

### Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Annual Report Fiscal 2017

## GVIMC

# Ensure Trust Credibility and Confidence

## GVIMC

# Cooperation Collaboration Partnerships

- Advocate for West Michigan in Washington D.C. & Lansing
- Presentations to numerous local governments and civic groups
- Crisis Intervention Training Collaboration and – Network 180 Grant





 14th year of LGROW – Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds

Clean Air Coalition Begins

23rd Year

 DAS Tower Consortium Ongoing



- State Awards GVMC \$180,879 Regional Prosperity Grant to GVMC
- GVMC data collection van completes analysis on 1,600 miles in the federal highway system and 1,370 local miles





 RPI / Asset Management conference held in Muskegon with Governor Rick Snyder, over 100 in attendance.





Transportation hosts 4-day Michigan
 Transportation Planning Association
 Conference with over 150 in attendance





Regional West Michigan
 Watershed Collaborative Continues
 with GVMC and Partners in
 Holland and Muskegon



• Environmental Programs Hosts 14<sup>th</sup> Spring Forum with over a 100 in attendance





GVMC Environmental Programs
 Partnership with Holland and Muskegon voted Project of Regional Economic Importance and third round RPI funding.

• Environmental Programs Department and Regional Partners awarded over \$8,000,000 in new grants; with over \$1,000,000 going to GVMC initiatives.

 Contracted with Grand Rapids Whitewater for facilities space, coordination and support.





- Board of Directors Approves Budget with NO dues increases for FY 2018. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year with no dues increases for any programs.
- 100 People attend meeting to discuss 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Asset Management Project.



- GVMC creates West Michigan GIS Users Group, Over 30 join
- REGIS Members receive \$100,000 in dues rebates
- REGIS Completes 2 years with no system failures
- New REGIS Advisory and Technical Committees organized.



