

Watershed

REPORTER

PARTNERING TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

July 2014

SUMMER FUN IN THE WATERSHED!

Mark your calendars for these dates on the river:

Paddles

We hope you can join us all summer long on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

See page 4 for a detailed paddle schedule. We provide equipment, transportation, and fun!

Please pre-register with Jaime Welch at 810-767-7140, jwelch@flintriver.org.

Friends of the Flint River Trail

Ride your bike on the trail every Sunday

Meet at 1:45 at the former site of the Flint Farmers' Market, E. Boulevard Drive

Or, Join the FFRT for rides on the third Saturday of every month

July - Paint Creek Trail • August - Lansing River Trail • September - Bay City Loop • October - Kensington Metro Park

See the FFRT Facebook page, or contact jacksonmin@aol.com, or bnbaton@gmail.com.

Flint River FLOTILLA

Hosted by the Flint River Corridor Alliance, a chapter of the FRWC

The first annual 'FLOTILLA' will launch on August 2, 2014 at 3:00 pm

Bring your inflatable raft, float, pool, etc, and join the fun!

Details: www.flintriver.org, or send an email to info@flintriver.org. Call 810-767-6490.

Flint Park Lake and Thread Lake Community Celebrations

The FRWC is partnering with the Genesee County Parks and neighborhood groups

'Love Your Lake' - Flint Park Lake Picnic

Thursday, July 17, 5:30 – 7:30pm

Meet at the pavilion off Winthrop Boulevard

'Love Your Lake' - Thread Lake Picnic

(Joint with International Academy of Flint)

Thursday, July 24, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

McKinley Park near the Vista Center

Join us for a picnic! Food, games, music, and water activities at these fun celebrations. If you are interested in helping out, contact Sondra at ssevern@flintriver.org, or 810-618-5969.

River Path Clearing is ongoing in Lapeer!

Join our volunteers in Lapeer County to help clear the river of woody obstructions.

Supervised by the Department of Natural Resources, this activity ensures clear canoe and kayak passage all summer long. Contact Joe Leonardi to participate. leonardij@michigan.gov.

Fall Season Benthic Monitoring Will Be Here Before We Know It

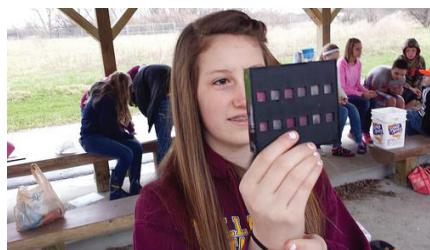
Get trained and help us monitor the quality of our watershed

Monitoring Training: Saturday, September 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at For-Mar Nature Preserve

Genesee County fall monitoring labs are on Saturday, October 11 and Thursday, October 16

Lapeer lab dates and times will be announced later. Join us.

Global Rivers Environmental Education Network



Flint River **GREEN**

Gathering data on the watershed



Presenting results



Created in 1989, the Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) is a nationally replicated program that offers a unique and hands on experience for middle and high school students. Students and their teachers collaborate with mentors from environmental professions to perform water quality tests on bodies of water within their watershed. They use their findings to develop action plans to improve or maintain their area's water. They then share this information with their peers and community officials at the annual student summit.

On May 16, 2014 GREEN mentors, community members, students from 23 schools, teachers, and volunteers gathered together at Kettering University for the annual Student Summit.

2014 was a great year to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this important curriculum.

Participating GREEN Schools in 2014

- Atherton High School • Beecher Middle School • Bendle High School •
- Brandon Middle School • Carman-Ainsworth High School • Chatfield School - Lapeer
- Carter Middle School • Davison Middle School • Flushing High School • Grand Blanc East •
- Grand Blanc West • Kearsley Armstrong Middle School • Lakeville Middle School
- Linden Middle School • Marshall Greene Middle School • Mt. Morris Junior High School •
- North Branch High School & Middle Schools • Rolland-Warner Middle School • St. John Vianney
- Swartz Creek Middle • Westwood Heights/Hamady High School • Zemmer Middle •

Thank you to our partners

City of Flint, Earth Force, Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, Genesee Intermediate School District, General Motors Corporation, General Motors Foundation, Kettering University, Lapeer Intermediate School District, Michigan State University 4-H Youth Development

Another year of cleanup success

FROM THIS IN APRIL:



TO THIS ALL SUMMER!



River and Community Cleanup

2014 Flint River and Community Cleanup

We could not do it without our sponsors

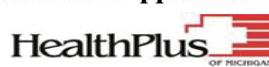
\$500 Clean Up Advocates



\$250 Clean Up Supporters



\$100 - \$200 Basic Supporters



Additional In-Kind Donations

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Celebrating 25 Years of Flint River GREEN



Enjoy your summer in the Watershed

Join us on the first and third Saturday each month!

2014 FLINT RIVER PADDLING SCHEDULE

Meet at the designated paddle location at 9:45. Paddles leave at 10:00 unless noted.

\$15 per person if you are providing your own canoe/kayak, and \$20 per person if you need to rent equipment

- **July 5th** – Dog Days of Summer Paddle - Mitson Canoe Launch •
- **July 19th** – Summer Getaway - Holloway Dam •
- **August 2nd** – Flint River Corridor Alliance ‘Flotilla’ (Starts at 3:00 pm) •
- **August 16th** – Fun Times Picnic on the Flint River – Meet at Montrose Barber Park with bag lunch •
- **September 6th** – Bike and paddle - 2nd Annual Pedals to Paddles. See www.flintriver.org for meeting times and locations •
- **September 20th** – Experience the Fall Colors - Flushing Riverview Park •
- **September 23rd** – (TENTATIVE) Celebrate the Fall Solstice Evening Paddle - Morseville Road launch •

paddle the watershed

