


About GREAT--History

- ▶ Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)
- ▶ 501 (c) (3) non-profit
- ▶ Founded in 1990
 - First Grand River Expedition
 - Opposition to JCC's request for new road
- ▶ Worked to remove cap over river downtown Jackson
- ▶ Winner of 2010 Michigan Association of Conservation District's Friend of Conservation Award

About GREAT--2013 Facts

- ▶ 160 members
 - ▶ Record average 69 paddlers monthly public paddles
 - ▶ Record 92 on June public paddle
 - ▶ Record 137 volunteers Annual Grand River Clean-up
 - ▶ Completed Land swap with State of Michigan for 16 acres on Grand River north of City of Jackson
 - Public access to river
 - Building to store two trailers of 8 canoes and 13 kayaks and other equipment
 - Develop public trails
 - Possible partial Re-channelization of river
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About GREAT--Activities

- ▶ Annual September Grand River Clean-up
 - Four hours of work
 - 12 miles of Grand River
 - 27 canoes (16 borrowed Camp Storer) and 1 Jon boat
 - Many donors: food, gloves, tire recycle, porta-johns
- ▶ Monthly Public Paddles: April–October
 - Sundays at 12 noon
 - About 1 / 3 not GREAT members
 - 3 routes on Grand River: South of city, City, North of city
 - Other paddles on Kalamazoo and River Raisin rivers and watersheds
 - Join trip with Dahlem with cook-out food
 - If need a boat, call/e-mail to reserve GREAT canoe or kayak
 - Shuttle to place vehicle at take-out
 - Must sign waiver and wear PFD
 - New Paddle Jackson County Award
 - Recent River Raisin public paddle trips

About GREAT--Activities

- ▶ Other Activities:
 - Annual Dinner/Meeting
 - Mini-Clean-ups
 - Annual JOAC Earth Day event
 - Adopt-A-Stream with JCCD
 - Chain saw rivers in advance of events

About GREAT--To Get Involved

- ▶ Brochure handout
 - Insert has 2014 event calendar
 - Membership form
 - Web site address
 - Phone number & E-mail address
 - ▶ Needed:
 - volunteers for Annual Clean-up
 - Chain Saw Work
 - ▶ Questions:
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