helped bring together a coalition of nonprofit and governmental agencies, as well as interested citizens and business owners, to chart out how we can collectively begin implementation of the management plan written for that portion of the watershed. The Lapeer County Conservation District submitted a major funding request to the state, and we look forward to working cooperatively to help implement this project.

Swartz Creek – similar to our efforts in the South Branch, the FRWC has pulled together stakeholders in the Swartz Creek watershed to begin implementation of that watershed management plan. The FRWC continues to seek out funding to begin on the ground improvements in that watershed.

Gilkey Creek – The Genesee County Drain Commissioner and the Center for Applied Environmental Research are leading efforts that include developing a regional storm water detention basin (including land acquisition and construction) and a branding/education program. The FRWC participates on the citizen's advisory council, and has been hired to carry out stream profiling (discussed later under the monitoring sections).

Flint River Corridor Alliance – The FRWC is working with city leaders in downtown Flint to use our combined influence and resources to transform the downtown stretch of the Flint River from a distressed waterway to a natural resource that is an asset to the community and a national example of urban river restoration. Our efforts most notably have resulted in a new vision for the decaying Hamilton Dam, which includes a naturalized waterway rather than a brand new dam.

Flint River and Community Cleanup

Despite a wet rainy morning on Saturday, May 8th, 273 volunteers participated in the largest volunteer clean up in the Flint River Watershed. This year, we once again expanded our cleanup with two additional community sites and a site in the City of Burton. These new sites provided a broader opportunity for the community to participate in the protection, preservation and improvement of the Flint River Watershed.

Volunteers worked in neighborhoods and along the banks of our rivers and streams, collectively collecting 305 bags of trash from the watershed – amounting to over 1,300 cubic feet of trash! We also removed over 100 tires and many large items, such as a pop machine, grocery carts, mattresses, computers, lawn chairs, batteries, drywall, carpeting, scrap metal, and more.

All this was done while competing for the coveted “Golden Gloves” award for the most unusual item found during the cleanup. Our 2009 winners were the Youth Leadership Genesee team cleaning up McKinley Park on Thread Lake, who pulled a Pepsi machine from the shores of the lake.



Key Financial Sponsors for the 2009 Cleanup

Hurley Medical Center

Coldwell Banker – Wade Pyles Realty Network

Elga Credit Union

With the assistance of site leaders, local businesses, municipalities, and organizations, the FRWC coordinated 15 sites for cleanup.

Additional Financial Supporters:

Congressman Dale Kildee

Friends of the Flint River Trail

MCC Environmental Club

Mott Community College

Genesee County Land Bank

Resource Genesee Youth Leadership

Rowe Engineering

Wade Trim

UM-Flint Outreach

We also received a number of generous in-kind contributions from:

Bendle High School

Genesee County Parks and Recreation

Carriage Town Neighborhood Association

MCC Gardening Association

City of Burton

Mott Park Neighborhood Association

City of Flint Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Katherine Price Unity Park Association

City of Flushing

Resource Genesee

Flint River Valley Steelheaders

Rick Rhein Disposal

Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium

Genesee County Drain Commissioner

University of Michigan, Flint

Keep Genesee County Beautiful

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, partners, and supporters. We could not do it without you!

'Our Water' Public Education Events

With support from the Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium, the Flint River Watershed Coalition conducted a number of activities focused on public education about "Our Water" and simple actions we can all take to lessen our impact on the Flint River Watershed. Participants in these activities were inspired to enjoy their watershed while learning how they can help protect, preserve, and improve the Flint River Watershed.

River Walks

The six River Walks conducted in 2009 provided an opportunity for people to experience their watershed by engaging in informative recreational activities. The river walk locations were chosen in diverse areas representing the Flint River Watershed: Clio, Davision, Flushing, Burton, Flint, and Montrose.

Presentations & Community Outreach

In 2009, the Flint River Watershed Coalition presented to 20 different groups and organizations, and over 400 people, about the simple steps residents can take to help protect, preserve, and improve our watershed.

We also attended ten community celebrations, reaching out to new partners at events such as the Beecher Community Fun Day, Genesee County Fair, and Volunteer Expo. Through these community events, FRWC staff and volunteers had the opportunity to bring watershed awareness to over 2,900 people.

