New Staff, New Permit Cycle, New Website!

We’re over half-way through a busy 2017 at the GLRC!

In March, the GLRC welcomed its new coordinator, Cliff Walls. In April, the MDEQ congratulated all GLRC members for submitting their new NPDES discharge permit applications on time. An improved, user-friendly MyWatersheds.org was rolled out in May, and the GLRC has been assisting in MDEQ stormwater audits and inspections this summer.

We’re keeping the momentum with a lot of things planned for the remainder of the year! Here are just a few of them:

- Holding workshops for nested school districts, municipal communication teams, and site-plan review staff to ensure consistency and permit compliance.
- Updating municipal guidance documents to reflect MDEQ’s new Best Management Practices (BMPS).
- Preparing for our 2018 Public Survey to identify knowledge gaps in the community and adapting the public education program to address them.
- Performing TV interviews, a social media campaign, and event outreach to increase stormwater awareness throughout the watershed.
MDEQ Statewide MS4 Program Coordinator Christe Alwin on the success of the GLRC’s regional approach:

“Most GLRC members are subject to the federal stormwater regulations. There are three types of stormwater discharges regulated under the federal stormwater rules: discharges from construction activities, discharges from industrial activities, and discharges from municipal sources. GLRC members with regulated stormwater discharges from municipal sources are required to obtain MS4 permit coverage. Nationally there are over 6500 regulated MS4s.

At the request of the DEQ, the GLRC successfully piloted a new MS4 permitting approach. The GLRC framework of engaged membership focused on regional collaboration was used by the DEQ to guide development of the new MS4 permitting approach. The GLRC continues to be an example of a successful model for collaborative stormwater management by maximizing financial resources, delivering consistent messaging across the watershed, and developing regional stormwater control standards.”

GLRC Executive Committee Mtg
September 14, 2017
8:30 am
TCRPC Large Conference Room

Watershed and Stormwater Seminar
December 5th, 2017
Eagle Eye Banquet Facility, East Lansing

GLRC Executive Committee Mtg
December 7th, 2017
8:00 am
TCRPC Large Conference Room

GLRC Full Committee Mtg
December 7th, 2017
9:30am
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GLRC coordinator Cliff Walls at the annual Adopt-a-River event