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MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

If your company, or organization, would like to hear about how Lansing area rivers have been transformed into Michigan's top urban paddling destination, we would love to come in and share.

FEE: None

Charitable donations encouraged.



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Letter From Our Founder
Mike Stout



MICHIGAN'S MOST SCENIC URBAN WATERWAYS

Are Here In The Greater Lansing/East Lansing Metropolitan Area.

Thanks to the generous support and thousands of volunteer hours from business and industry, civic organizations, clubs, churches, schools, local governments, and passionate individuals, our Red Cedar and Grand River flowing through East Lansing and Lansing have been transformed into the most scenic and pleasant urban paddling destination in Michigan.

If it has been a while since you paddled these treasured rivers or enjoyed the views from our prized river trail system, you must return to rediscover. I trust you too will be impressed by the transformational change and have a most enjoyable time.

I understand, it can be difficult to overcome well entrenched thoughts based on past experiences that may have disappointed. Recently I have read several social media posts describing our local rivers as being choked with litter, trash, and impassable river-wide entanglements. Those memories so vivid, and perhaps reinforced over long periods of time, you may think of them as being just from yesterday or that any major change is improbable.

Unless we let go of those well entrenched thoughts you may be cheating yourself of an extraordinary experience.

Let me share with you what now is a typical experience when paddling our area's treasured Red Cedar and Grand River. I trust you too will discover much the same, how extraordinary this stretch of blueway truly is.



This past Saturday it was a beautiful day for a quick paddle on our Red Cedar and Grand River. I launched from the campus of MSU, paddled the Red Cedar River to where it meets the Grand River, then continued on to Brenke Fish Ladder before turning around. I was truly impressed, actually quite proud, by how great our blueways looked and how easy and pleasant they are to navigate.

Around each corner I was presented with another awesome scene and reassurance that with a little care that campus and urban living can be successfully paired with the natural beauty and charm of tree covered rivers, adjoining parks, protected greenways, prized river trails, and vulnerable lowlands.

The waterfowl is abundant and my favorite, the blue heron, patiently wait and watch my approach before they took flight. The sunbathing turtles are always a highlight. I hate that they feel they must abandon their perch as I paddle by.

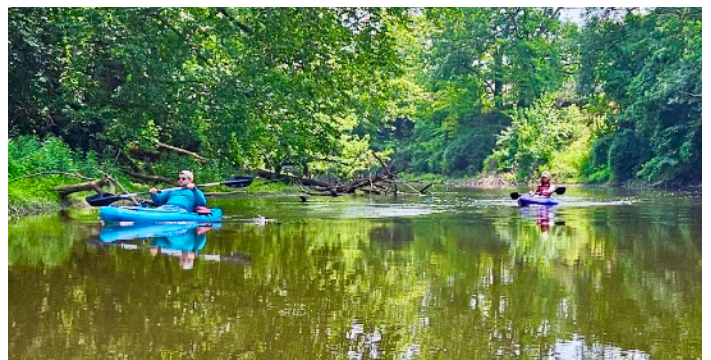
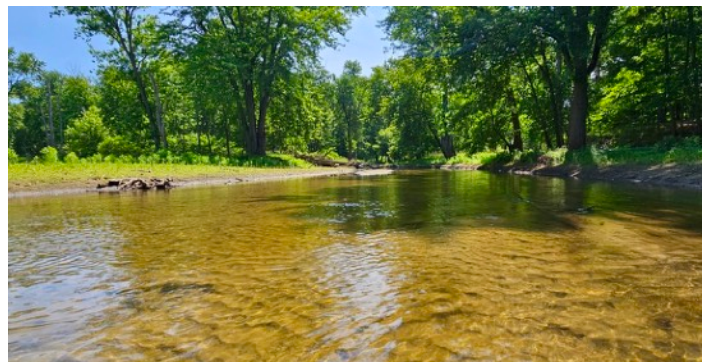
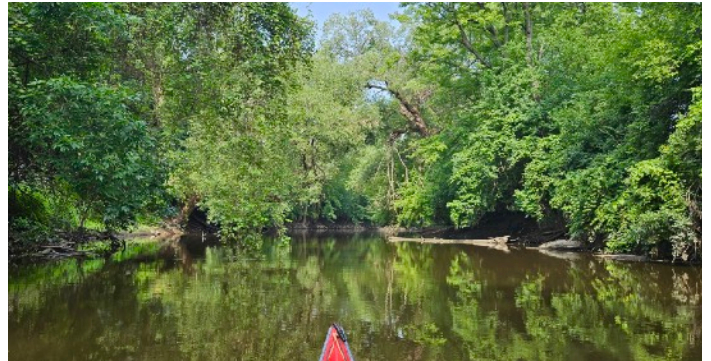
When I pass through the lowlands near Potter Park I always enjoy watching the fish scurry underneath in the clear Red Cedar River. Today is no different. The fish are in such a hurry that leave a trail of the river's sandy bottom stirred up behind them.