Storm Drain Stenciling

Many people mistakenly assume that water entering your storm drains is cleaned at a wastewater treatment facility. Water entering storm drains is actually directed to the nearest river or stream – untreated and unfiltered. Through the Storm Drain Stenciling program, FRWC worked with community groups and municipalities to encourage storm drain care and maintenance and to discourage the dumping of hazardous materials down our storm drains. This was conducted by stenciling neighborhood drains and by distributing the *Our Water: 7 Simple Steps* brochures to over 550 neighborhood homes.

Through the efforts of the Sierra Club, Girl Scout Troup 11552, and Boy Scout Troup 212, over 250 storm drains in Genesee County have been marked and numerous homes received information on how to reduce contamination entering their local waterways in the Flint River Watershed through storm drains.



Paddling Events

The FRWC helps area residents build a more personal connection to the watershed by getting them on the river. These paddling events provide a unique perspective on the health and beauty of our river. Paddling locations included Flint Township, City of Flushing, Flushing Township, and Montrose Township. Of the 84 participants in the paddling events, many were new paddlers and came from 18 different municipalities from across the watershed.

Fall Event



The Flint River 500

- **1 board member**
- **3 days**
- **8 volunteers**
- **35 helpers**
- **77 tires removed**
- **102 racing minnows**
- 509 members!**

The Flint River 500 was a great event for the Flint River Watershed Coalition. Taking place over a weekend in late September, the FR500 represented a winning combination of board commitment, volunteer involvement, community participation and lots of fun. The results were fantastic, and helped the organization reach some important milestones.

Brent Nickola, a Board member of the FRWC, developed the idea of stranding himself on the river until membership goal of 500 members was reached. Starting out at 244, this was going to be a daunting task. At 5:00 on Friday night, September 25th, Brent started his camp-out on the river at a spot near Flushing Riverview Park. He stayed on the river over the entire weekend, while the festivities on the shore took place. All the while, membership was growing.....

Activities over the course of the three days included a free fish fry, fishing demonstrations, canoe rides, minnow races, a tire round up, a screening of the movie 'Finding Nemo', guided walks, and raffles. There were numerous ways for FR500 participants to learn about the watershed and to discover ways that they could become involved in our programs. Everyone marveled at how they could have fun on the river in ways that they never knew existed. All the while, Brent stayed on the water, and memberships continued to grow

Finally, at 3:00 in the afternoon on Sunday, September 27th, the last canoe came out of the water, the 77th tire was piled up for proper disposal, Nemo was found, and the last minnow had run her race. We recorded our 509th membership, and let Brent come off of the river!

Flint River Green

(Global Rivers Environmental Education Network)

Formerly named *Genesee GREEN*, this middle and high school chemical monitoring and environmental awareness program brings local watershed knowledge to students' communities.

In 2009, additional funding sources provided the means for FRWC to strengthen this program locally and to break beyond the southern Genesee County border. Brandon Middle School joined this program and data from one of the headwaters in Oakland County was reviewed for the first time. With the additional funding support, FRWC was able to further collaboration efforts with partners and to grow this program to incorporate more teachers, students, mentors and other supportive organizations.

Through the 2009 Flint River Green program over 1,200 students gained first-hand knowledge about their local river or stream. Twenty-six environmental professionals served as Mentors while students gained extensive instruction on water quality issues and chemical monitoring procedures. Many of these mentors are local environmental professionals who came from GM and the City of Flint Water Pollution Control Division.

The annual Student Summit was held on May 15th in the Gorman Science building at Mott Community College. The summit provides an opportunity for students to present their data to the community while also providing many opportunities for students to learn more about their local watershed and environmental careers. Students had a choice of touring the MCC Greenhouse, geology museum and/or attend a few of the seventeen break-out sessions led by twenty-one environmental professionals.



FRWC Chapters

The Flint River Watershed Coalition's mission is to partner to preserve, protect, and improve the Flint River Watershed. Central to that mission is a core belief in the value we place on the input and participation of our entire community.

Lapeer County

As one of our oldest chapters, the volunteers in the Lapeer County Chapter bring a tireless voice of river conservation and protection to their community. Projects include maintaining a canoe path throughout the county, coordinating water quality monitoring and cleanup efforts, and advocating water quality protection measures to local officials and decision makers.

