



**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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### **Wege Foundation Grant**

LGROW recently submitted and received a grant from the Wege Foundation on behalf of the Coldbrook Creek Community. Money from this grant will allow our group to promote action and engagement within our watershed more effectively. The overall goal, of course, is to improve and protect Coldbrook Creek, with the three main objectives being:

- Increase awareness through outreach.
- Create educational opportunities for youth and adults.
- Coordinate actions that promote and encourage stewardship.

Toward this end we would like to get input from everyone as to how best to do this (see accompanying articles on site assessments and our upcoming meeting). So, start thinking of ideas that further the goals and objectives listed above and get ready to share them!

Way to go, LGROW!



### **Join the Jamboree**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Watershed Jamboree takes place on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm to 8pm at Wilcox Park in Eastown. This LGROW sponsored jamboree is a celebration of all the watersheds that drain into the Lower Grand River, and we are pleased to be able to host it within the Coldbrook Creek watershed! You can expect:

- Information you need
- Games for the whole family
- Food
- Music
- and more!

Find more info and [rsvp here](#)...come join us!

### **Upcoming Events!**

- 9-14: [Grand River Cleanup](#)
- 9-19: [Watershed Jamboree](#)
- 10-14: Coldbrook Creek Community Mtg.

## Coldbrook Creek Community Meeting

Set aside Monday evening at 6:30pm, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at Coit Creative Arts Academy (617 Coit NE) to meet with other folks to discuss our watershed. Important work was done at our first meeting earlier this year in February, and we look forward to building on that great start. Agenda items include:

- Wege grant overview
- Grant project possibilities
- Site assessments
- Logo ideas

Keep an eye on our website, facebook page and your email for more info!

## Did you know...

...that Highland Park used to have a 9-hole golf course? It was a short course, just over 1000 yards, which no longer exists as some of it was taken for the I-196 corridor. It has been confused with The Highlands, a course that was recently acquired by Blandford Nature Center and is being returned to nature...a welcome addition to our city, as golf courses are not without environmental controversy. However, golf is back at Highland Park...disc golf, that is. Enjoy it responsibly!

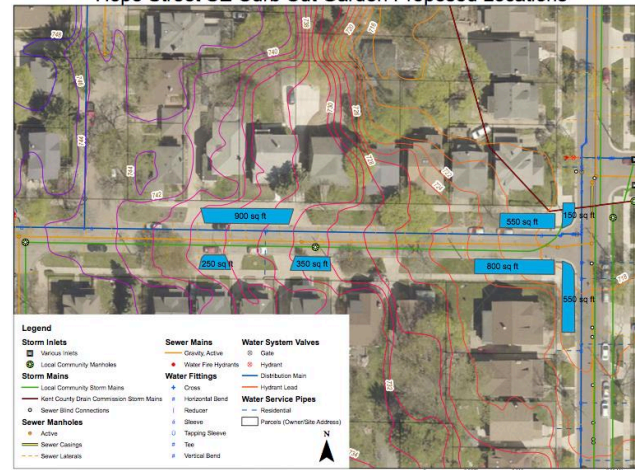


## Site Assessments

Managing water flow in an urban watershed such as Coldbrook Creek often requires an experienced eye. Toward that end, LGROW offers [site assessments](#) upon request which residents can then use to help control the runoff leaving their property. Collectively, these individual efforts add up to a cleaner watershed!

In addition, larger grant-funded projects, such as the Wege grant written about above, can also benefit. Below is an example of a potential solution to a problem area within our watershed. Can you think of other possible areas that could benefit from an assessment?

Hope Street SE Curb Cut Garden Proposed Locations



## Grand River Cleanup

September 14, 9am to 1pm, is the [16<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Grand River Cleanup](#). What better way to spend a fall morning in downtown GR? A group of us hope to concentrate on the area near the mouth of Coldbrook Creek. This might be a good opportunity to visualize a long-term goal of daylighting that area of the riverfront...so dig out your wellingtons and come on down!