



## Event Listing

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### For Immediate Release

## Green Gathering: Call to Action!

*Where do we go from here?  
How you can get involved to help turn Green Grand Rapids ideas into action*



GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – October 7, 2009 – What are the key accomplishments of the *Green Grand Rapids* project? Where do we go from here?

To find out, join Green Gathering: Call to Action! on Wednesday, October 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Creston High School, 1720 Plainfield NE, in Grand Rapids. Project leaders will present *Green Grand Rapids* plan recommendations and outline next steps. *Green Grand Rapids* champions, including Friend of Grand Rapids Parks, Fulton Street Farmers Market, Grand Rapids Whitewater, Greater Grand Rapids Bicycle Coalition (GGRBC), western chapter of the Michigan Mountain Biking association (WMMBA) and West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC), will describe upcoming activities and how citizens can get involved to continue improving the city's green assets.

"The city's budget discussions for 2011 already indicate that many cuts are anticipated. As a result, our ability to continue building a great quality of life in Grand Rapids in the immediate future will depend largely on the leadership of individuals, non-profits, and neighborhood and business organizations," says Suzanne Schulz, director of planning for the City of Grand Rapids. "We encourage people to find out what's going on. The *Green Grand Rapids* recommendations to improve access to the Grand River and our parks; add bike facilities; expand the tree canopy; improve water quality and support local food initiatives have come directly from our residents. Now it's time for the entire community to get creative, roll up their sleeves and become involved in implementing these ideas."

The October 21 community meeting is hosted by [Green Grand Rapids](http://www.greengrandrapids.us), a project launched by the City to update the 2002 city-wide Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan with an emphasis on green initiatives. Financial supporters of *Green Grand Rapids* include Grand Rapids' Downtown Development Authority, Wege Foundation, Frey Foundation, Grand Rapids Community Foundation and Dyer-Ives Foundation. For more information, visit [www.greengrandrapids.us](http://www.greengrandrapids.us) or call 616-456-3031.

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