



# 2013 Annual Report





# Partnering to Protect, Preserve, and Improve the Flint River Watershed

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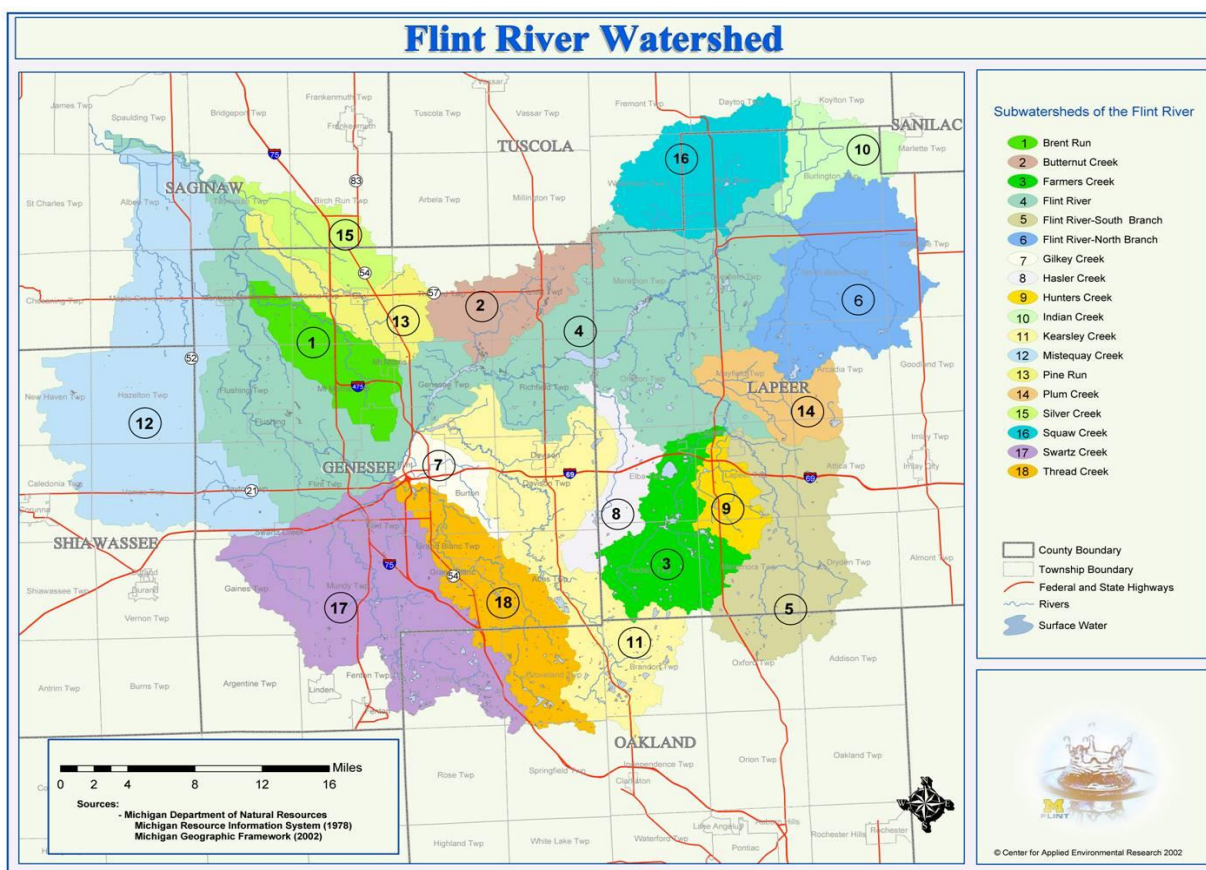


# The Voice of the River

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.