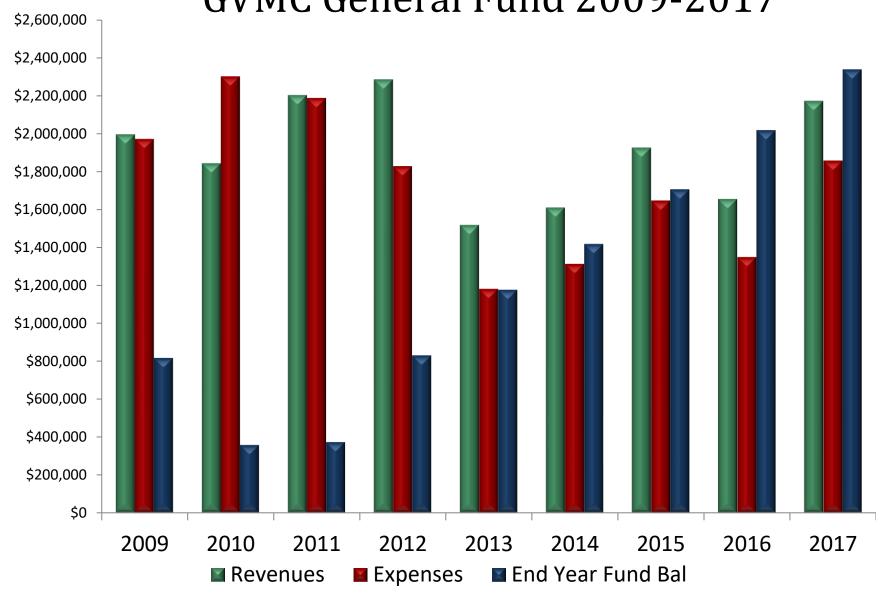


## GVMC

### Management for Long-Term Financial Sustainability Continues \_\_\_



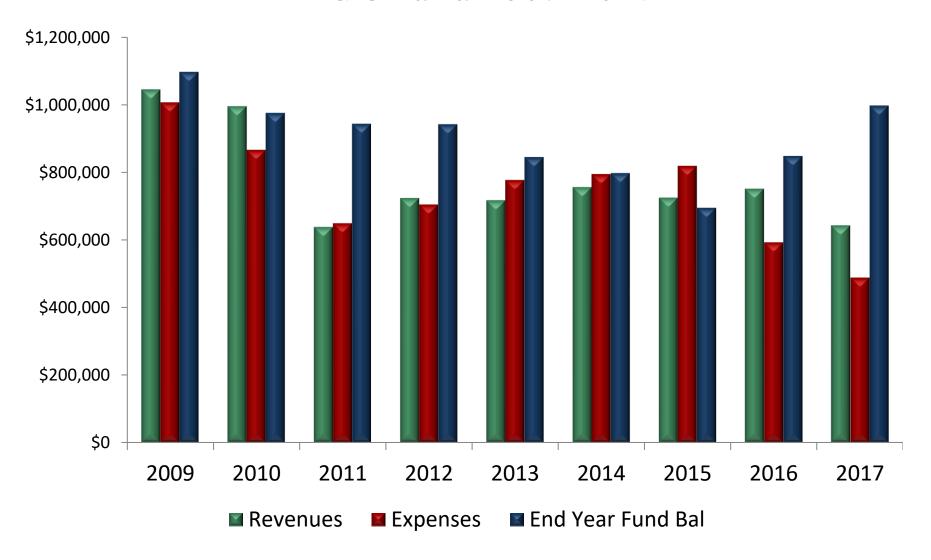
#### GVMC General Fund 2009-2017







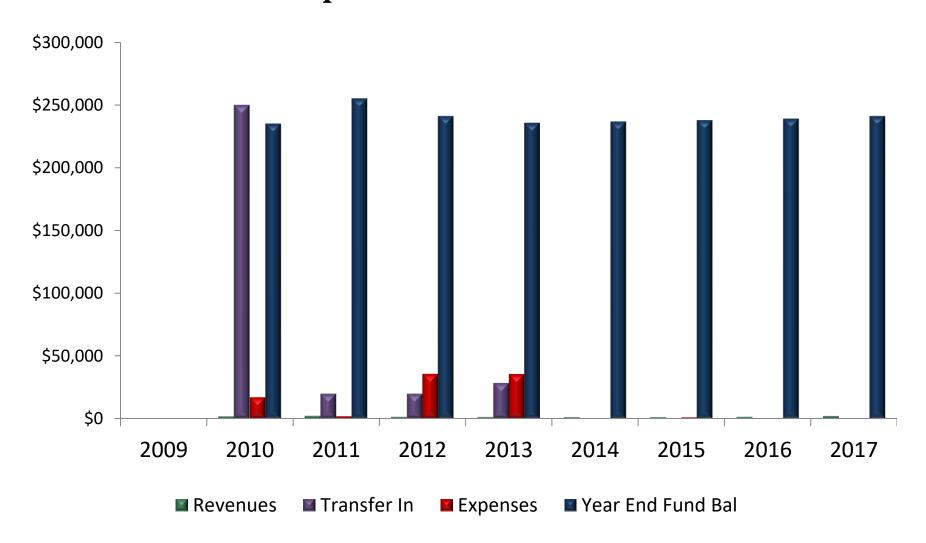
#### REGIS Fund 2009-2017





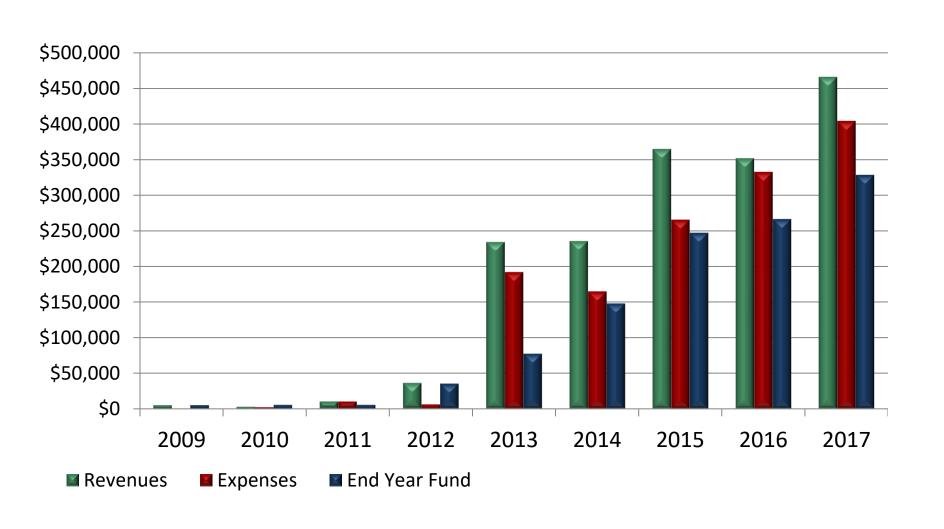


#### REGIS Capital Account 2009-2017



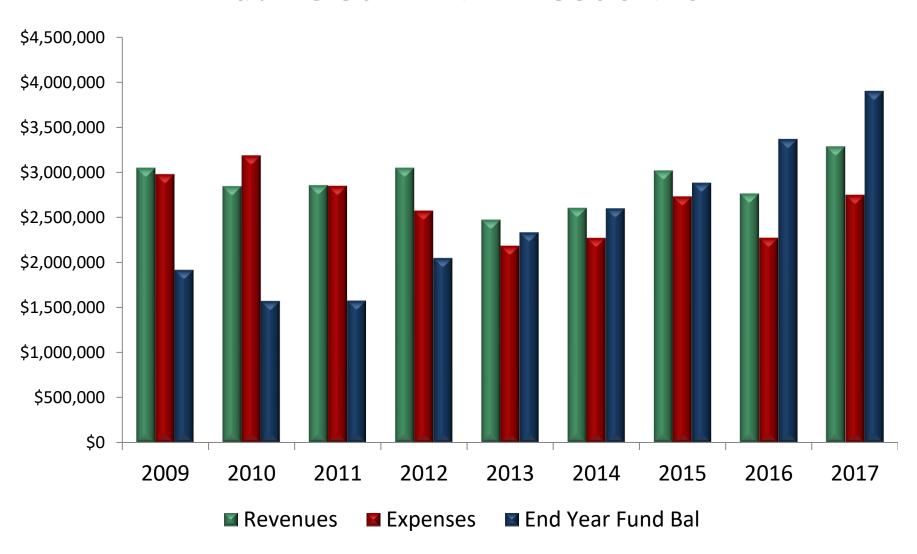


#### Environmental Programs 2009-2017





#### **GVMC COMBINED ACCOUNTS**





#### 2016/17 Audit



Vredeveld Haefner, LLC

#### Regional Prosperity Initiative V

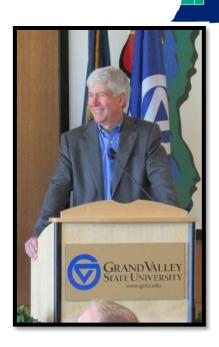
- Stakeholders
  - Transportation MPO's and Planning Agencies
  - Economic Development Agencies
  - Work Force Development
  - Higher Education
  - Adult Education
  - Private Sector
  - Foundations
- The process included dozens of meetings throughout the region with collaboration by hundreds of people.
- GVMC Awarded RPI Grants
  - \$250,000 in 2014
  - \$228,750 in 2015
  - \$235,000 in 2016