On this day I was lucky to catch Canadian National Railway (CN) at work. In the distance I heard the distinct sound of a train's whistle and the roaring sound only a train can make. As if I were a kid, I was hoping this train would make its way and soon pass overhead.

Then, to my left, the black, white, red CN locomotive breaks from the cover of trees. It is passing overhead on the bridge that CN had just voluntarily cleared a large entanglement of trees and logs from underneath. The engineer noticed my taking pictures. In return he waved then let off a series of loud whistles giving his approval.

Just like a kid, I smiled and waved back.

As I made my way down river I came across others who have chosen to take in the beauty of our urban rivers. First there was a couple in their bright blue and purple kayaks, followed by another small group of paddlers, then a team of fishermen trying their luck on the river today.



A short distance later and after converging on the Grand River, our state's longest river, I was greeted by tall buildings lining each side. Then I pass under the iconic river skyway, an enclosed four season bridge connecting one side of the river to Lansing's Convention Center.

On this day, I hear music coming from Rotary Park and Lansing Shuffle. It sounded as if there may be a large festival. As I passed by I couldn't tell what this special event was all about, but it must have been of great importance as media was there.

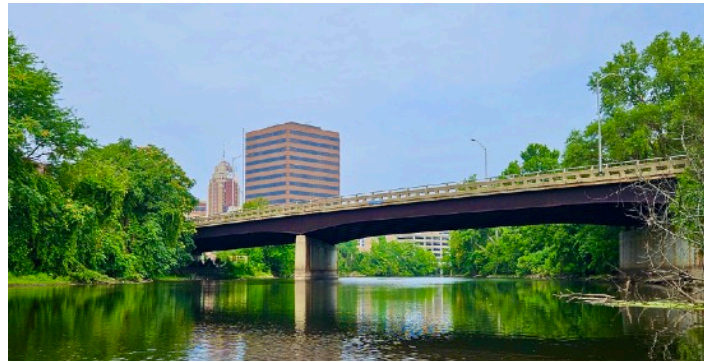
I continue on and paddle the half-mile to Brenke Fish Ladder and Old Town. Along the way, on my left, I take note of the work being made to expand the Lansing River Trail improve adjoining park amenities.

As it always seems to be, the area around the fish ladder was busy today. From a distance I watched a father and son team work to retrieve their catch from the river. They seem to be struggling a bit. I thought it may be either a large fish or river snag. Then I noticed they're attempting to fish out an electric scooter. They pull it halfway up the tall vertical wall before they lose it back to the river.

Regrettably, I won't have time to take in Old Town today as this is a popular stop of mine. On weekends they regularly hold a special here, with live music and great food. Instead, on my way back I will stop in Lansing Shuffle for a sampling of chocolate ice cream and enjoy a refreshing cold drink and celebrate the first half of a wonderful journey on our treasured Red Cedar and Grand Rivers

Sadly, I have heard many vow to never return to our rivers that flow through our capital city, East Lansing, and campus of MSU. It is understandable as it is generally accepted that our local rivers have not been given the attention and care that they need and so deserve.

