



Promoting education, protecting the environment and providing enjoyment of our watershed.

Coldbrook Creek Community Newsletter

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Welcome!

Feel free to share the word about us!

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What's going on? A brief overview

Though these trying times have not allowed us to interact as a group like we're used to, stuff has still been happening regarding our watershed. As a reminder, previously we prioritized our goals into three categories:

Stewardship Education Awareness

In this newsletter we'll take a closer look at what specifically is being done in each category. More importantly, we'll also note what still remains to be done, not to mention the ideas you've yet to come up with! We both need and value your participation, so take a look to see if something strikes your fancy. If you'd like to join in reach out via coldbrookcreek@gmail.com and let us know which of the three areas you are interested in. We will then hook up like-minded folks to continue working together on the various projects.

At some point we are planning to continue our in person meetings. Currently we are hoping to do so at an outdoor venue in late May or early June, but we'll keep you posted.

Stewardship

Latest projects

- Coldbrook Creek is now being monitored 24/7 for temperature, depth, and conductivity! This was made possible by a project through Trout Unlimited. You can view the data online at monitormywatershed.org, then choose 'Browse Sites', then search for 'Coldbrook'. Manual readings are also being taken quarterly at other points within the watershed.
- There is an outstanding grant proposal to fund curb cut rain gardens, a great way to stop excess storm runoff.



Setting up the stream monitor

How can I participate?

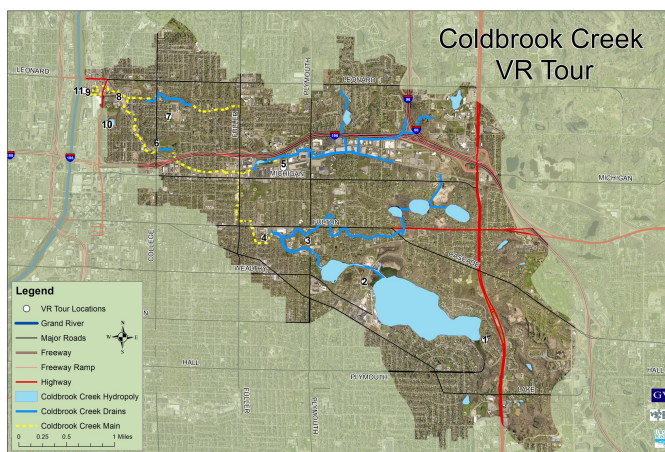
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- Monitor the stream and post data
- Work with curb cut gardens
- [Adopt a storm drain](#)
- Facilitate cleanups
- Get rid of invasive species
- Initiate a macro-invertebrate stream study
- Other new ideas!!

Education

Latest projects

- In an exciting collaboration with the [Virtual Tour Guys](#), the creation of an online 3D tour of Coldbrook Creek is just beginning. This promises to be a valuable educational tool for students and citizens alike.
- Working with schools, such as the projects with GRPS's Fountain Montessori at Highland Park, have naturally been on hold this school year. However, school connections such as that will remain important in the fall.



Suggested stops on the virtual tour (small numbers 1-11)

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- Work on the virtual tour, which includes contributing written content for it. This info can be science based information or historical in nature.
- Reach out to educators about the possibilities of incorporating watershed ideas into the curriculum.
- Other new ideas!!

Awareness

Latest projects

- The important undertaking of designing and creating a brochure, complete with an original logo, is still underway.
- In a recent [LGROW](#) meeting about community led research as it relates to watershed resiliency, an idea was suggested to reach out to communities on a regular basis via their newsletters. This has the potential to be a consistent way to keep citizens aware of watershed issues, so watch for an example of the 'Coldbrook Creek Corner' in the next Eastown Advance.

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- Create opportunities to get brochures in the hands of people (farmers markets, community events, etc.).
- Reach out to neighborhoods in the watershed and create short 'Coldbrook Creek Corner' articles for them.
- Other new ideas!!

Upcoming events

- May 22: [Kent Conservation District native plant sale](#).
- June 10-20: [LGROW Spring Forum](#). Eleven days of learning, helping and exploring the lower Grand River watershed. The Coldbrook Creek Community is joining in by cleaning and adopting storm drains on Sunday, June 13.
- Late May/Early June: Coldbrook Creek Community meeting. Stay tuned, details TBD.