  - \$180,879 in 2017





#### Regional Prosperity Initiative

- RPI Grant Process has supported over 16 projects of regional importance and additional collaboration efforts.
  - Muskegon Port
  - Protecting Lake Michigan Water Quality
  - Connect West Michigan
  - Regional Dashboard
  - Community College Collaboration
  - West Michigan Water Systems
  - Hardy Pond Dragon Trail
  - Regional Force Main Project
  - Grand River Revitalization
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Asset Mgt Pilot Mini Grants





#### West Michigan Regional Dashboard



Michigan Lt. Governor
 Brian Calley headlines
 rollout Meeting with over
 120 people and numerous
 media representatives in
 attendance

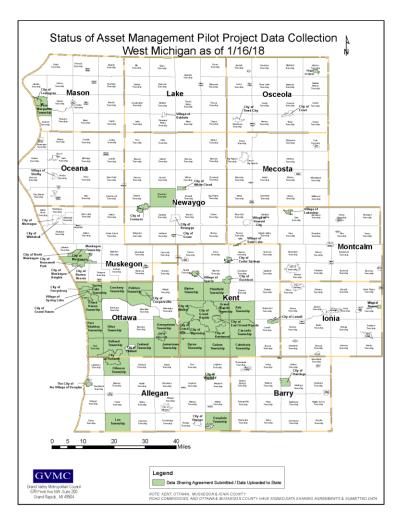


#### West Michigan Asset Management Pilot

- 61 Communities in 10 Counties supplying data
- \$500,000 in grant funding to Region
- 15 Communities which wouldn't have otherwise been able to participate receiving mini grants to offset data collection expenses.