I understand others' sentiment as I too almost vowed to never return. But, our local rivers are not the same as they were five or ten years ago. In fact, they're not the same as they were just a year ago.



As a result of community pride that few cities can match, our treasured local rivers here have been transformed into what now must be Michigan's top urban paddling destination. Great effort has been made to remove every major and unsightly object.

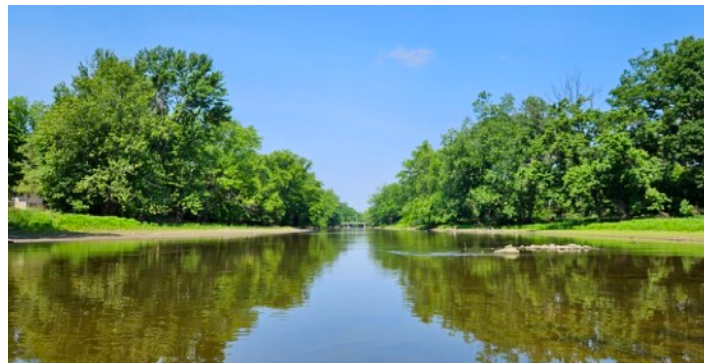
If you were to come across an unsightly scene, perhaps an abandoned 50-gallon barrel or highway marker, don't worry. It will likely be cleared in no time at all by a River Angel.

It is also important to note, every river-wide obstruction has been removed and regular care is now taken to make sure adequate lanes remain open to provide a safe, easy, and pleasant passage.

With ease, you can now navigate the Red Cedar beginning from west Okemos to the confluence of the Grand River, continue on to Grand Ledge, and all the way to Lake Michigan if you like.

If you're seeking an extraordinary urban paddle, one that is worthy of being claimed Michigan's best, I encourage you to rediscover, or perhaps experience for the first time, our prized Red Cedar and Grand Rivers which flow through East Lansing, the campus of MSU, and our capital city.

I trust that you too will be impressed, perhaps be in awe of their beauty, just as I now am.



ADRIAN & BLISSFIELD
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MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS GUESTS AT A&B RAILROAD'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATION GOLF OUTING

We were honored to be invited to A&B Railroad's first Annual Customer Appreciation Golf Outing and Dinner held at Ironwood Links in Mason, MI.

We were all the more excited when Christine Pearson, representing Michigan Waterways Stewards, and her team took 1st place in the tournament.

Thank you A&B Railroad for all that you do and for the invitation. A great time was had by all.



THE RAILROAD INDUSTRY - UNLIKELY PARTNERS?

We Say Not.

Michigan Waterways Stewards (MWS) began because of a need to rid a long-standing, unsightly, and potentially dangerous river-wide entanglement on the Grand River in north Lansing. After weeks of sending out emails, making calls, filling out contact us forms, and making calls to local, county, state governments and agencies, it was evident a different approach was needed.

It was recommended that I directly approach the railroad company who owned the bridge of concern.

I learned that its owner was Adrian and Blissfield Railroad Company (ADBF) headquartered in Okemos. I began my outreach over the weekend. By Monday morning I received a call from ADBF president Chris Bagwell. That same afternoon Chris and I met. Within 20 minutes we agreed to a plan to clear the river-wide entanglement and all the litter and trash pooled up behind it. In addition, he volunteered that we do the same under their second Lansing area bridge, this one over the Red Cedar River.

Since our initial meeting, ADBF has fully cleared seasonal river-wide entanglements under their two Lansing area bridges a total of four times; twice in the winter and two more times after spring floodwaters. We could only hope that other railroad companies would ADBF's example of being a strong community partner and environmental steward.

After our June Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup we received complaints about another bridge where a longstanding river-wide obstruction was creating a problem. This was on the Red Cedar, downstream from South Pennsylvania Ave. We called the City of Lansing to discuss what we could do. They offered to reach out to its owner, Canadian National Railway (CN).

Within the week we heard back. CN agreed to help clear the entanglement of trees and logs under their bridge. They too volunteered to clear an entanglement under a second bridge of theirs. This was 1.25 miles upstream on the winding Red Cedar River.

