

## 2023 City of Rockford MS4 Report

### General information

Were any new municipal facilities added to your jurisdiction in 2023 that have stormwater infrastructure? **No**

Did you identify or construct any new outfalls or points of discharge? **No**

### Enforcement Actions

The enforcement response procedure and form to be filled out in case of an unauthorized discharge can be found in your Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). SWMPs are saved under your community name [on LGROW's website](#).

Were there any enforcement actions taken in 2023? This includes fines, citations, stop work orders. **No**

If yes, please explain:

### Illicit Discharges

How many illicit discharges were detected in 2023? **1**

Explain each illicit discharge and action taken to investigate/clean up each discharge:

**The City of Rockford experienced a Sanitary Sewer backup due to a blockage (unknown type), manhole 3115 overflowed on the south side of 511 Northland Dr. After traveling a short distance (about 10') across the surface, the waste entered an unnamed creek that runs parallel to the sewer main.**

Were all illicit discharges detected eliminated? **Yes**

How many illicit discharges led to enforcement action? **None**

### Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (Part 91)

Were there any changes made to your SESC program in 2023? (ex. change in Part 91 status as an APA or MEA): **No**

Were there any issues identified in 2023 under the SESC program on construction sites under your jurisdiction? If so, please explain: **No**

## Post Construction Control (Development and Redevelopment)

How many developments were approved under the new stormwater ordinance?

**1 City street project: Lincoln, Maple, and Courtland Street. 2 hydrodynamic separators and some residential rain gardens installed as part of this project.**

Were any maintenance agreements signed? Were residential rain garden maintenance agreements signed in 2023? How many? **Yes – 1 agreement signed.**

How are you tracking signed maintenance agreement requirements? **The rain garden is located within the City Limits and can easily be monitored visually.**

## Facilities

Were any new facilities that the municipality is responsible for added in the past few years? You can view your facility inventory under your community name [on LGROW's website](#) (Appendix 6 Facility Inventory). **No new facilities.**

Please attach any facility inspection forms completed in 2023. **12 inspections attached.**

## Street Sweeping

**Did you perform street sweeping?**

Yes No

<b>Table 18. Sweeping Prioritization</b>					
The table below prioritizes applicant owned impervious surfaces for sweeping based on their potential to discharge pollutions to surface waters of the state. Locations may be described or referenced on a map.					
<b>Location</b>	<b>Priority (High, Medium, or Low)</b>	<b>Sweeping Frequency</b>	<b>Disposal</b>	<b>TSS Removal (High, Medium, or Low)</b>	<b>2023 Sweeping Log</b>
All City owned paved streets	High	Every Spring and as needed after that	Certified Landfill	High	See attached invoices
All City owned parking lots	High	Every Spring and as needed after that	Certified Landfill	High	See attached invoices

Please submit a log of street sweeping, or invoices if you contracted this work out.

## Catch Basin Cleaning

Please submit a log of catch basin inspections, cleaning, or invoices if you contracted this work out.

**Did you inspect catch basins?**

Yes No

**How many?** See invoice.

<b>Table 17. Catch Basin Cleaning Prioritization</b>						
The table below prioritizes applicant owned catch basins for cleaning based on their potential to discharge pollutions to surface waters of the state. Locations may be described or referenced on a map.						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Priority (High, Medium, or Low)</b>	<b>Inspection Frequency</b>	<b>Maintenance Frequency</b>	<b>Disposal</b>	<b>TSS Removal (High, Medium, or Low)</b>	<b>2023 Inspection and Maintenance</b>
All City owned catch basins	High	The City of Rockford tried to inspect all of the City owned catch basins annually	If sump is full, or as needed	Certified Landfill	High	Staff Regularly clean grates after large storms

## Training

Was any training completed that you would like to report on behalf of your staff to EGLE? (Conferences, seminars, or PDH's you wish to report for you or your staff.)

01/19/2023 Pollution Prevention and Good House Keeping Training for DPW.

06/09/2023 MS4 Meeting at LGROW Spring Forum

10/17/2023 Winter Maintenance Training- ROADS

## Additional Information

Please include anything else you wish to report to EGLE (info, flyers, photos, etc.):

## Public Education and Outreach

Please fill out the separately attached 2023 PEP form.

