



SEPTEMBER 2023
SPECIAL EDITION



LANSING RIVERS AND RIVER TRAIL CLEANUP

Friday, September 22, 2:30 - 7:30PM Lansing Rotary Park



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

MAKE IT AN EVENING
IT'S A COMMUNITY-WIDE
CELEBRATION



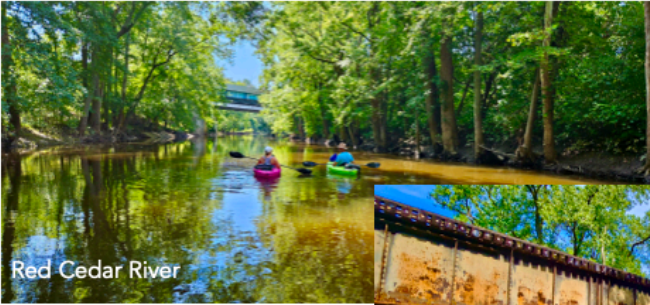
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This event is much more
than stewardship.
It's a community-wide
celebration!

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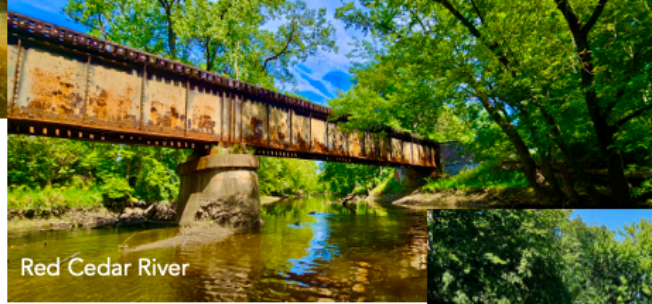
LANSING RIVERS AND RIVER TRAIL HAVE NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD.

Let us take you on a Lansing rivers tour, beginning on the Red Cedar River to north Lansing on the Grand River.

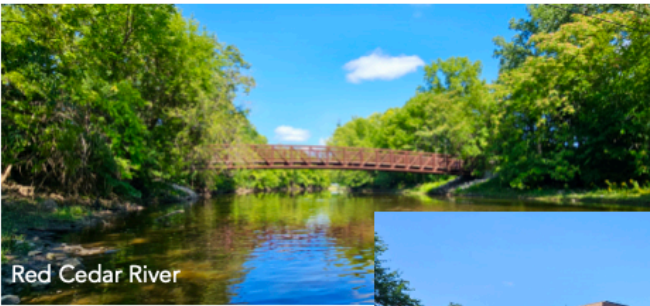


Red Cedar River

Photos of Lansing Area
Red Cedar and Grand River
Taken September 2023



Red Cedar River



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IT IS AMAZING THE JOY AND EASE IN WHICH WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS WHEN WORKING TOGETHER.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A LASTING IMPACT.

We wish to thank all those who participated in our June Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup. It is thought to have been the largest volunteer effort in Lansing in years, certainly since the onset of COVID 19.

Lansing area rivers are now fully navigable and looking so good it is believed we now present the most scenic, varied, and pleasant urban waterways experience in Michigan. To build off our work and maintain our momentum, we are looking for year-round partners, event sponsors and volunteer organizations for our September 22, 2023 Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup.

To become a Michigan Waterways Stewards year-round partner or Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup event sponsor, [drop us a note](#) or give us a call.

To volunteer to work on either our rivers (blueway) or river trail (greenway), complete the signup forms found at:

Blueway (pg 8): <https://www.miwaterwaysstewards.org/greenway-lansing-river-trail-sign-up-sheet.html>

Greenway (pg 9): <https://www.miwaterwaysstewards.org/blueway-lansing-rivers-sign-up-sheet.html>

Food, drink, equipment, and other hospitality provided.

If you, your family and friends or organization can't make it to our main event date and time on Friday, September 22, no problem. We have set aside the three days of September 20, 21 and 22. Just let us know the best time for you so we can meet up and provide you with all your equipment needs.

If this window of time is not convenient, no worries. We are glad to customize your small-to-large group stewardship event to make it exciting and worth while. It makes for great team-building and is a great way to give back to the community.