Within less than a year we have experienced unprecedented support from our railroad industry. While river conditions and seasonal influences require ongoing care, we should be excited by the collective and collaborative efforts of the railroad industry, local government, and tireless efforts of a few individuals to keep our area rivers unobstructed and open for the benefit and enjoyment for all.

If you haven't experience our local rivers we encourage you to reimagine, rediscover, and reconnect. We trust you too will be excited by what you will find; Michigan's most pleasant urban paddling experience.



Adrian and Blissfield Railroad Bridge - Red Cedar River 2023



Canadian National Railroad Bridge - Red Cedar River 2023



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MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS FOUNDER SHATTERS RECORD FOR SOLO PADDLES ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN



STRONG WAVES PUSHED STOUT WELL OFF COURSE.

Mike Stout, Michigan Waterways Stewards founder and president, is the first paddler known to have solo paddled across Lake Michigan more than once. Since his first crossing in 2016, Stout has completed this feat a record setting seven times; five times over the past three years.

His chosen route is from below Wisconsin's 113-foot tall Rawley Point Lighthouse to Michigan's Big Sable Lighthouse. In 2021, he completed this feat three times during a span of 33 days.

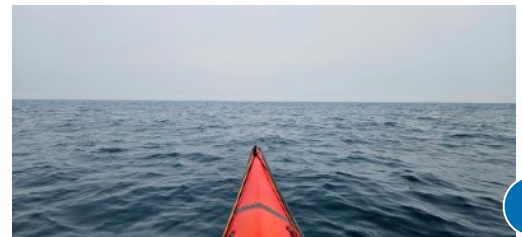
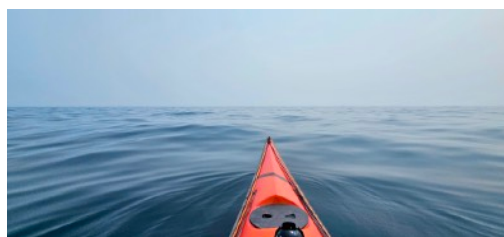
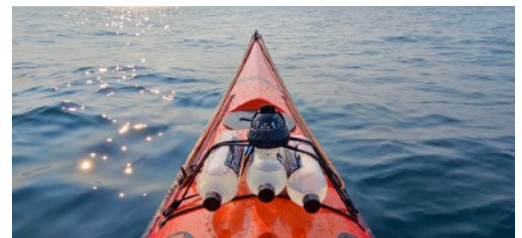
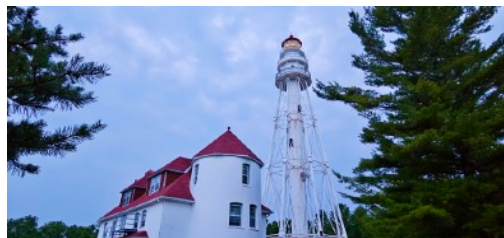
On this record shattering day, Saturday, July 15, he described lake conditions as deceiving. While appearing relatively calm, remnants from the prior night's storm pushed him north and well off course. What was expected to take about 13.5 hours, took 16.5.



Just prior to launch South with his 17' 2" NC Kayaks open sea kayak.

Along the way he Stout says that had to fight falling asleep due to the hypnotic movement of the lake, relatively cool temperatures, and solid gray sky. As he neared Michigan's western shoreline he had to weave his way through several Great Lakes freighters and prepare for the wake from a trailing cruise ship. Due to Ludington's Big Sable Lighthouse not being operational, not throwing off its bright beacon of light that evening, he landed north of his target. This required his paddling another 3-5 miles before reaching his final destination of Ludington's State Park Beach.

If you wish to read more about this and his other Great Lakes crossings, including his 83.3 mile solo paddle across Lake Superior, visit: www.TheNorthlandAdventurer.com.





MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS IN THE NEWS



Big Ten football is headed for a change
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'MUCH MORE REMAIN'

100 scooters pulled from one bridge near Michigan State University

East Lansing — More than 200 electric scooters have been pulled from the Red Cedar River near the Bigon Street bridge — and there are likely many more underwater there and elsewhere, according to the people who keep pulling them out. "It is known much more remain," said Mike Stout, president and founder of Michigan Waterways Stewards, in a recent email to the Lansing State Journal. "It was aware of three separate companies that have yielded over 100 scooters from the Red Cedar River this year alone. This is a single successful round and it could be incredible," Stout also said volunteers have recovered 32 kayakers, a grocery cart and a welder's box from the river this year. Saturday, volunteers snagged a large traffic barrier, two pull tabs and more still in the six pack and a stack of a bicycle handlebar, a small foot safe, and a grappling hook they almost immediately started using. [See SCENE, page 1A.](#)



OPINION

Transforming Lansing's Grand River into a scenic river gem

A long distance walk paddle... Over the past many years, Lansing has seen a lot of changes. One of the most significant is the transformation of the Grand River into a scenic river gem. It is hard to imagine that such a problem exists in an area as beautiful as Lansing. The Grand River is a beautiful body of water that has been transformed into a scenic river gem. It is hard to imagine that such a problem exists in an area as beautiful as Lansing. The Grand River is a beautiful body of water that has been transformed into a scenic river gem.

Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

Nonprofit makes kits available for cleanups

Want to clean up a Michigan Waterway and don't know where to turn? Michigan Waterways Stewards (MWS) has your back. The Lansing-based nonprofit has launched a first-of-its-kind "kit" to loan out for waterway cleanups, from boats to grappling hooks to first-aid supplies.

WLNS 6
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Old News on the 'Spoof'

East Lansing, Mich. (WLNS) — After dozens of electric scooters were found in the Red Cedar River in East Lansing, Mich., concerns are being raised about environmental contamination.

SPARTAN NEWSROOM
POWERED BY THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

MSU fraternity partners with community for river cleanup

By [Marin Klein](#) | April 10, 2023

There are three parts to Michigan Waterways Stewards model:

1. Stewardship
2. Education
3. Advocacy

Creating awareness of our work, those needs, and issues, is critical to our success and health of Michigan's waterways.

If you find our work of interest and to be important, tell others about us and what we do. Perhaps they too will offer support, whether it be to volunteer, donate money or essential products, or heighten awareness about an important cause.

**Join Us.
Make A Lasting Impact.
This Is Our Legacy.**

MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS MAKING NEWS

- LSJ Opinion Page shares MWS struggles to gain city, county, state government and agencies support to improve Grand River water quality and navigability.
- SPARTAN NEWS promotes MWS Red Cedar River cleanup with Delta Sigma Phi and East Lansing Rotary.
- EGLE promotes MWS on-demand, all inclusive, state-wide waterways stewardship concept.
- WILX - Channel 10 covers MWS Lansing June Rivers and River Trail Cleanup event.
- LSJ covers the discovery of over 100 scooters in Red Cedar River running through East Lansing and MSU.
- WLNS - Channel 6 covers the personal safety environmental risk of more than 100 lithium ion powered scooters discovered in Red Cedar River.



STOP THE SPIN, SPIN.

125 Scooters and 60 Bikes Retrieved Reveals An Inconvenient Truth.

125 scooters, 60 bicycles, 1 welders box, and 1 grocery carts were recently retrieved from a Red Cedar River bridge. This entire collection of twisted metal was retrieved from a single location over three separate days. We know much more remains.

Nearly all the scooters were from Lansing/East Lansing area's largest micro-mobility provider, Spin.

It is generally accepted that Spin, like any other transportation services company, is responsible for the care and management of their fleet. Spin does not dispute this. In fact they tout it. To help Spin with their inventory management each e-scooter is fitted with GPS tracking so they know their price location and know when and where each scooters becomes obsolete; either due to a drained battery, theft, or having been tossed into a river.

From the recent discovery, Spin's loss rate is far greater than many imagined and what they previously inferred. The severity of this problem may not have been revealed if it weren't for the tireless effort of a few professional magnet fishermen, and in particular the father and son team, Venture and Xan Dulow, from Grand Rapids, with the help of East Lansing's Joe Naerebout.