## MS4 Community Annual PEP Checklist

This document outlines your community's required activities for the 2023 Reporting Period. Check the box for each action as you complete it and provide supporting documentation where indicated.

LGROW Dropbox: [Link](#)

### Community Name:

City of Rockford

1. Publish at least 1 [article](#) on PEP topics in Community newsletter or news outlet (recommended quarterly)

Date	Article	PEP Topic
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.

2. Community presence or Stormwater Display at 1 event or location

Event Date: 2/16/2023, Clean Air Display July 31 to August 7 at City Hall

Event Location: Rockford Library

**\*Attach a photo of event/display; List additional/multiple events at the end of this form**

3. Distribute pollution prevention [information](#) to at least 2 **targeted businesses**/groups listed in PEP

Names of Businesses	Title(s) of Material(s) Distributed

4. Share household hazardous waste reduction information with residents via Community's social media, newsletter, or website

Date shared:

Location shared:

Social Media Post Reach:

Social Media Post Engagement

**\*Attach a screenshot of a representative social media post, copy of newsletter, or link to community website:**

5. Distribute giveaway items for selected PEP categories

Item	# Distributed	Item	# Distributed
Troutie Coloring Book	<u>50</u>	LGROW Brochure Spanish	
LGROW Colored Pencils	<u>50</u>	AAD Tip Cards	<u>50</u>
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	<u>30</u>	Septic Smart Brochures	<u>50</u>
LGROW Foldable Bags	<u>50</u>	Septic Smart Brochures Spanish	
LGROW Brochure English	<u>100</u>	Make your home the solution to stormwater pollution English	<u>50</u>
Make your home the solution to stormwater pollution Spanish		EPA Stormwater Smart Construction in your Neighborhood	<u>25</u>
EPA Stormwater Smart Restaurants	<u>25</u>	EPA Stormwater Smart Parking Lots	<u>25</u>
EPA Stormwater Smart Lawn Care	<u>25</u>	EPA Stormwater Smart Auto Shops	<u>25</u>
EPA Stormwater Smart Construction Sites		Salt Tip Card	<u>50</u>
LGROW Tip Cards			

## Other Activities

6. Host, participate in, or support a stream cleanup effort

*Cleanup Date:*

*Cleanup Location:*

*# of Volunteers:*

***\*Attach a copy of volunteer sign-in sheets or photos***

7. Join or Promote Adopt a Drain Program

*Date(s) of program promotion: All year*

*Method of program promotion: City website*

*Social Media Metrics (Post Reach, Post Engagement): N/A*

***\*LGROW will create a report of the number of drains adopted in your Community***

8. Provide presentation on PEP topics to a school in your Community

*Please add teacher contact information if you are interested in having LGROW work with your local school:*

<i>Teacher Name &amp; Contact Information</i>	<i>School District</i>

9. Implement EPA SepticSmart Social Media Guide during SepticSmart Week: **September 18-22, 2023**

*Provide Social Media Metrics (Post Reach, Post Engagement):*

10. Share social media posts provided by LGROW

<i>Date</i>	<i>Post Title/ PEP Topic</i>	<i>Social Media Type</i>
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.
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		Choose an item.

## Other Public Engagement Activities Completed

*Use this space to provide additional detail on Public Engagement Activities described above or to describe other Public Engagement Activities completed in your Community during the reporting period.*

### What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that falls on it or drains off of it goes to a common body of water such as a river, lake, or stream.

### What does this mean to me?

When it rains, trash, oil, fertilizer, and other pollutants on the ground eventually wash into our lakes and streams. This is the same water where you and your family fish, swim, and kayak! These pollutants can also harm the fish, birds, and other animals that rely on water to survive.