This is a pivotal year as we redefine Lansing area river stewardship. We look forward to having you be a part of this grand event and transformational year. It's all very exciting.

Mike Stout

President and Founder, Michigan Waterways Stewards

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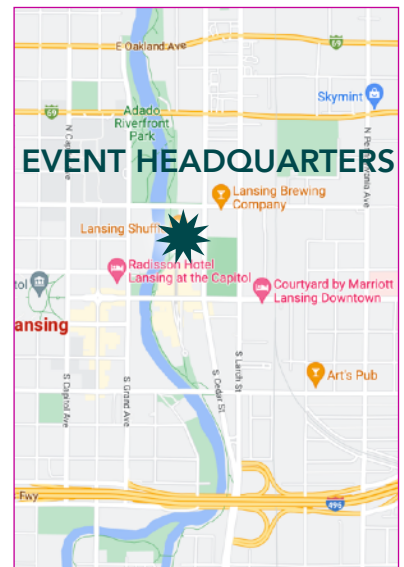
MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS

CITY OF LANSING PARKS & RECREATION

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MAKE IT AN EVENING FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**



TO VIEW A SUMMARY OF MWS PROJECTS
See page 6.

JOIN US FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION.



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LANSING AREA RIVERS & RIVER TRAIL CLEANUP - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

STEWARDSHIP IS A YEAR-ROUND COMMITMENT.

JOIN US FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 BETWEEN 2:30 - 7:30PM

As we shift our focus toward more predictable and sustainable stewardship, we ask for your help. Join us Friday, September 22, between 2:30PM- 7:30PM for our second Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup of the year.

Event headquarters is at Lansing Rotary Park in front of Lansing Shuffle. You can volunteer to help either on the river or on the river trail. Everything needed will be provided, including food, drink, equipment, and other hospitality.

If Friday is not convenient, no worries. We have reserved September 20 and 21 as well. If these dates don't work, we work with groups year-round. We trust that you too will find this volunteer opportunity a great way to give back to the community.

Upon your committing, we will feature your organization in our marketing materials, including; website, newsletters, social media, posters, and banners. It's a great way to put a spotlight on your organization and mission of giving back.

Many ask how else they can support. There are a number ways, whether it be the offer of professional services, donation of equipment or money.

Experience the joy and ease in which we accomplish great things when working together.



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**A SPECIAL THANKS TO MOOSEJAW
OUR EVENTS PARTNER AND SPONSOR**



Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup

JOIN US. MAKE A LASTING IMPACT. THIS IS OUR LEGACY.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 SEP 20, 21, 22*

- 2:30PM - 7:30PM Rotary Park at the Willbro Beach Kayak Landing
- Equipment, food, drink, and other hospitality provided.

*Can't make the main event date? No worries. There is always time to make a difference. Join us during any of our three event days.



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ECO Tour

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TAKE IN CAPITAL CITY VIEWS FROM OUR PRIZED RIVERS

If you too would like to take in views of our capital city from either our Red Cedar River or Grand River, we invite you to take a 1-2 hour Michigan Waterways Stewards EcoTour. Food, drink, and equipment is provided.

Stewardship is encouraged, but not required. We just ask that you enjoy your time on the water and tell your friends about Michigan's top urban waterways experience.

To the right is what Evan Carr, Lansing's own and MWS board member, wrote after he took in a Grand River tour of downtown and north Lansing September 1, 2023.

The reflection of ducks skimming the water in flying V formation.

Murals adorn bridge pylons reflecting back the beauty our eyes can barely hold.

Crowds of wildflowers saying "hey good morning" under the majestic willows.

Heron precariously perched on a log stretching it's roots out to feel the cool water rushing by.

The silence broken by chirps and cheers of our curious onlookers over head.

Wind creeps through the canopy the leaves applauding our awe and appreciation casting sun rays like plucked strings on a harp.

Friendly waves to those onshore quickly build a connection hearts joyously joined in appreciation of this place.

All in a quiet morning on the Grand River lazily flowing through the heart of our glorious Capital City.

by Evan Carr



OUR MISSION

To protect and improve Michigan's treasured and vulnerable waterways for the benefit of fish and wildlife, recreation and sport.