When complete, the Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Program will be a World Leader –

Kirk Steudle, Director Michigan Department of Transportation

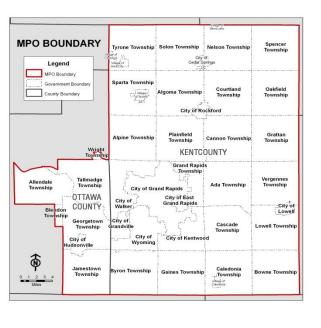


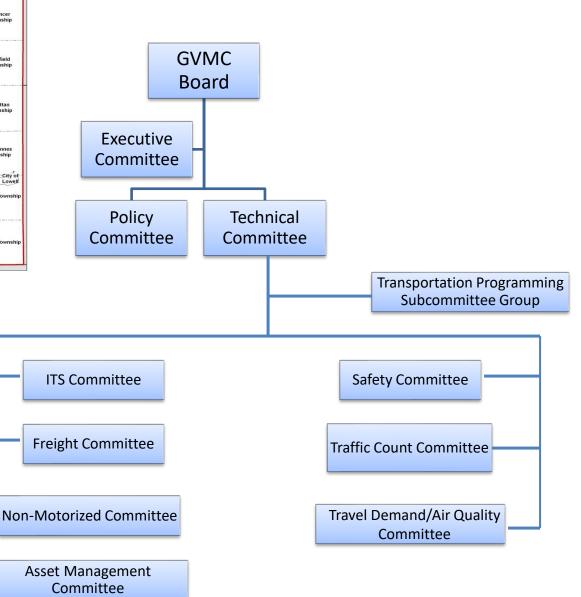


## Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO



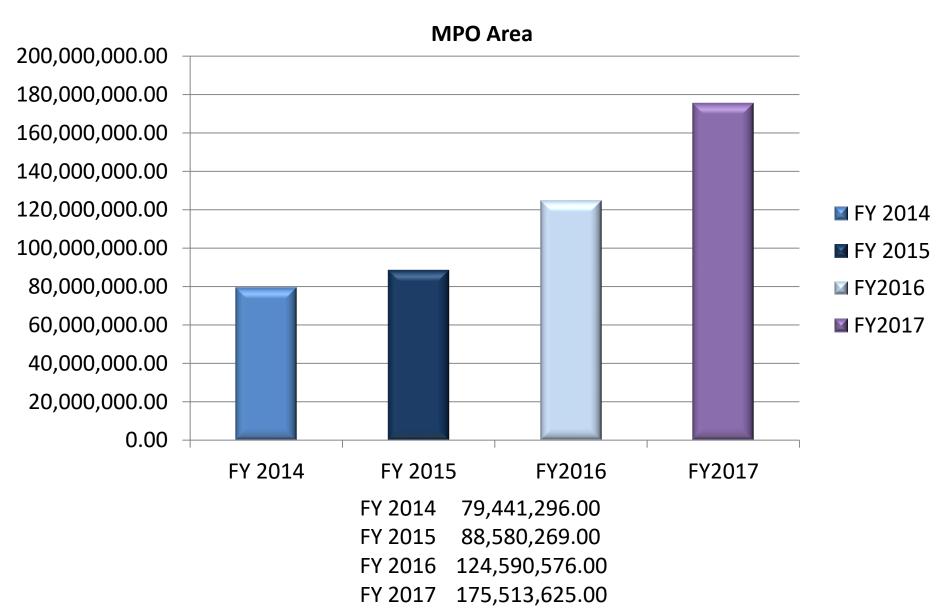
#### **GVMC MPO Forum**





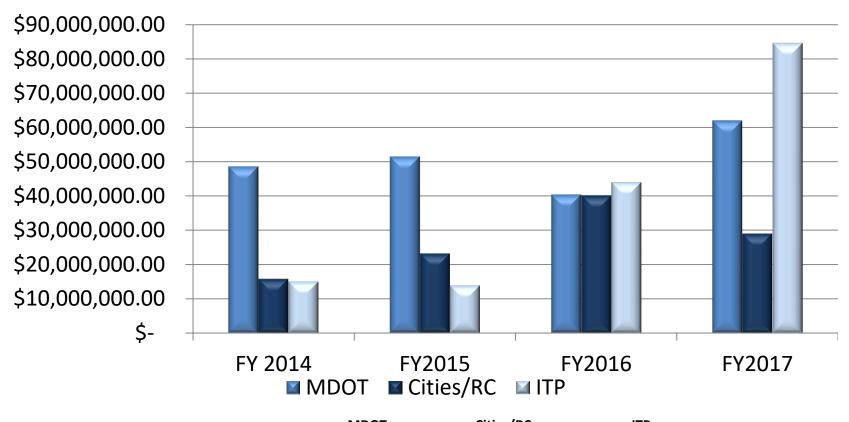


#### **Transportation Investment**





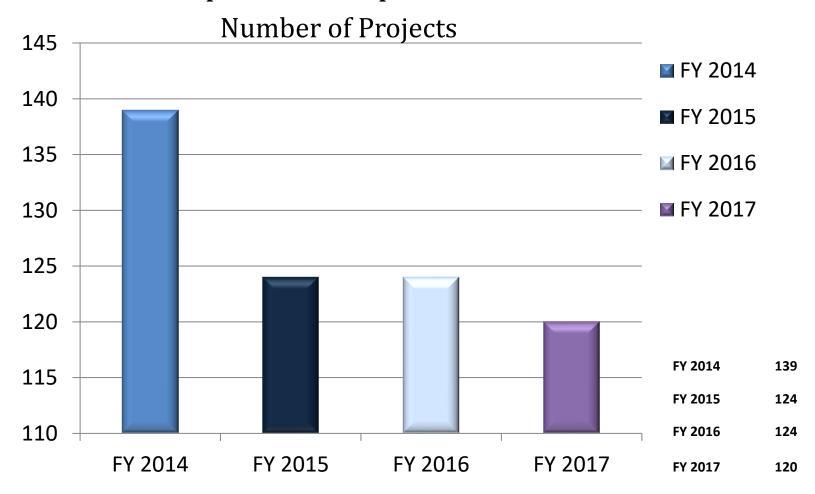
#### Project Funding By Agency



|         | MDOT         | Cities/RC    | ITP          |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| FY 2014 | \$48,577,600 | \$15,796,396 | \$15,067,300 |