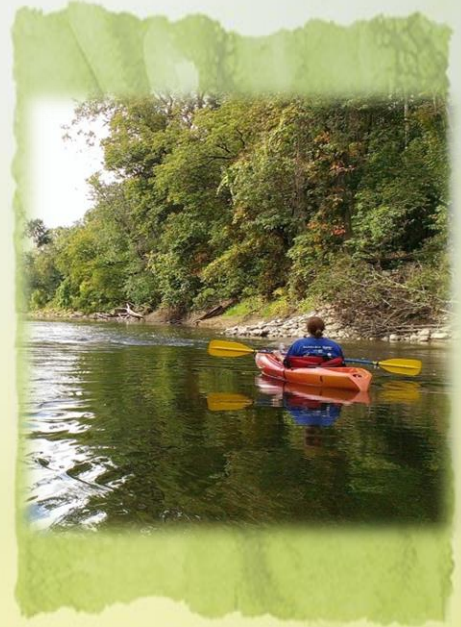
Currently, we are engaged in a variety of educational and advocacy programs throughout the nearly 1,400 square miles of Flint River Watershed. You can read all about the FRWC, its programs and successes here and on our website at [www.flintriver.org](http://www.flintriver.org)





# *Partnering to Protect, Preserve, and Improve the Flint River Watershed*

## **Report from the Executive Director**



We hear it time and again. If we could wager on what the first thing a person will say after their inaugural paddling trip on the Flint River, we'd easily make our annual fundraising goal in one summer!

"I never knew it was so beautiful."

-- every person, after experiencing the Flint River for the first time.

Our Flint River, and its many tributaries, is the jewel of each community it touches. In some places, it is that undiscovered gem just waiting for a curious explorer. In other communities, we're seeing a burgeoning embrace of the value the river brings to area residents. And across the watershed, we at the Flint River Watershed Coalition are working hard every day to bring the joy and discovery of the Flint River and its tributaries to all who live, work, and play in the 1,400 square miles we call home.

We are very pleased to report that throughout 2013, our work has expanded in breadth and scope. We have joined forces with Michigan State University on two exciting projects that will a) bring the FRWC mission to new audiences, and b) provide a powerful new mapping tool that will be accessible to anyone with an internet connection (read more about these projects on page 7). We have begun to plug into important discussions about the new "blue economy," that we hope will help us work with communities to reshape how they utilize their riverfronts for environmentally friendly economic development. And we have strengthened and improved our core education programs to ensure that for years to come, area students will experience the thrill of testing their stream's water quality, our river banks will be cleaned of trash and debris, and, of course, first time paddlers will float down the river and be forever changed by the experience.

On behalf of the board and staff, I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for supporting the work of the FRWC. Our members, donors, sponsors, and volunteers are the driving force behind this organization, and we couldn't do it without you.

See you on the river in 2014!



## Outreach and Advocacy

The Flint River Watershed Coalition has traditionally focused on our very successful education 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 on the ground efforts to improve the quality of our watershed.

As the “Voice” of the Flint River, the FRWC is engaged in a number of issues that have the potential to significantly impact the watershed. Our work includes implementation of watershed management plans, with our partner organizations across the watershed; taking a leadership role in the Flint River Corridor Alliance, a group of city leaders in downtown Flint working to transform the downtown stretch of the Flint River from a distressed waterway to a natural resource that is an asset to the community; commenting on the development of state agency actions in the watershed (such as the TMDL developed for Mott Lake); taking a stand on landfill expansions; and participating in planning processes in communities across the watershed.





# Partnering to Protect, Preserve, and Improve the Flint River Watershed

## Water Quality Monitoring



Water Quality Monitoring occurs every Spring and Fall in the Flint River Watershed. Monitoring season spans a 2 week period in which staff and volunteers monitor up to 35 sites across Genesee and Lapeer counties. Monitoring consists of a group of 2-4 volunteers going to a site, taking various measurements such as water depth and flow, and collecting “benthics” from a preset 300 foot stretch. Benthics are the macroinvertebrates, like water pennies and dragonfly larvae, that live in the stream. Depending on how many and what type of benthics are found, the stream is then rated with a score from poor to excellent. That data is compared to previous seasons and reviewed by our monitoring committee. The monitoring data is also shared with local and state agencies (such as the Genesee County Drain Commission, whose generous support helps to maintain this program), as well as on our website, [www.flintriver.org](http://www.flintriver.org).