Rather than accept responsibility for their lost product in our rivers and put in play a plan to mitigate this problem, Spin deflects and boasts about the work and services they provide. Spin's head off government partnerships, Jim Gilman, tells WLNS 6 News,

"Our team has relocated more than 12,500 scooters in the past year in the Lansing program to **keep our scooters neat and orderly** in the city." It was also said, "It can't control the actions of students that damage its products."

In the first sentence found on their company's website it reads, "...committed to being the best possible partner for **cities** while building the safest, most equitable, and most sustainable mobility solution..."



Pictured left to right: Venture and Xan Dulow

As evident from our recent findings, Spin has inadequately addressed an inconvenient truth of their business. That being reasonable management of their scooters having been tossed into our rivers. I suspect Spin has chosen to largely ignore, or attempt to avoid this problem, because of the greater effort and costs required to retrieve their scooters.

Only Spin knows how many of their scooters have been discarded in our rivers. While we know of 125 recently retrieved from a single location, we are aware of three separate campaigns which have yielded over 150 from the Red Cedar River this year alone.

This is unacceptable and should be considered intolerable. More must be done.

This is all great messaging by Spin, and a very good deflection, but we know from our recent leanings that they are falling short of their promise of being the best possible partner.

It is reasonable to infer from the recent discovery and Spin's official response, that this problem is not a high priority of theirs. Based on their current practice, they are deferring the responsibility, work, and cost to retrieve their scooters to others. Spin is putting personal safety at risk and creating an environmental problem.

Not to deflect from Spin's responsibility, it is generally believed that they are not the only ones underperforming with regards to this problem. The City East Lansing and MSU officials are responsible for:

1. Reasonable performance expected of their transportation and business partners.
2. The behavior of their young adult and student population actions.
3. Stewardship of our prized Red Cedar River.

**Spin,
City of East Lansing
and MSU officials,
this is unacceptable.
You must do better.**

Retrieving scooters, bicycles, grocery carts, and other evidence of campus and urban living is only a part of the challenge. It's actually the easiest to do. The greater need, and the bigger win, is working toward changing attitudes and behavior of our student and young adult population. To stop this from occurring in the first place we suggest our:

- Accepting a zero tolerance of the tossing of electric scooters, bicycles, and other items into our Red Cedar River.
- Undertaking a collaborative effort with the city, University, environmental conscious organizations like ourselves, and Spin.
- Creating an awareness building campaign to educate others about impact that such acts of theft, destruction of property, and polluting our rivers creates.
- Implementing a multi-media approach including print and digital media, Social media, PSAs, and leveraging community leaders and influencers.
- Enforcing the laws for such theft and vandalism at their fullest and implementing other punitive measures.

**The solution is not
improved retrieval efforts.
We're on it!
The long-term win is
being preemptive,
changing attitudes to stop
these destructive acts
from occurring.**

To help identify the scope of the problem so we, Michigan Waterways Steward, can plan and adequately resource ourselves to retrieve what remains hidden below our Red Cedar and Grand Rivers, we asked Spin to share:

- Their total inventory loss rate to our rivers, by location, since they began providing their transportation services to the greater Lansing and East Lansing area.
- Adjust that total number by those that e-scooters that:
 - They have retrieved on their own
 - They have collected from others' retrieval efforts

We have asked Spin for their support in other areas as well. Spin has not responded.

**Without Spin's
cooperation, it make its
difficult for us to retrieve
their scooters, and other
objects from our rivers,
and create a preemptive
solution.**

Without any help from Spin, we estimate that we have discovered only one-third to one-half of their lost inventory. This leads us to believe that there may remain 125-250 scooters, and 60-120 bicycles. We fear that the bicycle count could be significantly greater.

To address this challenge we will be conducting Red Cedar River scooter and bicycle retrieval exercises of at least once a week until school starts later this month. The first is scheduled for this Thursday, August 10.