Defending Our Natural Treasures

Focused primarily in Ortonville, but reaching all of the northern Oakland County portion of the Flint River Watershed, Defending Our Natural Treasures had a busy year in 2009. It started out on a very positive note with an invitation to the community from the Planning Commission offering the opportunity to have input into the update of the Township's Master Plan. We began that process with great hope. Our hopes were realized with a final plan that included a Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) and Green Infrastructure overlays, as well as other positive attributes for our environment, being approved.

Friends of the Flint River Trail

The Friends of the Flint River Trail had Sunday rides every Sunday, May through October – and Thursday evening rides June through September. The Thursday rides grew in popularity this year, and will be a fixture in the future. The Sunday rides, as always, were the mainstay rides and attracted new riders as well as our “regulars” – some of whom have been riding on Sundays for ten years. With the exception of a couple of very rainy Sundays, we had at least one new rider every single week! In all, there were 1018 total riders on the Sunday rides and 270 on Thursdays. While many of the Sunday folks were frequent riders, there were 332 different riders throughout the year. Perhaps most impressive, we had riders from 37 different zip codes throughout the year. In addition, the Friends led rides on six Saturdays on other trails within about an hour drive from Flint. These rides proved more popular than ever, averaging about 23 riders per trip – nearly double the number of a year ago. They have also become a staple of the Friends rides. Much of the success of the Friends organization is because of the dedication and leadership of our founding and long-time leader, Stephany Diana.

Flint River Paddlers

The Flint River Paddlers had another fun year of paddling on the Flint River. Not only were members active in their own bi-weekly paddles, but they also were stand out volunteers for the Flint River Watershed Coalition. Members helped with the Flint River 500 membership development event, organized a clean up, and much more. The Flint River Paddlers also were instrumental in helping the FRWC obtain boating event insurance through the American Canoe Association, thereby ensuring that all our events on the water are fully covered.

Grants

The following individuals and organizations are the major source of grants and financial support for the operations and projects of the Flint River Watershed Coalition. Without the generosity of these foundations and businesses, we would not be able to carry out the FRWC mission.

We look forward to a continued good relationship with our supporters in 2010 and beyond.

Grant Source	Program Supported
James Ananich	Flint River 500 'Finding Nemo'
Carriage Town Neighborhood Association	River Cleanup
Crim Fitness Foundation	Friends of the Flint River Trail
CS Mott Foundation	General Operations, River Cleanup
Elga Credit Union	River Cleanup
Duane Elling	River Cleanup
Rebecca Fedewa	Flint River 500 Tire Removal
Genesee County Drain Commissioner	Our Water Campaign Programs, GREEN, Benthic Monitoring
Genesee County Land Bank	River Cleanup
Highfield Foundation	General Operations
Hurley Foundation	River Cleanup
Raymond C and Anna Johnson Foundation	Flint River GREEN
Representative Dale Kildee	River Cleanup
Gerry Masters 50th Birthday Celebration	General Operations
Dr. Robert McAllister	Flint River 500 Tire Removal
Family of Gene Miller, Memorial Contributions	Friends of the Flint River Trail
Jack D. Minore	Friends of the Flint River Trail, Flint River 500 Minnow Race
Mott Community College	River Cleanup
NetCorps	Technology Grant
Popilek	Flint River 500 - Minnow race sponsorship
Terry Reechko	Flint River 500 Tire Removal
Resource Center	River Cleanup
Rowe, Inc.	River Cleanup
Royal Bank of Canada	Flint River GREEN
Ruth Mott Foundation	General Operations, Stream Monitoring on Gilkey Creek
United Way	Flint River 500 Tire Removal
University of Michigan - Flint	Gilkey Creek Stream Profiling, River Cleanup, Occupancy
Wade Trim	River Cleanup

The Flint River Watershed Coalition would like to thank the following partners who have helped build the success of the organization and our many programs.