After a rocky start in the spring, the weather decided to cooperate and allow volunteers to hit all of the major sites during both seasons. While monitoring can be wet and cold on occasion, it is always entertaining. Some volunteers caught fish (big fish!) and frogs while collecting and one class of students had several kids get a little wetter than they had intended. Luckily our volunteers are good sports and enjoy what they do.

2013 saw several new sites established including one at Kearsley Creek in For-Mar where monitors had an “dance in the stream” moment. Water pennies are a very rare benthic that are occasionally found in our streams. They are classified as “sensitive” meaning they can only survive in water that is very clean with little pollution. On average, a season will produce only 1 or 2 out of all 35 sites. This season the monitoring team at the new Kearsley Creek site found 9 water pennies just at their location!

Participating in the Monitoring program does not mean you have to get in the water. Volunteers can help in the lab or on the Monitoring Committee. The monitoring committee meets once a month in Flint and oversees the Monitoring Program. There is always room for new monitors and committee members. If you are interested in the program or would like more information contact Jaime Welch at 810-767-7140 or at [jwelch@flintriver.org](mailto:jwelch@flintriver.org). See you in the Spring!



# Flint River Clean Up

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of over 300 volunteers, the Flint River, its banks, trails and nearby parks were cleaned up and prepped for a summer's worth of fun activity. On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 14 sites across Genesee and Lapeer counties, volunteers collected over 570 bags of trash, 120 tires, and 4 dumpsters worth of large debris such as old lumber, broken glass, carpeting, and roofing materials. There were also some unique items removed including a hot tub, an automobile quarter panel, a payphone and a safe. These items were all in contention for this year's "Golden Gloves" award.

Our volunteer's efforts were supported by in-kind support from the Genesee County Land Bank, City of Burton, City of Flint, City of Flushing, City of Davison, City of Lapeer, Flint Downtown Development Authority, Environmental Rubber Recycling, and Rich Rhein Disposal.

Our volunteers are what make this event an annual success. We are so thankful to everyone who came out, including large groups from Friends of the Flint River Trail, Security Credit Union, Mott Community College, HealthPlus of Michigan, Kettering University, Lake Fenton High School, and students from Bendle High School, North Branch High School and North Branch Middle School. A volunteer appreciation lunch was held in downtown Flint after the Clean Up and served 150 hungry volunteer workers.

The Flint River Watershed Coalition is grateful to all volunteers, supporters, and sponsors who make the Flint River and its surrounding areas cleaner and even more beautiful. The Flint River Watershed Coalition sends a very special thank you to our Clean Up Site Coordinators for all of their hard work and time: Todd Barden, Judge Beagle, Steve Hester, Mike Herriman, Linda Johnson-Barnes, Kay Kelly, Sue Kubic, Peter McCreedy, John McGarry, Jack Minore, Todd Nickola, Judy Rau, Suzanne Rosser, Josh Spencer, and Jon Talarico.



## Clean Up Sponsors

### **\$500 Clean Up Advocate:**

- Community Foundation of Greater Flint
- Environmental Rubber Recycling
- Genesee County Land Bank
- Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
- Great Lakes Commission
- Keep Genesee County Beautiful
- Koegel's
- Rick Rhein Disposal
- Wade Pyles Real Estate Team - Prudential Great Lakes

### **\$250 Cleanup Supporters:**

- Burnash Wrecking
- Center for Community Progress
- Congressman Dan Kildee
- Health Plus
- Ichthus Foundation
- MLive
- Pedals to Paddles
- Rowe Professional Services, Inc.
- Sierra Club Nepessing Group
- Taylor, Butterfield, Howell, Churchill & Jarvis, P.C.
- Wade Trim