If would like to help, there are a number of ways that you can. To begin, notify East Lansing and MSU officials that:

1. You consider tossing of cooters, bicycles, and any other objects into our Red Cedar River unacceptable.
2. You expect more from our student and young adult population and those caught in the act of vandalism should be held fully accountable.
3. We should expect greater accountability from our transportation and business partners, like Spin.

To support Michigan Waterways Stewards and its effort to clean and improve our treasured waterways, and with this specific exercise to retrieve scooters and bicycles from our rivers, you can support by:

1. Donating needed materials, such as 360 magnets, rope, grappling hooks, automated and/or manual winch systems, and other items.
2. Donate cash to procure materials and help cover other direct and indirect expenses.
3. Volunteer time.

It is amazing the joy and ease in which we can accomplish great things when working together. Join us. Make a lasting impact. This is our legacy.



Our June Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup Was a Huge Success!



THANK YOU VALUED PARTNERS, SPONSORS, AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS.

Without your support our rivers and river trails would not be looking their best.

Partners and Event Sponsors

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| 2. American Rivers | 11. Meijer |
| 3. City of Lansing* | 12. Moosejaw* |
| 4. Clark Construction Company* | 13. Mother and Earth Baby Boutique |
| 5. Dart Container Corporation* | 14. Old Town Commercial Association |
| 6. Friedland Industries, Inc. | 15. Ranger Landing Nets |
| 7. Granger Waste Services | 16. Rotary Club of East Lansing |
| 8. Great Lakes Watercraft* | 17. Werner Paddles |
| 9. Home Depot | |

Volunteer Partner Organizations

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| 1. Canadian National Railway | 9. MSU Federal Credit Union |
| 2. Central Free Methodist Church | 10. Revco |
| 3. Dragonflyers of Michigan | 11. Rotary Club of Lansing |
| 4. EGLE | 12. Senior Corps RSVP |
| 5. Impression Five | 13. SGMP of Michigan |
| 6. Lansing Community College | 14. Tecumseh Park |
| 7. Lansing Shuffle | 15. The Quiet Water Society |
| 8. Mount Hope Church | |

*Partners and Event Sponsors who also volunteered.

Join us Friday, September 22, for our encore performance. It will be a community-wide celebration.



RIVER ANGELS IN ACTION

Venture and Xan Dulow

A Grand Rapids father and son team reveal an inconvenient truth found in our Red Cedar River.

What began as a routine exercise to locate a new hotspot for valuable scrap metal and other treasured finds, magnet fishers Venture and Xan Dulow discover a previously unimaginable pile of twisted scrap metal. Most of this pile was comprised of Spin electric scooters powered by lithium-ion batteries.

On their first trip to East Lansing, Venture and Xan retrieved 30 scooters and 26 bikes from the Red Cedar. Surmised by their find, they returned to the same site the next week and with the help of magnet fisher Joe Naerebout, they retrieve 45 scooters and 26 bikes. With no end in sight, the trio returned for a third visit and retrieved an additional 50 scooters and 8 bikes, bringing their total catch to 125 scooters and 60 bikes over only a period of three separate days.



Xan Dulow behind a Red Cedar River scooter cleanup.

Because of the enormity of the problem, additional and expanded efforts are being planned to help retrieve the Red Cedar River of e-scooters, bicycles, and other evidence of campus and urban living before start of school later this August.

Venture and Xan DuLow travel across the country and are YouTubers, at once having reached 15 million viewers per month. When asked about their visit to East Lansing, they revealed that the bridge where they landed was not their original target. Their other location was under construction. It was truly a great find, Xan adds, "There is an insanely amount of scooters here."

We thank Venture and Xan DuLow for their initial discovery, and the additional support of Joe Naerebout, for their waterways stewardship. Because of their work, they revealed the enormity of a problem that otherwise may not have been discovered.

**Thank you
Venture and Xan Dulow,
and Joe Naerebout.**

Magnet fishing uses a strong magnet to try and grab ferrous metal objects that are hidden or lost underwater. To assist in their retrieval efforts they often use a grappling hook. The hobby is a combination of environmentalism and treasure hunting.