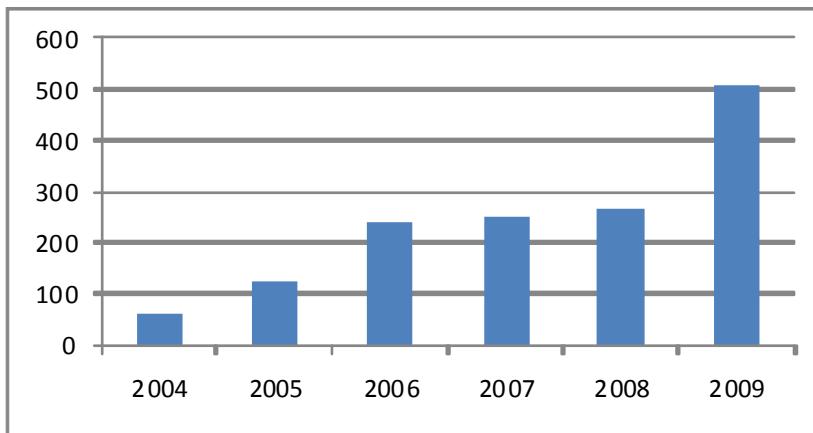
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Flint River Corridor Alliance
Crim Fitness Foundation
Genesee County Conservation District
Lapeer County Conservation District
North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy
Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy
Center for Applied Environmental Research at UM-Flint
City of Flushing
City of Flint
City of Lapeer
Epic Technology Solutions
Earth Force
General Motors

Membership

The Flint River Watershed Coalition is a grass roots organization that depends on its membership for financial and volunteer support. We have made a lot of progress in the past twelve years in increasing our membership base, and in expanding the ways that we reach out to our supporters.

During 2009 we increased our paid membership count from 266 to a high point of 509 right after the Flint River 500 event. This is an astounding increase of over 90 percent.

FRWC MEMBERSHIP GROWTH 2004 – 2009



In 2008 we made an important addition in the ways that our supporters can become members of the Flint River Watershed Coalition. We can still accept contributions in the traditional way with cash and checks, but now, at any time during the year, members can use the convenience of the internet - By going to the FRWC website at www.flintriver.org and pressing the 'Donate Now' through Network for Good' button on the home page, credit card users can become new members or renew their membership in the Coalition.

There are seven levels of membership available. Please contact any one of our Board members or staff if you are interested in membership or volunteer opportunities with the Coalition. Also, included with this report is a membership brochure and form. Please feel free to detach this and give it to an individual or business that may be interested in joining the FRWC.

FRWC MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Student	\$10.00 / year
Individual	\$25.00 / year
Family or Group	\$40.00 / year
River Sponsor	\$100.00 / year
River Patron	\$250.00 / year
Watershed Protector	\$500.00 / year
Watershed Patron	\$1,000.00 / year

Financial Highlights

**Flint River Watershed Coalition
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
(For the Year Ended December 31, 2009)**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total December 31, 2009
Revenue and Support:			
Contributions	\$ 117,925	\$ -	\$ 117,925
Foundation grants	80,000	\$ -	80,000
Fundraising and events	5,705	\$ -	5,705
In-kind donations	15,000	\$ -	15,000
Interest income	639	\$ -	639
Membership fees	14,029	\$ -	14,029
Miscellaneous	157	\$ -	157
Project revenue	<u>41,197</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>41,197</u>
Total revenue and support:	274,652	\$ -	274,652
Net Assets Released From Restrictions:			
Total revenue, support and net assets released from restrictions	274,652	\$ -	274,652
Expenses:			
Program services	133,785	\$ -	133,785
Support services:			
Management and general	<u>60,388</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>60,388</u>
Total expenses	194,173	\$ -	194,173
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	80,479	\$ -	80,479
Net Assets/(Deficit) - Beginning of year	99,688	\$ -	99,688
Net Assets/(Deficit) - End of year	\$ 180,167	\$ -	180,167

Flint River Watershed Coalition
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 195,530
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,812</u>
Total current assets	<u>197,342</u>
Total assets	<u>197,342</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:	
Accrued payroll and benefits	\$ 17,175
Total liabilities	<u>17,175</u>
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	\$ 180,167
Designated - GREEN	<u>5,111</u>
Designated - Flint Chapter	<u>66,755</u>
Total net assets	<u>180,167</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>197,342</u>

Auditors Note



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 21, 2010

Board of Directors
Flint River Watershed Coalition
Flint, MI

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Flint River Watershed Coalition as of December 31, 2009, and the related statement of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amount and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Flint River Watershed Coalition as of December 31, 2009, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Taylor & Morgan, P.C.
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Certified Public Accountants

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