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Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) Stormwater Information

Founded in 1965, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) is southeast Michigan's oldest environmental organization dedicated to river protection. The Huron River Watershed Council protects and restores the river for healthy and vibrant communities.

HRWC is a nonprofit coalition of residents, businesses, and local governments. HRWC bridges political boundaries by building partnerships between and among communities, community leaders, residents, and commercial enterprises. HRWC monitors the Huron River, its tributaries, lakes, and groundwater, and leads programs on pollution prevention and abatement, wetland and floodplain protection, public education, and natural resource and land-use planning.

LINK: [Learn More About Huron River Watershed Council HERE](#)

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) supports local planning through its technical, data, and intergovernmental resources. The work SEMCOG does improves the quality of the region's water, makes the transportation system safer and more efficient, revitalizes communities, and spurs economic development.

LINK: [Learn More About SEMCOG HERE](#)

Huron River Watershed Council Volunteer Information

HRWC volunteers are vital to moving our mission forward. As a volunteer, you will work with fun, like-minded locals to help us collect samples and data that we will use to advocate for the health of Huron River Watershed.

LINK: [Learn More About Huron River Watershed Council Volunteer Program HERE](#)

Adopt A Storm Drain

Adopting a storm drain is a simple way that you can help keep the Huron River clean and take care of your neighborhood at the same time! It's simple, and there are no strict timelines so you can volunteer whenever it is convenient for you.

LINK: [Learn More About How to Adopt a Storm Drain HERE](#)

Riparian Land Management Information

You have a unique opportunity to contribute to the health of your local waterway. There are many ways you can protect water quality right at home. Start here with these tips.

LINK: [Learn More About Waterfront Wisdom, 7 Tips for Creating and Maintaining a Beautiful and Healthy Waterfront HERE](#)

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Washtenaw County Stormwater Information

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Washtenaw County Community Partners for Clean Streams

The Community Partners for Clean Streams (CPCS) is a voluntary, cooperative effort between the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office and Washtenaw County businesses, institutional landowners, and multi-family residential complexes. The goal of the program is to help identify practical, cost-effective ways to protect Washtenaw County waterways through pollution prevention. CPCS is a cost-free initiative that provides information, technical advice, and recognition to participants.

LINK: [Learn About the Washtenaw County Community Partners for Clean Streams Webpage HERE](#)

Washtenaw County Pollution Prevention Inspections

The Washtenaw County Pollution Prevention Program is responsible for inspecting facilities that store, manufacture, or use hazardous, toxic, or polluting materials.

LINK: [Read More About Washtenaw County Pollution Prevention Webpage HERE](#)

Washtenaw County Issues of the Environment Radio Show

The Green Room television and radio shows are productions of the Washtenaw County Office of the Water Resources Commissioner, the Environmental Health Division and Barbara Lucas, in partnership with WEMU and the City of Ann Arbor's Community Television Network. Tune in to become informed about a variety of environmental issues impacting our community, and the world!

LINK: [Learn More About the Washtenaw County Radio Show HERE](#)

Washtenaw County Fats, Oils, and Grease and Litter Reduction

When food service providers improperly dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG), byproducts may end up in wastewater treatment plants and storm water systems. FOG buildup in pipes can become as hard as concrete and may completely block pipes, resulting in back-ups of raw sewage and / or flooding.

LINK: [Learn More About Washtenaw County Fats, Oils, and Grease and Litter Reduction HERE](#)

Washtenaw County River Safe Homes Program

The Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office offers several water quality programs in which local businesses, institutions, and residents can participate at no cost. Getting involved with these programs is a simple way to protect Washtenaw County waterways, improve the environment, and save some money.

The RiverSafe Homes program helps Washtenaw County residents to identify water quality protection activities they currently practice around their homes, and to commit to additional pollution prevention practices they may not have considered before.

LINK: [Learn More About the RiverSafe Homes Program HERE](#)

LINK: [Become a RiverSafe Home by Taking the Survey HERE](#)

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Washtenaw County/Ann Arbor Residential Rain Garden Program

Rain gardens capture storm water runoff before it pollutes our local rivers while providing beautiful garden scapes throughout the growing season.

Learn how to design your own rain garden by taking our Master Rain Gardener Certification class. You can also plant a rain garden on your property with technical advice from the Washtenaw County Rain Garden staff. Volunteering is another way to get involved and help take care of rain gardens in parks around town.

[LINK: Learn More About Rain Gardener Certifications and Other Ways to Get Involved HERE](#)

Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Program

The Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office and Board of Public Works, as well as several community partners sponsor Environmental Clean-up Days for Washtenaw County residents. These events provide opportunities for residents to dispose of many unwanted household items in a safe and sustainable manner.

[LINK: Learn More About Washtenaw Home Toxics Information HERE:](#)

Washtenaw County Drug Take-Back Program

Don't Flush Drugs-Medication Disposal: Protect your family and the environment by ensuring that your medications and personal care products are properly handled, stored, and disposed. Medications have been detected in rivers, waterways, and groundwater. Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to filter out these chemicals, so they may show up in drinking water.

[LINK: Learn More About Washtenaw County Drug Take-Back Program HERE](#)