

Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management



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What's the Difference between Sanitary and Storm Sewers?

You've seen one drain, you've seen them all. They are all the same, right? I can pour this cleaner down the drain because it goes to a wastewater treatment plant, right? Not so! It's important to understand the difference between sanitary sewers and storm sewers so we can prevent environmental damage.

The **sanitary sewer** is a system of underground pipes that carries sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, and other plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant where it is filtered, treated and discharged. The **storm sewer** is a system designed to carry rainfall runoff and other drainage. It is not designed to carry sewage or accept hazardous wastes. The runoff is carried in underground pipes or open ditches and discharges untreated into local streams, rivers and other surface water bodies.

Here are some things you can do to help maintain our sewer systems and keep our environment clean:

- Do not pour anything into storm sewer drains
- Keep storm sewer drains clear of leaves, grass clippings, sticks and litter
- Repair any leaks and drips from your vehicle
- Collect and recycle motor oil
- Clean up spills and don't wash them into a drain
- Don't pour paints, solvents, cleaners, etc. into any drain – take it to your local county household hazardous waste collection
- Minimize the use of herbicides and pesticides

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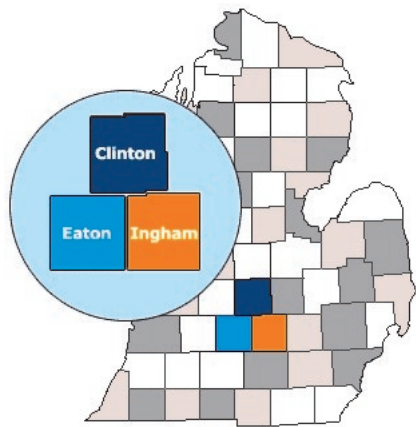
GLRC Members Submit Stormwater Permit Applications

Nice job GLRC Members! Members recently submitted their *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Applications for Discharge of Stormwater to Surface Waters from a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)* AKA *MS4 Stormwater Permit Applications* to the MI Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Whew!

Once the materials are finalized (after MDEQ review) they will be posted to the [GLRC website](http://www.milcra.org) and your [local community website](#).



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City of Lansing IDEP on the Grand River - Draw Down

The GLRC educational display is going on the road!
We will be exhibiting at the following events and
we hope to see you there!

Quiet Water Symposium: March 2, 2013

The Quiet Water Symposium celebrates non-motorized outdoor recreation and a shared concern for our Great Lakes environment. It is also part of Michigan State University's Agriculture and Natural Resources Week. The Symposium has a wide range of exhibits on the show floor. You will find clubs and nature centers. Handcrafted and historic watercraft will be on display. Biking, hiking and water trails are represented. Conservation and watershed groups are available. A number of outfitters and liveries are represented to support outdoor adventures. There is a growing selection of outdoor oriented retailers as well. Check out the website: www.QuietWaterSymposium.org, [Facebook page](#), and [video](#).



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MWEA Watershed Summit: March 27, 2013

The Michigan Watershed Summit *Hosted by the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) partnering with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)* will be held March 27th at the Eagle Eye Banquet Hall.

The purpose of this summit includes:

- Bring together as many of Michigan's watershed groups as possible
- Provide an opportunity for speakers from other organizations to share information and updates
- Give watershed groups a chance to interact with and learn from each other
- Facilitate discussion on current status, concerns and outlooks regarding Michigan's water environment

Register here: www.mi-wea.org



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

GLRC Executive Committee

February 7, 2013

8:30 a.m. TCRPC

Red Cedar River Watershed

Planning Project: Stakeholders

Meeting

February 21, 2013

10 a.m. TCRPC

Quiet Water Symposium

March 2, 2013

MSU Pavilion

MWEA Watershed Summit

March 27, 2013

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Eagle Eye Banquet Center