| FY 2015 | \$51,445,895 | \$23,187,111 | \$13,947,263 |
| FY 2016 | \$40,409,467 | \$40,100,260 | \$44,080,849 |
| FY 2017 | \$61,961,512 | \$28.973,563 | \$84,578,550 |



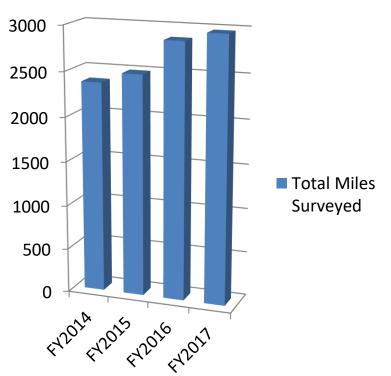
#### **Transportation Improvements**

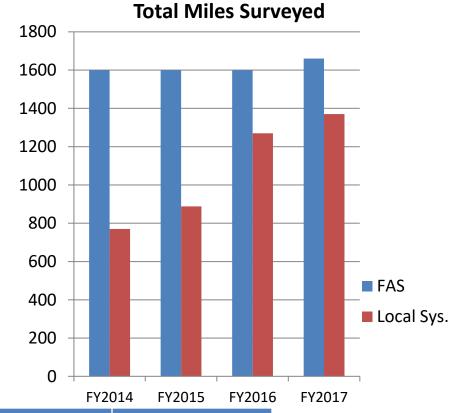




#### **Pavement Condition Survey**



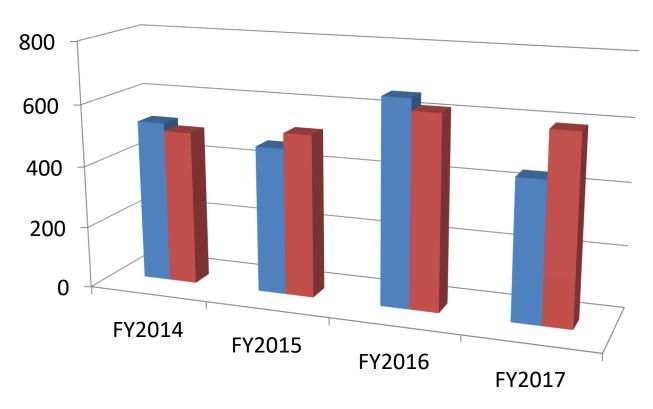




|         | Federal Aid System | Local System |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|
| FY 2014 | 1600               | 770          |
| FY 2015 | 1600               | 888          |
| FY 2016 | 1600               | 1270         |
| FY 2017 | 1600               | 1370         |