Through our work we will inspire current and future generations to protect and care for our prized waterways.

OUR VISION

To become Michigan's #1 waterways stewards organization and make Michigan's waterways the envy of our Great Lakes industrial states.

JOIN US

Experience the joy and ease in which we accomplish great things when working together.

MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS MAKING NEWS



Michigan Waterways Stewardship

Projects Summary: October 2022 thru September 2023

Stewardship: 1. Grand River Railroad Bridge Cleanup (N. MLK Highway); 2. Tecumseh Park Cleanup; 3. Red Cedar River Assessment (Kruger's Landing to Grand River); 4. Red Cedar River Railroad Bridge Cleanup (S. Cedar Street); 5. Grand River Assessment (Jackson); 6. Red Cedar River Cleanup (MSU Campus); 7. Cherry Hill Park Cleanup; 8. Grand River (I 496) Cleanup; 9. Abandoned Homeless Encampment Cleanup (N. MLK Highway); 10. Grand River Assessment (Lansing to Grand Ledge, and Jackson); 11. Red Cedar River Assessment (Williamston to Lansing); 12. Red Cedar Assessment (Kruger's Landing to East Lansing); 13. Red Cedar River Metal Impediments Removed (Railroad Bridge); 14. Red Cedar Assessment (Meridian Riverfront Park); Red Cedar River Cleanup (Lansing); 15. Red Cedar River Cleanup (west Okemos and East Lansing); 16. Red Cedar River Assessment (Lansing); 17. Grand River Assessment (Moores Park to North Park Dam); 18. Grand River Cleanup (North Grand Avenue Bridge); 19. Grand River Tecumseh Park Cleanup (PH 1); 20. Grand River Tecumseh Park Cleanup (PH 2); 22. Friends of the Looking Glass River Cleanup; 23. Red Cedar River Cleanup from Potter Park to confluence of the Grand River; 24. Red Cedar River Bridge Cleanup (S. Cedar Street); 25. Red Cedar River Cleanup (North of Kruger's Landing with Mount Hope Church); 26. Kruger's Landing Park Cleanup; 27. MSU Jenison Field House to Kruger's Landing River Cleanup; 28. Kruger's Landing to Tecumseh Park Cleanup; 29. Rotary Park to Tecumseh Park; 30. Jenison Field House to Kruger's Landing; 31. Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup; 32. Red Cedar River and Grand River Assessment; 33. MSGMP Lansing Rivertrail Cleanup - Rotary Park Area; 34. Okemos Road Bridge Construction Cleanup from Wonk Park to CN Railroad Trestle; 35. ADBF Railroad Bridges (2); 36. CN Railway Bridges (2); 37. Hagadorn Street Bridge; 38. Bogue Street Bridge (5); 39. Farm Lane Bridge (2); 40. Grand River Assessment (Rotary Park to ADBF Bridge); 41. Red Cedar River Cleanup - Bogue Street to Kruger's Landing; 42. Red Cedar & Grand River Cleanup - Kruger's Landing to Rotary Park.