### **\$100 Cleanup Basic Supporters:**

- Carriage Town Historic Neighborhood Association
- Cavelli's Pizza
- Flint Farmers' Market
- Kroger
- Meijer
- Resouce Genesee

### **Municipal Support:**

- City of Burton
- City of Davison
- City of Flint
- City of Flushing
- City of Lapeer
- Downtown Development Authority
- Genesee County Health Department



## Great Lakes Restoration Initiative In Action!

This year, the FRWC has partnered with Michigan State University on two separate projects funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The GLRI is the largest investment in the Great Lakes in two decades. A task force of 11 federal agencies developed an action plan to implement the initiative. We are very excited to have TWO projects running through the FRWC.



### **MSU Planning and Zoning Center**

*Enhancing Partnerships: Shiawassee and Flint River Watersheds.*

With the PZC team, the FRWC is for the first time working to engage City of Flint residents that reside in the neighborhoods surrounding the three lakes within the City of Flint borders: Kearsley Reservoir, Flint Park Lake, and Thread Lake. In the first year of the project we've reached out to hundreds of Flint residents surrounding Thread Lake and Flint Park Lake. Throughout this time connections were made, friendships were built, and gatherings were held and ideas provided by the residents for the future of the lakes were recorded. Our work in these two areas is far from complete. In 2014 we will continue our work on Thread and Flint Park Lakes and move forward with our plan to engage residents surrounding Kearsley Reservoir.

Another main objective of the project was to serve as a 'voice of the river' throughout Flint's recent Master Planning processes. FRWC staff and members of the board held seats on various advisory committees and developed comments on the draft plan. We are pleased to report that many of the ideas and objectives provided by PZC and the FRWC were incorporated into the plan which was approved by Flint City Council Members on November 1, 2013.

### **MSU Institute of Water Research**

*'Focused Practice Application to Reduce Soluble Reactive Phosphorus'*

IWR has created an incredible mapping tool in cooperation with the FRWC that will enable users from across the watershed to assess land use practices and develop sophisticated maps to use in classrooms, for land use decision making, and much more. Called ELUCID (Environmental Learning Using Computer Interactive Decisions, this web-based support tool aides users in identifying areas of greatest potential for improving the water quality of the Flint River. It includes data from a variety of sources that can be easily viewed and manipulated. The FRWC has participated in developing the scope of the tool, hosting training sessions, and identifying data to be incorporated into ELUCID. As we move into year two of the project, the FRWC will be out in the watershed, bringing ELUCID to potential users. For further information on this project visit,

[www.FlintRiver.org](http://www.FlintRiver.org), under Programs, Mapping Tools.



# Flint River GREEN

In its 24<sup>th</sup> year in the Flint River Watershed, this year's Flint River GREEN was an integral learning experience in 22 schools in Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, and Saginaw counties.

This program offers students hands on experience, assessing the water quality of their local stream by conducting nine different tests, including levels of dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform, and biological oxygen demand. Students then have the opportunity to investigate what has contributed to their local water's conditions and create action plans to improve or maintain their local water quality.

Flint River GREEN culminates in the annual Student Summit. The Student Summit was generously hosted by Kettering University in 2013. At the Student Summit students present their results and possible solutions to an audience made up of peers and local officials. The 2013 Student Summit hosted 16 schools. The students from these schools participated in break-out sessions that present interesting educational information in a fun and exciting way.

The program also connects students with a wide array of highly qualified environmental professionals. Classroom mentors bring their expertise to the classroom, where they discuss their career, assist teachers and students in the field, and return to help students interpret their results. And while at the Summit, students also learn about careers across the environmental spectrum while attending breakout sessions on topics that included geospatial technology, Sewer CSI, and remediation efforts at the Chevy in the Hole brownfield site in downtown Flint.