#### **Traffic Count Data Collection**



■ MPO ■ Local Agencies

|         | МРО | Cities/RC |
|---------|-----|-----------|
| FY 2014 | 525 | 500       |
| FY 2015 | 475 | 525       |
| FY 2016 | 662 | 624       |
| FY 2017 | 450 | 600       |



## GVMC Regional Geographic Information System





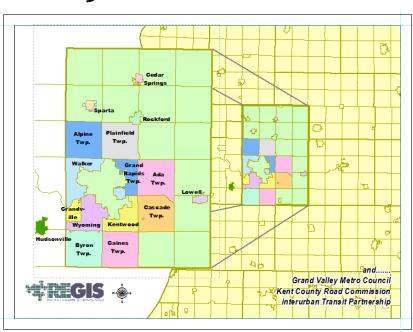
## Regional Geographic Information System (REGIS)

#### • Full GIS Support for:

- 9 cities and 1 village
- 7 townships
- 3 other organizations
   KCRC, The Rapid & GVMC

#### Major Mission:

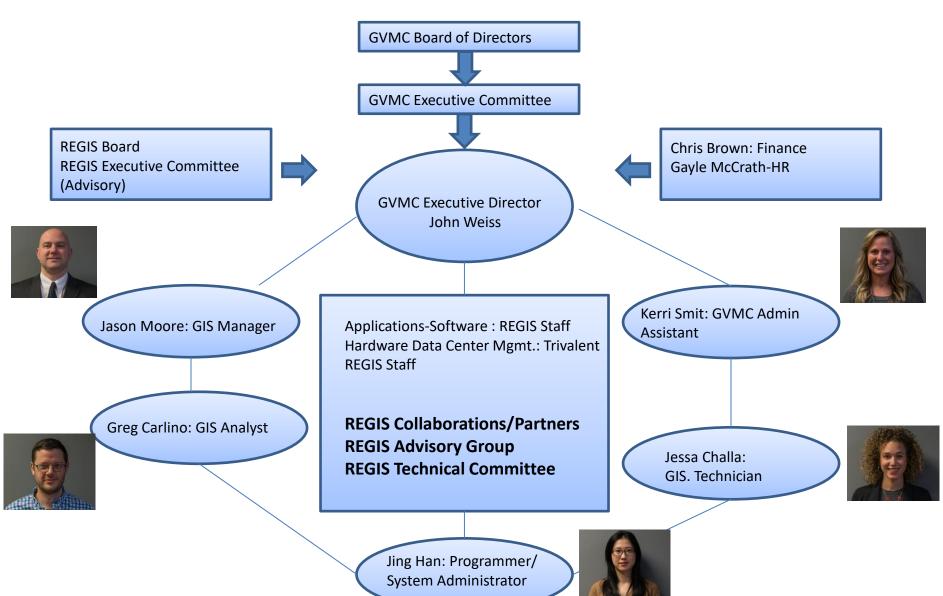
Fully Support the activities of REGIS members by providing and maintaining accurate, current and complete geospatial data and services while seeking partnership and collaboration opportunities across the West Michigan Area







#### Organization Structure







## Major Accomplishments in 2017

- Completed Capital Improvement Plan
  - Formation of I.T. Focus Group for future hardware/software upgrades
- Continued system stability with no unplanned downtime in 2017

- Completed Single Source Project
  - Zoning & Master Plan
- Held Bi-Annual West Michigan GIS User Group Meetings
  - Summer Meeting: Hosted State of Michigan Meeting
  - Fall Meeting: Statewide Asset Management Pilot Update
- Professional Organization Meetings & Other Statewide Initiatives
  - Michigan Society of Professional Engineers Conference Presentation
  - State of Michigan 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Pilot Governor
  - Leadership role in IMAGIN, Statewide GIS Networking Organization





