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FISH RODEO IS A SUCCESS!

Inaugural event brings important topics to multiple generations

The inaugural Grand American Fish Rodeo was held at Adado Riverfront Park June 12-14. The event was produced by the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA), a 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves as a catalyst for community development through quality arts programming.

There were many events happening at the Rodeo including a rubber duck derby, fishing contest, canoe and kayak races, a fashion show and several music performances. The GLRC was happy to be part of the education tent, where over 450 people visited, offering families an opportunity to learn about our local stormwater system and how stormwater affects our local rivers and streams. Through a hands-

on activity, we explained to visitors what a watershed is and demonstrated that with play dough.



Kids enjoying creating watersheds at the GLRC education tent at the Grand American Fish Rodeo on June 12.

POLLUTION ISN'T PRETTY

RUNOFF—what is it? Runoff is something that drains or flows off, as rain that flows off from the land and into rivers. Everything we do on land affects our waterways through runoff. This can include exposed soil, spilled or poorly stored chemicals, pet waste, failing septic systems, leaking vehicles, fertilizers and more. The more you

know about how you impact our water quality, the more you can do to help keep our lakes, rivers and streams fishable and swimmable!



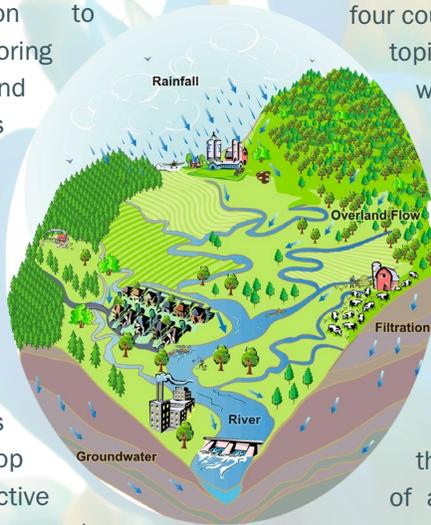
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MSU'S VIRTUAL WATERSHED PROGRAM

An Internet-based Academic Credit or Professional Certificate Program

Managing water resources is a very challenging and complex task, one that has many components and one that must be addressed at the watershed scale. Today, watershed management is involved as much with education, behavioral modification, team building and conflict resolution, as it is with hydrologic and environmental concerns. In addition to assessing and monitoring the physical, chemical and biological conditions within a watershed, and developing sophisticated, geographic-based tools and applications by which to analyze them, watershed managers must also, for example, be able to create partnerships with stakeholders to develop and implement effective and comprehensive plans and strategies intended to address water pollution, and to educate the public to modify their behavior accordingly. Since watersheds typically encompass a multitude of political jurisdictions and contain many stakeholders, who often possess diverse and conflicting values and interests, the



watershed manager must further ensure that plans, strategies and regulations developed to address water pollution are legally sound and politically palatable.

The Institute of Water Research at Michigan State University has developed an educational program to help address these challenges. The program consists of four courses that cover an array of topics related to contemporary watershed management.

Students will learn about: hydrology, soils and basic components of a watershed; collecting data from water and utilizing tools to analyze it; implementing best management practices to stem water-born pollution; the essential components of a watershed management plan and how to compile one; creating partnerships with stakeholders and overcoming conflicts; and, the legal and political framework within which the watershed manager must operate. Upon successful completion of these courses, the student is awarded a Certificate in Watershed Management.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

The Friends of the Lansing River Trail Kickoff Celebration:

Monday, July 14, 7:30 p.m. at Clark Hill Law Offices (212 E. Grand River Ave. Lansing, MI 48906)

Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council Stream Monitoring Bug ID Day:

July 22, 6 – 8 p.m. at Mid-MEAC Office (405 Grove St. East Lansing, MI 48823)

GLRC Executive Committee Meeting:
September 30, 8:30 a.m. at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Office (3135 Pine Tree Rd., Ste. 2C Lansing, MI 48911)

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