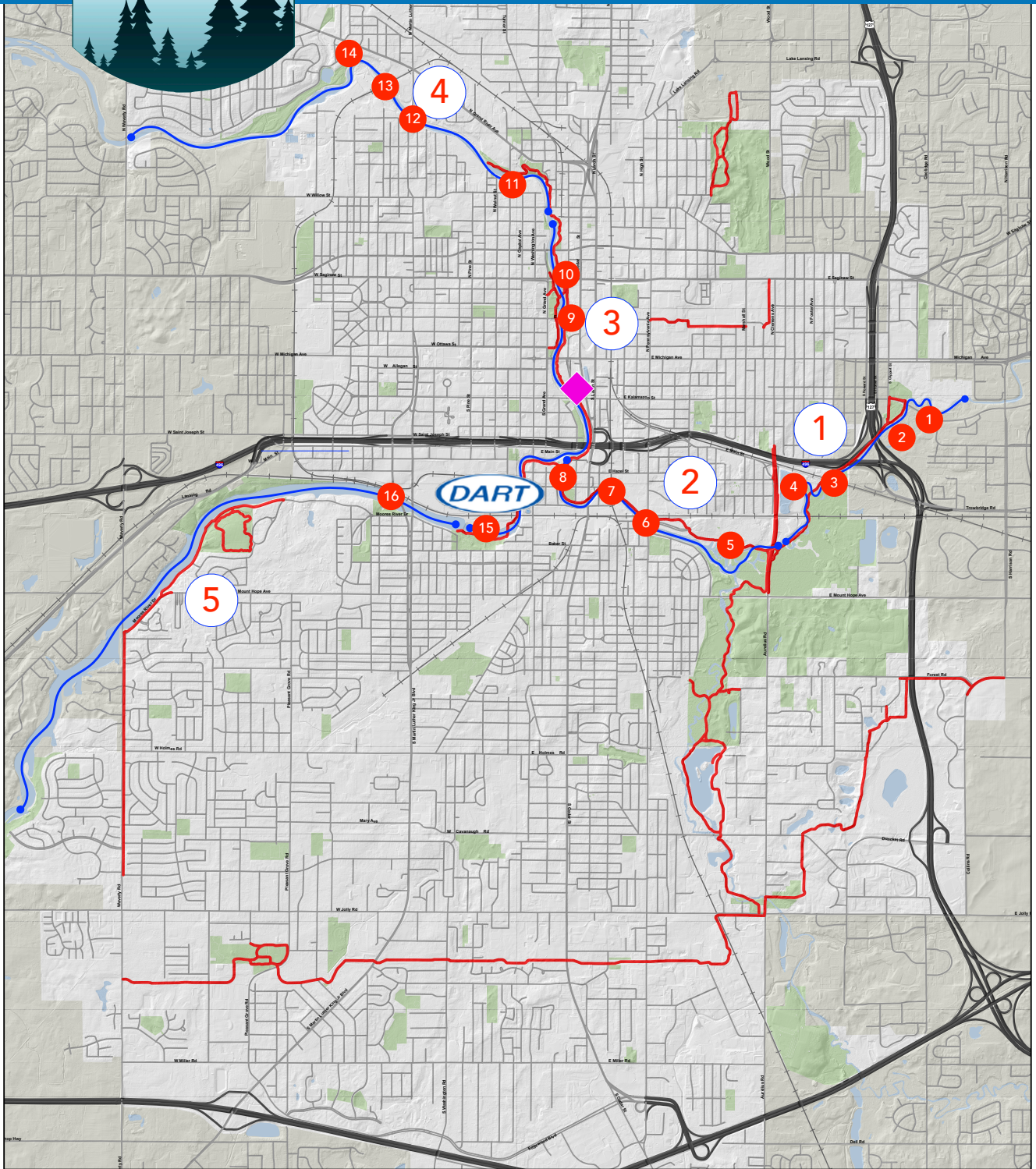
Education - Presentations: 1. Red Cedar Pathway; 2. Meridian Township Board - Townhall; 3. Meridian Township Parks and Recreation director, LuAnn Meisner; 4. Meridian Township Supervisor Patricia Jackson and Dan Opsommer; 5. Deputy Township Manager; 6. Williamstown Township Supervisor; Wanda Bloomquist; 7. Rotary Club of Williamston-Sunrise; 8. Rotary Club of East Lansing; 9. Kiwanis Club of Mason; 10. Impression 5 Adopt A River; 11. MISGMP - Lansing Shuffle; 12. City of Lansing Park Board.

Education - PSAs: 1. "Keep A Lid On It"; 2. "Come Clean - Leave Clean Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers"; 3. "Stop the Spin, Spin."

Advocacy: 1. City of Lansing Public Works Department - Improved Grounds Care; 2. Michigan Legislative Service Bureau Printing Services - Improved Grounds Care; 3. Meridian Township Okemos Road Bridge Construction - Improved Site Management; 4. Spin Electric Scooters - Improved Stewardship Campaign (ongoing).