#### Review of 2017 Goals

- Expand Web Based GIS Tools that benefit the Region
  - **✓** Completed
- Seek out and attract new members and collaborations and partnerships
- ✓ Ongoing Action Item
- Continue to support and respond to Geospatial needs of REGIS stakeholders as well as internal GVMC programs
- ✓ Ongoing Action Item
- Increased Professional Development
- **✓** Ongoing Action Item
- Develop 5 year Capital Improvement Plan for Data Center (Hardware Only)
- **✓** Completed







**REGIS Advisory Committee** 

Information Technology

Assessors

Clerks

**Planners** 

DPW/Engineers

**Public Safety** 



City of Cedar Springs Clerk Rebecca Newland had this to say:

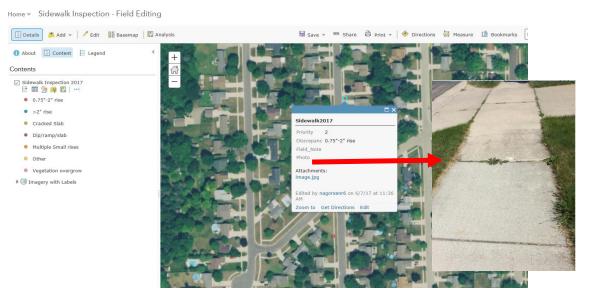
"I found the Clerk's Work session extremely helpful. It provided local Clerks the opportunity to discuss how each municipality utilizes the REGIS system. I think the open dialog was a great way to talk about areas for improvement for both REGIS and the local units."





## Continued Development of Web Based GIS Platforms

- REGIS Wyoming Crime Online Map *Public*
- REGIS City of Walker Sidewalk Assessment
- Environmental Data Repository *LGROW & Public*







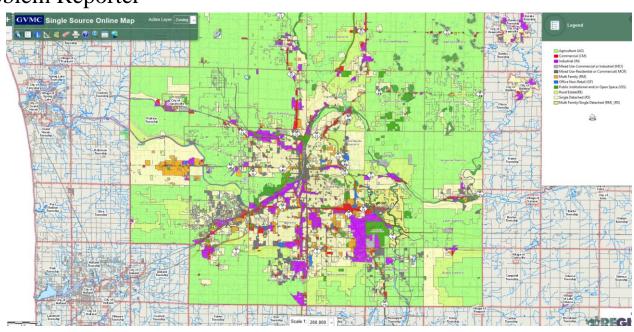


## Continued Development of Web Based GIS Platforms

• GVMC – Single Source Zoning & Master Plan Data

• KCRC & Others – Road Problem Reporter









#### A look ahead to 2018

- Expand Web Based GIS Tools that benefit the Region
- Software Upgrades, Citrix Platform (XenApp7x)
   & GIS Software (ArcMap 10.5)



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## **GVMC Environmental Programs**



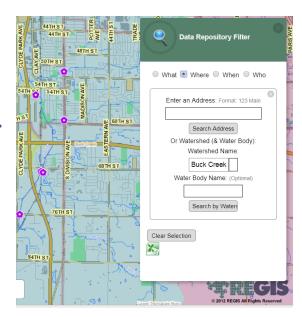
#### NPDES Stormwater Program

- Hired new Stormwater Programs Coordinator, Cara Decker
- ➤ 21 progress reports submitted to MDEQ
- Negotiated approval of Alternative Approach for Post-Construction Stormwater Controls with MDEQ for permit applications
- Continued SWPPI compliance activities



#### NPDES Stormwater Program

- >SAW grant \$574,000
  - ➤ Data Repository
  - ➤ Illicit Discharge & Elimination Program
  - Municipal Employee
    Training and Tracking
  - ➤ Public Education







#### Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds

#### Goal 1 - Healthy Watersheds

USDA Regional Conservation
Partnership Program Grant
88 million from USDA, \$8 million
from 22 community partners.
\$5M for Grand River, \$3M for
upstream ag practices.

5 Star & Urban Waters Grant
Implementation of Rainscaping
Program, in 3 pilot watersheds, a
residential green infrastructure and
workforce development project.









#### **Goal 2 – Engaged Community**

Increased social media presence **Facebook**:

118,737 people reached 706 posts created or shared

#### Website:

408 unique visitors each month **Newsletters:** 

4 Seasonal newsletters out to over 1,400 on mail list

#### **Goal 3 – Robust Organization**

Hosted 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand River Spring Forum with over 100 attendees.

Keynote Speaker - Steve Chester "At the Crossroads: Environmental and Natural Resource Protection in a Time of

Uncertainty."