Join Us On A Michigan Waterways Stewards Ecotour.

Would you like to take in the views from Lansing and East Lansing Red Cedar and Grand Rivers and help with our waterways stewardship?

Simply [click here](#) to drop us a note. We will provide everything needed, including equipment, food, and drink. You simply show up, enjoy, and make an impact.



WATERWAYS STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS NEAR YOU

If you wish to volunteer or support a waterways stewardship project in a community near, here are a few great programs to consider.

MUSKEGON RIVER TRASH BASH

Muskegon - Month of August

The Muskegon River Trash Bash is an annual cleanup that takes place throughout the month of August, allowing teams of volunteers to clean at the time and place of their choosing. Teams leaders can register their team on the Trash Bash registration website, where they can select a location to be cleaned.

To learn more and register to volunteer, visit Muskegon River Trash Bash: Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Muskegon-River-Clean-up-Co-LLC/100064574804428/> or [click here](#).



FRIENDS OF THE LOOKING GLASS RIVER

August 27, 2023: Noon

Friends of the Looking Glass River continue their seasonal river cleanup activities. They will be cleaning the Lowell Rd to Forest Hill Rd section of the river. The river float begins at noon.

To learn more and register to volunteer, visit Friends of the Looking Glass River:

Website: <https://lookingglassriverfriends.org> or [click here](#).

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067327415096> or [click here](#).



Friends of the
LOOKING GLASS River

FRIENDS OF THE RED CEDAR RIVER

Williamston August 29th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Red Cedar River Clean-up in: McCormick Park, Williamston.

To learn more and register to volunteer, visit Friends of the Looking Glass River:

Website: <https://friendsoftheredcedar.wordpress.com/> or [click here](#).

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137146079747260> or [click here](#).



MICHIGAN WATERWAYS STEWARDS

Lansing, East Lansing, West Okemos

1. East Lansing/MSU Red Cedar River Cleanups - Month of August
2. Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup - September 20, 21, 22
- Will accommodate small-to-large groups special dates requests
3. West Okemos/East Lansing Red Cedar River Clean Up - Month of October

To learn more and register to volunteer, visit Michigan Waterways Stewards:

Website: www.MiWaterwaysStewards.org or [click here](#).

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089421867471> or [click here](#).



**IF YOU KNOW OF A WATERWAYS STEWARDSHIP EVENT NOT LISTED HERE.
DROP US A NOTE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP PROMOTE.**

Lansing Rivers and River Trail Cleanup

A SEPTEMBER ENCORE PERFORMANCE



LANSING RIVERS AND RIVER TRAIL CLEANUP

SEPTEMBER EVENT DETAILS

Main Event Date: Friday, September 22
Time: 2:30PM - 7:30PM
Location: Lansing Rotary Park in front of Lansing Shuffle
- Willbro Beach Kayak Landing

Equipment, food, drink, and other hospitality provided.

Would you like to be a Michigan Waterways Stewards partner, event sponsor or volunteer organization? Drop us a line, we would love to hear from you.

For a most pleasant experience we recommend volunteer times to be around two hours. We want you this to be a labor of love, to allow you to personally experience and take in the unique and special views of Lansing's treasured blueways and greenways. It is truly spectacular!

If you want to participate, but can't make our main event date of Friday, September 22? No worries. There is always time to make an impact. Join us during any of our three event days: September 20, 21 & 22. Just let us know of your interest and we'll be sure to be there for you.

If you have a small or large group, but these three days don't fit your calendar, that too is not a problem. We're glad to work with you and create a special event so you too can take pride in knowing you made a difference.

The reward of your work is creating a top urban river and river trail experience worthy of being called Michigan's best. A destination that you expect of our state's capital city and place that you would proudly share with family and friends.

Join Us. Make An Impact. This Is Our Legacy.

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THIS IS WHAT WATERWAYS STEWARDSHIP LOOKS LIKE



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



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

- 2PM - 7PM Willbro Beach Kayak Landing @ Rotary Park.
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Volunteer Partner Organizations



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WE'LL ADD YOUR NAME TOO