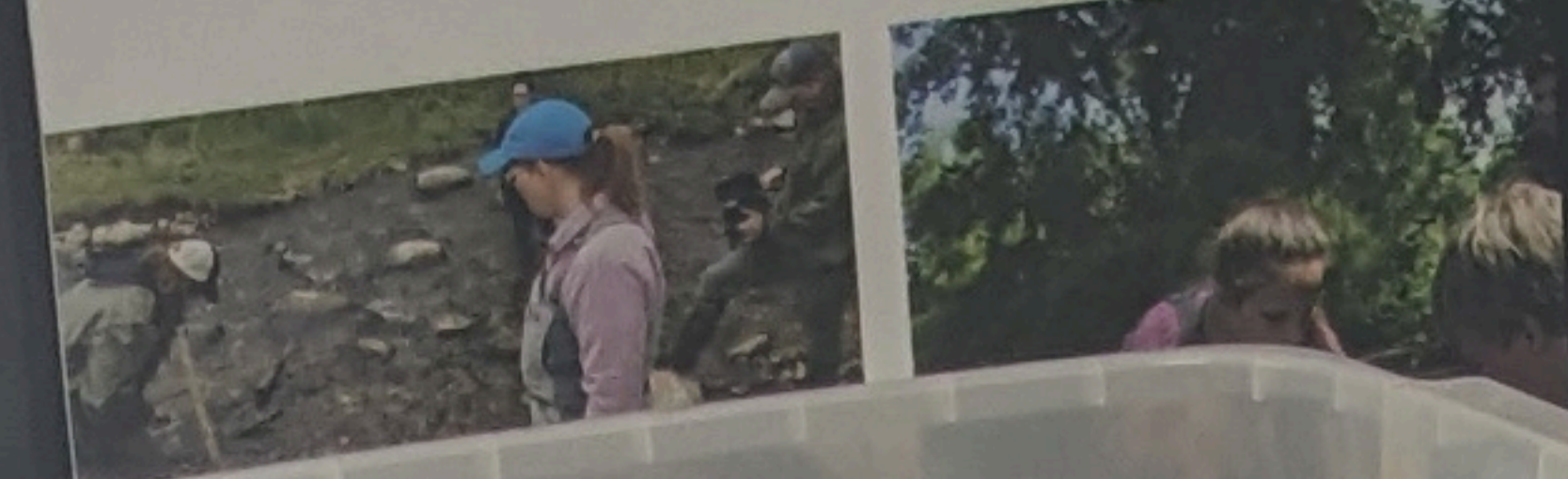
### What can I do?

#### Be a good steward!

Use chemicals, pesticides, and phosphorus free fertilizers sparingly and according to directions on the package. Dispose of waste properly. Never dump anything into catch basins - they connect directly to lakes and rivers!

#### Get involved!

To find out what watershed you live in and how to get involved in local activities, go to [lgrow.org/watershedmap/](http://lgrow.org/watershedmap/)