## Quotes from our GREEN 2013 student summit

*During GREEN I learned that:*

"...anything we do can affect the watershed that we live in." Marshall-Greene Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade student

"...our creek is in good condition." Grand Blanc West Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student

"...to put plants along the creek to absorb fertilizer." Clio Carter Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student

"...we can talk to farmers near the creek about the fertilizers they use." Marshall Greene Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade

"...many chemicals, objects, rats, etc., can be found in wells." Davison Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade student





## **“Our Water” Education Programs: Storm Drain Stenciling**



The Storm Drain Stenciling program is part of the “Our Water Campaign” to promote storm water awareness. This project educates communities about the water that runs into the storm drains in the area. The Storm Drain Stenciling project addresses how storm drains can transport pollutants by stenciling the message “Dump No Waste, Drains to River,” near the storm drains and by distributing door hanger to local homes that provide information on how to reduce pollution that makes it into the storm drains.

With the help of six eager volunteer groups the Storm Drain Stenciling program reached 930 homes with educational information. Through ten different volunteer sessions these groups stenciled 198 storm drains in four different communities. The communities reached include the City of Flint, Grand Blanc Township, the City of Clio, and the City of Grand Blanc. Adults and children of all ages volunteered with this program to protect the waters of the Flint River. The Flint River Watershed Coalition thanks the great volunteers and the Genesee County Drain Commissioner for their support and assistance in making this program possible.

## **“Our Water” Education Programs: Community Presentations**

Thorough the year The Flint River Watershed Coalition conducts 20 educational presentations to various audiences within our watershed. The goal of these presentations is to educate citizens of the wonderful recreational resource we have right here in our own community and the actions every one of us can take to make a difference for the health of our river. The presentations cover the seven simple steps of the “Our Water” program sponsored by The Genesee County Water Quality Consortium. The Seven Simple Steps are: practice good car care, fertilize sparingly & carefully, clean up after your pet, save water, carefully store and dispose of household chemicals, help keep pollution out of storm drains, and choose earth friendly landscaping. For more detailed information on The Seven Simple Steps look on our website at [www.FlintRiver.org](http://www.FlintRiver.org). It is not only our right as citizens to have access to clean water; it is our responsibility to protect our valuable natural resources for future generations.



## “Our Water” Education Programs: Paddles

2013 was a fantastic year to be on the water! Thanks to the generous support of the Genesee County Drain Commission, the FRWC held 8 paddles on the first and third Saturdays of the month during the summer along various parts of the Flint River. These trips range from 1 ½ to 3 ½ hours and are designed to allow participants of all experience levels to experience up close the beauty of the Flint River. Participants got to see a variety of wildlife, including Bald Eagles, hawks, muskrat, frogs, turtles, and more. This year included a Paddle to Pedal trip with the Friends of the Flint River Trail where participants biked to one location and then paddled back to their starting point. It was so well received that plans are in the works to hold one each summer.

Every trip is an adventure and no participant walks away unchanged. On most trips this change is due to the wonder of the Flint River and how peaceful it is. But other trips gave participants a chance to see where the beauty of the Flint River is marred by the trash that is left by those too careless or lazy to dispose of it properly. Participants occasionally encountered plastic bottles, Styrofoam coolers, and other trash floating in the river or along its banks. Some people would have just floated on by, but not our paddlers! Every time trash was spotted someone in the group would take it upon themselves to paddle over and retrieve it, often turning into a race to see who would get there first. It became a point of pride to be the one with the most trash collected at the end of the trip.

I often tell people that there is no better cure for whatever ails you than a trip on the river. It does not matter what mood you are in before you hit the water, once you are on the water you can't help but feel your spirits lift as the peace and beauty of the Flint River and the great company of the people you are traveling with surround you. These paddling trips are about so much more than just getting exercise or getting outdoors. They are a constant learning experience, a chance to get to know a wonderful group of people, to laugh and exchange stories, to point out the hawk flying overhead, and a chance to just enjoy the moment you are in. If you haven't yet come on one of our paddles I hope you make the time to paddle with us next summer. Our paddles will start in May, weather permitting. Check the 2014 dates on our website, [www.flintriver.org](http://www.flintriver.org).