Lansing Area Rivers Cleanup Project Map



Street

- Freeway
- Freeway Ramp
- Main Road
- Neighborhood Street
- Railroad
- River Trail
- Park
- Lake/River
- Traditional river hotspots

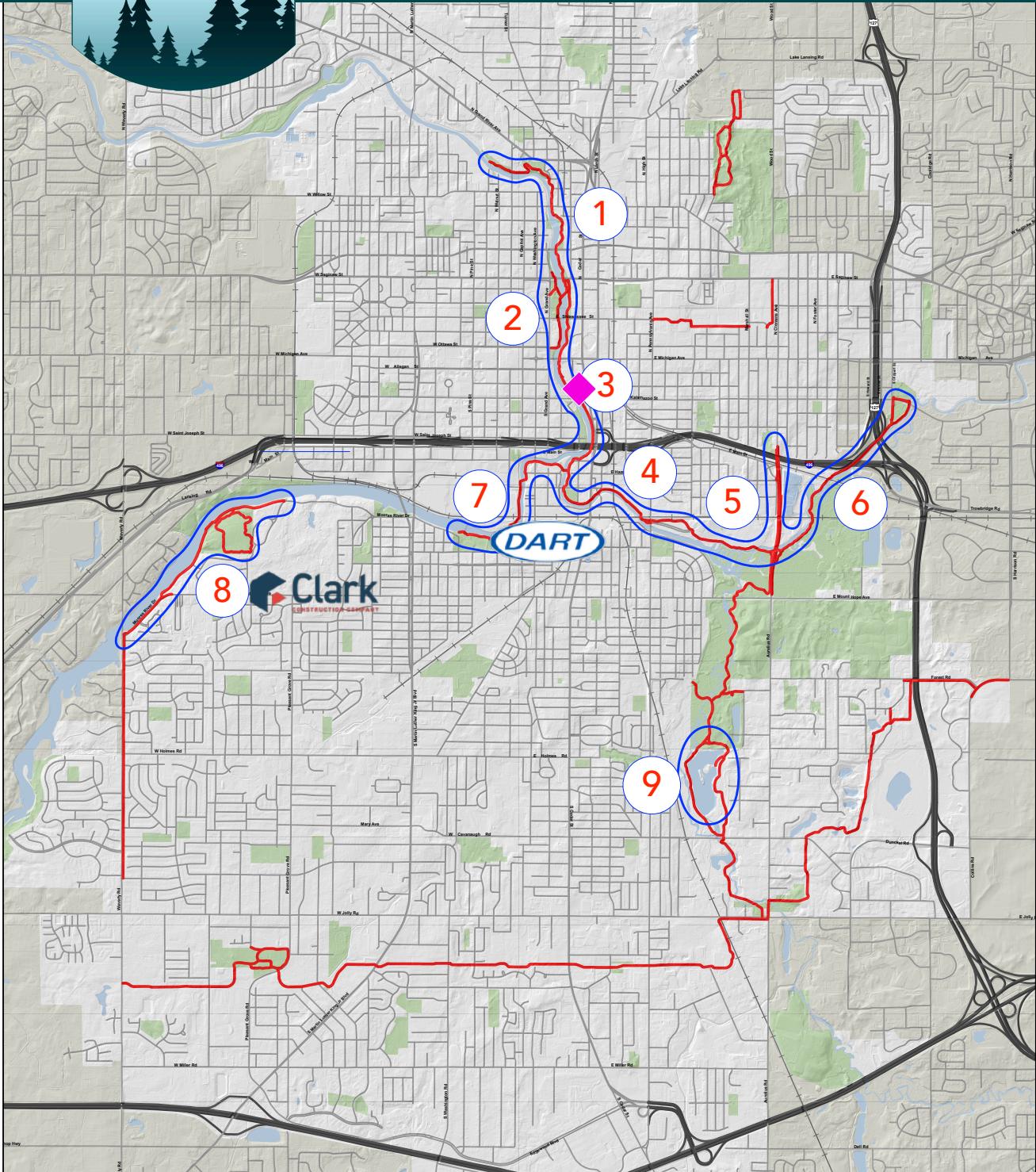
City of Lansing River Trail



Andy Schor, Mayor



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