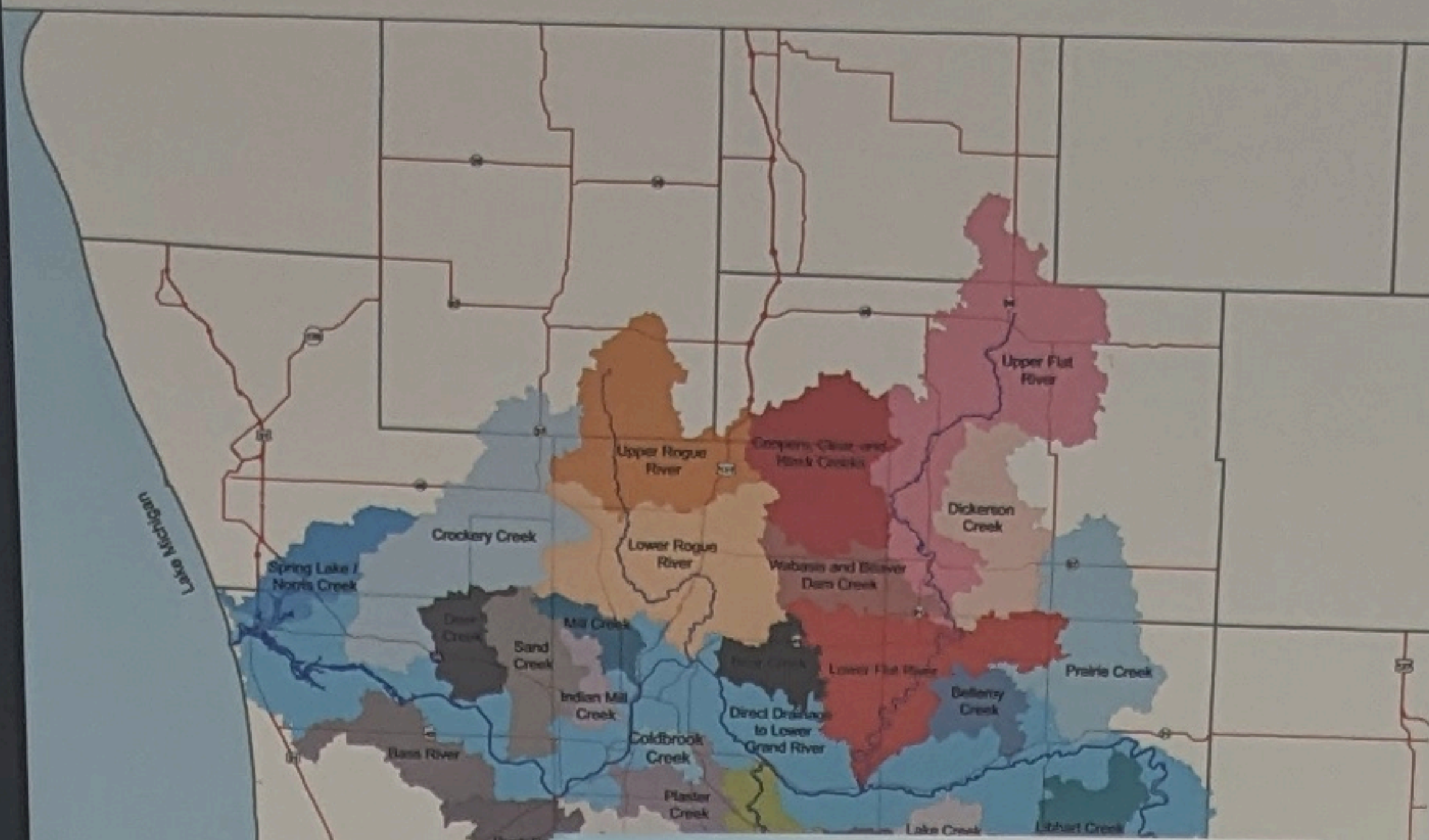
## LOWER GRAND RIVER ORGANIZATION of WATERSHEDS

### Mission

Discover and restore all water resources and celebrate our shared water legacy throughout our entire Grand River Watershed community.

### Vision

Swimming, drinking, fishing, and enjoying our Grand River Watershed. Connecting water with life.



LGROW is the champion organization dedicated to protecting and improving the natural resources of the Lower Grand River Watershed.

LGROW is responsible for carrying out the recommendations in the Lower Grand River Watershed Management Plan.

LGROW does this by providing technical assistance and coordination to subwatershed groups and increasing public awareness of watershed issues.

Help preserve Michigan's water resources.

Join today!

### Let's Connect!

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LGROW is an agency of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, which has a unique position to blend non-governmental organizations + local government + the waters.



Your community has an MS4. Stormwater does NOT enter a water treatment plant and is NOT treated before entering our waterways. This is why it is essential that we prevent pollution from entering our storm drains. By protecting our local waterways, we can protect the health of our community.

### Impacts of stormwater pollutants:

- Dispose of your pet's waste in the trash or down the toilet where it will be properly treated. When pet waste is left behind, it washes into storm drains and ditches, where it can carry harmful bacteria to our waterways.

- Keep grass at least 3 inches tall to promote healthy root growth and dispose of clippings and yard waste in a compost pile or a yard waste bin. Grass clippings and yard waste can cause increased algae growth if they enter the storm sewer and choke out aquatic wildlife.

- In the winter, shovel first to reduce the amount of salt needed on sidewalks and driveways. Over-salting can harm, and even kill, aquatic life.

WHAT GOES DOWN HERE



LOWER GRAND RIVER ORGANIZATION of WATERSHEDS

**FREE!**

Please help yourself.

Provided by



### Stormwater Rock!



Only Rain in the Drain  
Only Trash in the Drain  
Only Pets in the Drain