## FRWC Chapters



*Friends of the Flint River Trail*

### **Friends of the Flint River Trail**

The Friends of the Flint River Trail host Sunday rides every Sunday, May through October – and along with our “regulars” – some of whom have been riding on Sundays for more than ten years, these rides bring new riders to the trail almost every week. The Friends also lead rides on a number of Saturdays on other trails within about an hour drive from Flint. These rides proved more popular than ever!

### **Flint River Paddlers**

The Flint River Paddlers encourage recreational canoeing and kayaking on the Flint River. Members of the chapter also volunteer many hours to our other events, including the Boats, Bikes, and Bricks triathlon coordinated by our partner organization the Flint River Corridor Alliance.

### **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.

### **Kearsley Creek Chapter**

Focused primarily in Ortonville, but reaching all of the northern Oakland County portion of the Flint River Watershed, The Kearsley Creek Chapter monitors local planning and zoning issues that will impact the last remaining cool water fishery in the Flint River Watershed. Members also play a significant role in organizing the annual Ortonville Creek Fest event, as well as coordinate our only Oakland County site for the annual Flint River and Community Clean Up.

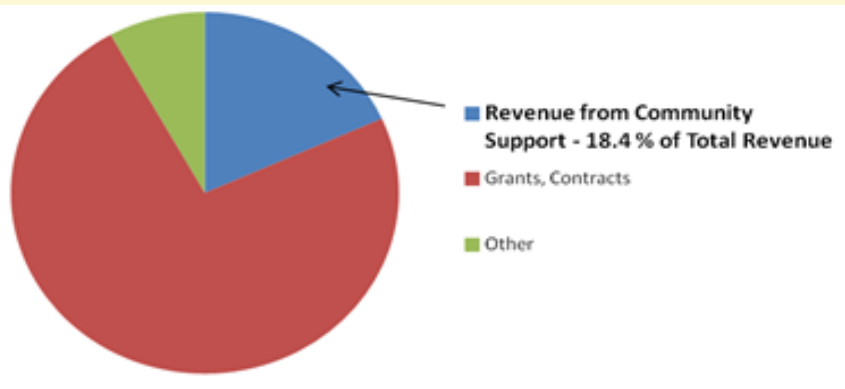


## The FRWC is reaching new and current members!

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

There are many ways that the community, businesses, and individuals can become members of the Flint River Watershed Coalition. We 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](http://www.flintriver.org) and pressing the 'Donate Now through Network for Good' button on any page, credit card users can become new members or renew their membership in the Coalition. In 2012 we successfully piloted the ability to accept credit cards at our events. In 2013, we expanded this capability to include taking credit card information securely over the phone from the office.

There are seven levels of membership available, and four 'Big Fish' sponsorship opportunities. Please contact any one of our Board members or staff if you are interested in membership, sponsorship, or volunteer opportunities with the Coalition.



### FRWC Membership Levels

#### *Student:*

*\$10/year*

#### *Individual:*

*\$25/year*

#### *Family/Group:*

*\$40/year*

#### *River Sponsor:*

*\$100/year*

#### *River Patron:*

*\$250/year*

#### *Watershed Protector:*

*\$500/year*

#### *Watershed Patron:*

*\$1,000/year*

### FRWC Community and Event 'Big Fish' Sponsorship Levels

#### *Pike:*

*\$1,000 and above*

#### *Walleye:*

*\$500*

#### *Bass:*

*\$250*

#### *Blue Gill:*

*\$100*



## Grants and Major Sponsors

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, businesses, and individuals, we would not be able to carry out the FRWC mission. We look forward to a continued strong relationship with our supporters in 2014 and beyond. Thank You