Membership Events: 3 Social Hours 2 Lunch & Learns

Succession Plan in place for Full Board, full staff support





#### **Environmental Education**

#### **NPDES Public Education Plan**

Community events and outreach to provide watershed education to help the public reduce stormwater volume and pollution

Completed implementation of 5-year Public Education Plan and began to work on updated plan



K-12 School Partnership Highlights
Completed 3-year MDEQ 319 grant with
GVSU resulting in 34 service learning
projects, engaging 4,762 students and 115
teachers in watershed education and
place-based learning that met WMP goals

Participating in regional planning process to provide connected Environmental Education experiences across entire districts, piloting in GRPS

#### Educational Support for Grand River Revitalization

& Rapids Restoration
Engaging students in research
and inquiry surrounding the
project

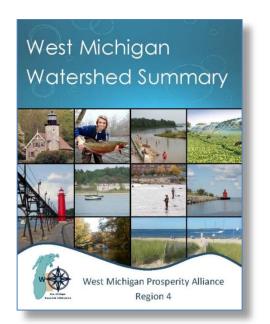
Piloted with Kent Innovation High, expanding in 2018/19 and beyond

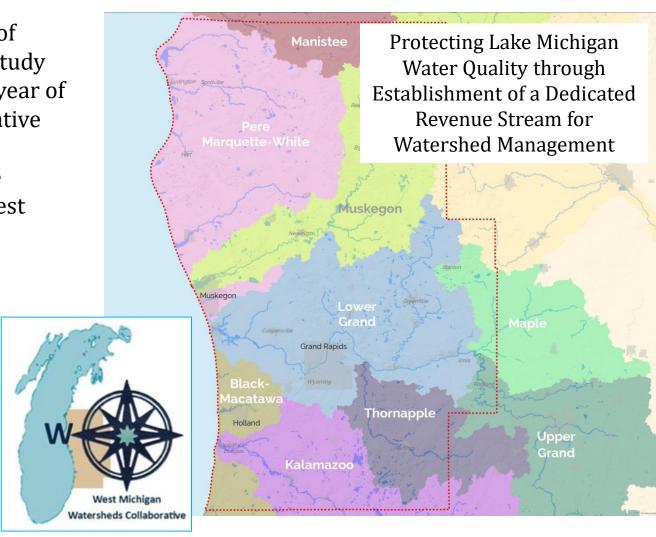




#### Regional Prosperity Initiative

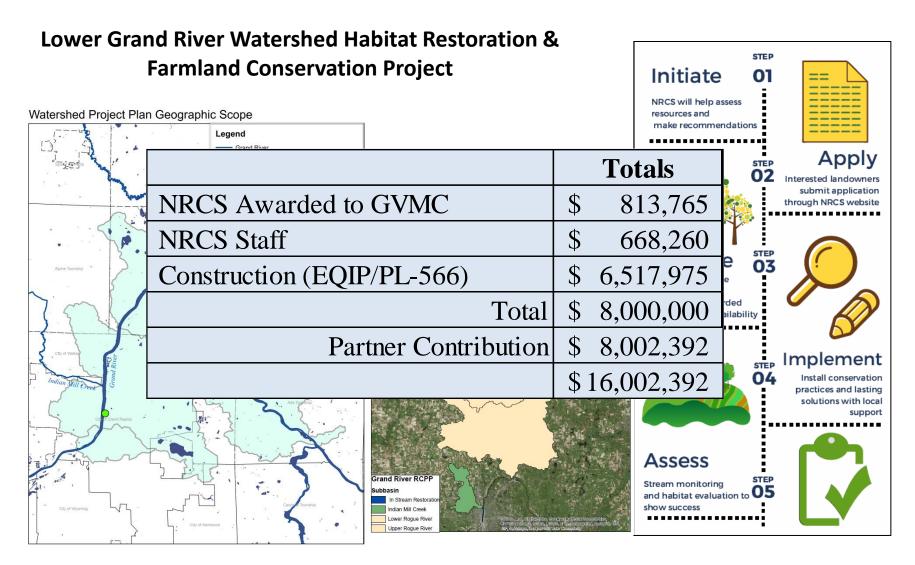
- ✓ Completed Evaluation of Funding Mechanisms Study
- ✓ Applied for additional year of funding to begin legislative work
- ✓ Develop public/private partnerships within West Michigan Watershed Collaborative







#### USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)





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