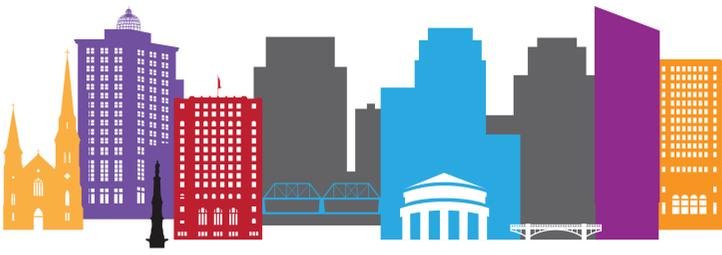
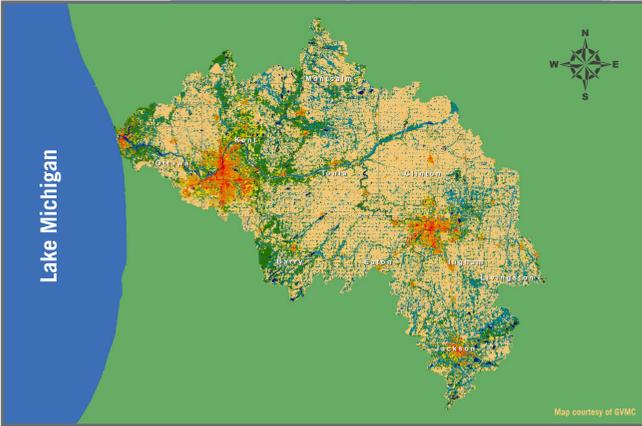


THE GRAND RIVER BY NUMBERS



Within the City of Grand Rapids the river drops 18 feet in 2 miles. Beyond the City the river slows and only drops 2 feet in 40 miles before reaching Lake Michigan.

LAND USE



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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bare Land | Developed, Medium Intensity |
| Agricultural | Developed, Open Space |
| Forest | Wetland |
| Developed, High Intensity | Open Water |
| Developed, Low Intensity | |

Current land cover within the Grand River Watershed is approximately 53% agricultural, 27% urban and 20% forested.



Today, approximately 228 dams are located in the Grand River Watershed (GLIN, 2008).



There are more than 8,600 road stream crossings in the Grand River Watershed.

WHO LIVES HERE?



32 mussel species



108 fish species



43 amphibian & reptile species



218 bird species



50 mammal species



Approximately 2 million humans

SPECIAL SPECIES

The Grand River is home to many threatened and endangered species. With improved habitat and water quality we hope to see many of these species recover.



Snuffbox Mussel

Snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*) are an endangered freshwater mussel that calls the Grand River home. They have a unique life history and need a host fish (logperch) to reproduce. Currently there are Snuffbox found in the river in downtown Grand Rapids.



Lake Sturgeon

Lake Sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) are a threatened species in Michigan. They spend most of their lives in Lake Michigan but adult fish use the Grand River for spawning in the spring.



2,778,969,600 gallons of water flow from the Grand River into Lake Michigan everyday.

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