### Grants and Program Support in 2013

Al's Quick-Release Bicycle Sales & Service	MI Corps
Arch Environmental Group	Michigan State University - Institute for Water Research
Assenmacher's Cycling Centers	Michigan State University - Planning and Zoning Center
Atwood Stadium Authority	MLive
Burnash Wrecking	C. S. Mott Foundation
Center for Community Progress	C. S. Mott Foundation, Matching Gifts Program
Commercial Graphics	Ruth Mott Foundation
Community Foundation of Greater Flint	Pedals To Paddles
Cycle Fit, Inc.	Wade Pyles Real Estate Tem
Deborah Cherry, Genesee County Treasurer	Quaker Chemical Corporation
General Motors Corporation	Reinvent Michigan, Senator James Ananich
Genesee County Drain Commissioner	Resource Center
Genesee County Land Bank	Rick Rhein Disposal
Genesee Intermediate School District	Rowe Professional Services Group
Great Lakes Commission	Sierra Club Nepessing Group
Health Plus of Michigan	Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy
Highfield Foundation	Steve's Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc.,
IchThus Foundation	Mr. Rick Figula
Congressman Dan Kildee	Taylor, Butterfield, Howell, Churchill & Jarvis
Keep Genesee County Beautiful	Uptown Reinvestment Flint Farmers
Kettering University	Vern's Collision, Mr. Michael Herriman
Koegels Meats	Wade Trim, Inc.
Kroger	Waste Connections, Inc.
Lapeer Intermediate School District	
Leo Burnett Worldwide, Matching Gift Plan	
Mass Transportation Authority	
Meijer's Store	

**We have dozens of sources of valued in-kind support, and wish that space would allow individual recognition for all. Please contact the offices of the FRWC for a list of our in-kind donors, or to find out how you can offer support to our programs.**





# Partners

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

**C. S. Mott Foundation**

**Ruth Mott Foundation**

**Genesee County Drain Commissioner**

**Genesee County Water Quality Consortium**

**Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission**

**University of Michigan – Flint**

**Flint River Corridor Alliance**

**Crim Fitness Foundation**

**Genesee County Conservation District**

**Lapeer County Conservation District**

**Michigan State University**

- **Planning and Zoning Center**
- **Institute of Water Research**

**North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy**

**Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy**

**City of Flushing**

**City of Flint**

**City of Lapeer**

**Epic Technology Solutions**

**Earth Force**

**General Motors**





## FRWC Financial Information

### Flint River Watershed Coalition

#### Statement of Activities

December 31, 2013

UNAUDITED

<u>Revenues and Support</u>	<u>2013</u>
Contributions, Fundraising, Events	\$15,500.00
Foundation grants	95,000.00
In-kind donations	12,000.00
Interest income	100.00
Membership fees	11,765.00
Miscellaneous	4,470.00
Project revenues	<u>58,600.00</u>
Total revenue and support	\$197,435.00

#### Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Total revenue, support and net assets released from restrictions	197,435.00
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#### Expenses

Program services	\$116,200.00
Support services	
Management and general	<u>60,800.00</u>
Total expenses	\$177,000.00

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Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$20,435.00
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The Balance Sheet and Activities Statement reflects the accounts of the Flint River Watershed Coalition as of December 31, 2013. These statements are not audited as of the printing of this annual report. The last audit of the organization's financial statements were conducted for the accounts as of December 31, 2012. See the audit report dated July 2013 by Taylor & Morgan, Certified Public Accountants. The INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT stated that there were no material exceptions to the FRWC records. A copy of the auditor's report can be found on line at [www.flintriver.org](http://www.flintriver.org) or by calling the Flint River Watershed at 810-767-6490.) The next bi-annual audit is scheduled to be conducted in 2015, and will cover the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.





## Pictures from around the Watershed





## Auditor's report



### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

July 31, 2013

Board of Directors  
Flint River Watershed Coalition, Inc.  
Flint, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Flint River Watershed Coalition, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2012 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the two years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

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. 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 involved performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluation the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Flint River Watershed Coalition, Inc., as of December 31, 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the two years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matter***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of functional expenses on pages 10-11 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Sincerely,

*Taylor & Morgan, P.C.*

Taylor & Morgan, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants  
Flint, MI



**Thank you for your continuing support  
of the Flint River Watershed Coalition!**

