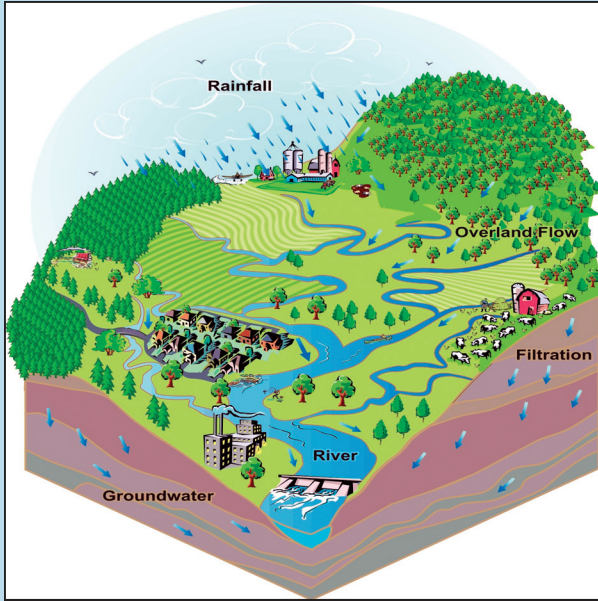


## Basic Watershed Characteristics



Source: Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group

Rivers and streams do not recognize political boundaries. It is important that the public and local governments work together to protect our water resources for current and future generations.

If you live in the Greater Lansing Region, you live in either the Red Cedar River, Looking Glass River, or Grand River urban watershed. You can become involved in the protection of your watershed by following the *top ten things we can do to protect our watersheds* and visiting our website for more educational information and an events calendar.

[www.mywatersheds.org](http://www.mywatersheds.org)

## GLRC Members:

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City of East Lansing  
City of Grand Ledge  
City of Lansing  
City of Mason  
Village of Dimondale  
Bath Charter Township  
Delhi Charter Township  
Delta Charter Township  
DeWitt Charter Township  
Lansing Charter Township  
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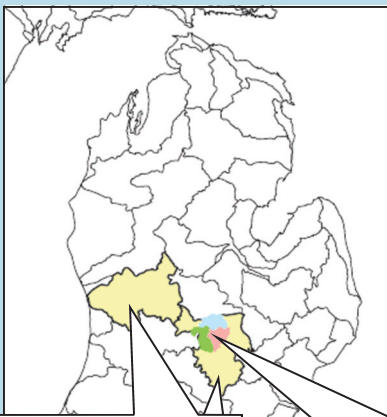
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# DO YOU KNOW YOUR WATERSHED?





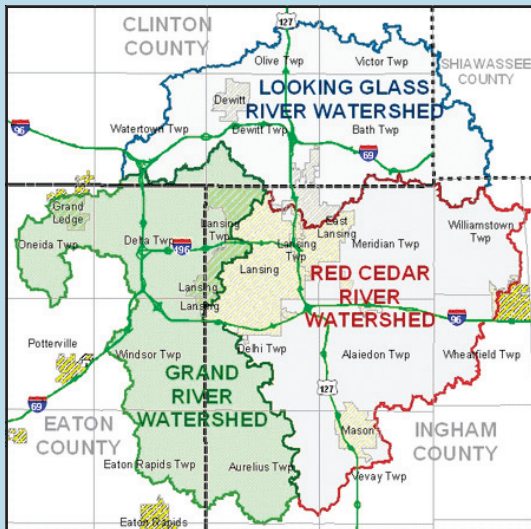
A watershed is defined as an area that drains to a common point. That common point may be a lake, the outlet of a river, or any point within a river system.

Lower Grand River Watershed

Upper Grand River Watershed (urbanized portion)

Upper Grand River Watershed

### Urban Watershed Area

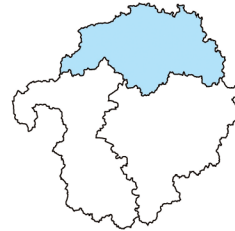


In the urban watershed area, storm drains, or catch basins are designed to carry stormwater away from developed (highly impervious) areas to prevent flooding. Anything that enters the storm drain or catch basins eventually ends up in our local rivers. This type of pollution is the number one water quality problem in the nation.

### Upper Grand River Watershed (urbanized portion)

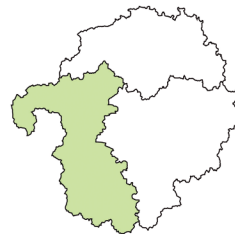
#### Looking Glass River Watershed (urbanized area only)

Population (2000): 52,738  
 Political Jurisdictions: 14  
 Land Area: 80,290 acres  
 Wetlands: 16,070 acres  
 Miles of rivers & streams: 183



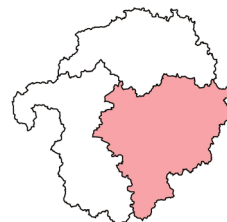
#### Grand River Watershed (urbanized area only)

Population (2000): 115,702  
 Political Jurisdictions: 13  
 Land Area: 93,622 acres  
 Wetlands: 8,586 acres  
 Miles of rivers & streams: 325



#### Red Cedar River Watershed (urbanized area only)

Population (2000): 154,177  
 Political Jurisdictions: 15  
 Land Area: 105,629 acres  
 Wetlands: 13,967 acres  
 Miles of rivers & streams: 225



### Top ten things we can do to protect our watersheds:

- Always conserve and reuse water wisely.
- Soil test before you apply fertilizers. Use low or no-phosphorus fertilizers.
- Use native vegetation and reduce turf grass by increasing native wildflowers and grasses.
- Capture and reuse rainwater to control stormwater runoff.
- Dispose of pet waste properly in the trash or toilet (not onsite septic systems).
- Wash your car on the lawn instead of pavement.
- Maintain all vehicles, eliminating leaks and spills.
- Recycle and dispose of household chemicals properly (motor oil, household cleaners, paint, etc.)
- Inspect and maintain onsite septic systems and sewers.
- Join a watershed organization.