

## **STORMWATER EDUCATION – PARKS AND RECREATION FY 07/08**

The Stormwater Utility is proposing to reimburse Parks **\$85,000** in fiscal year 2007/08 for educational activities that are stormwater related. The activities will include but not be limited to the following:

### **OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE:**

The following locations currently have or will have stormwater educational signage within the next 6 months. Proposed stormwater payment for these items: **\$15,000 per year.**

- Buhr Park
  - *Wet meadow project and Rain garden*
- Gallup
  - *Rain garden by playground*
- Leslie Science Center
- Bandemeier
- Mary Beth Doyle Park
  - *Stormwater features*
- Argo
  - Rain garden
- Olson
  - *Stormwater features*
- West Park
- Furstenberg
- Farmer's Market
- Stapp Natural Area

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM – PARKS AND RECREATION**

The following are existing environmental education programs conducted through the Parks. Proposed stormwater payment for these activities will be: **\$40,000 per year.** As part of the proposal, stormwater issues will be specifically integrated where appropriate. Educational tools to be used will include but not be limited to: brochures, Powerpoint slide shows (on rain gardens and rain barrels, and flyers.

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – NAP**

- 65 to 70 volunteer work days
  - Opportunities could be mentioned at beginning or end of events
  - Will provide data
- 6 nature walks with different groups
- Display at events
- Outreach to schools
- Adopt a park
  - More limited number of people; more intense
- Talks to groups
- Newsletter
  - 2,000 circulation
  - Jason editor
- Park interpretive brochures
  - 6 to 10 different parks
- Fact sheets

## **OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES - NAP**

- Workshops on Rain gardens
- Frog and toad survey
- Salamander survey
- Wetland bird survey
- Native planting workshop
- Site plan reviews

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES – OTHER PARKS UNITS**

- **ANN ARBOR CANOE LIVERIES**
  - **River Connections** – Organization of canoe liveries and parks that promotes education and outdoor adventure along the Huron River.
    - **River Connections** – school districts in the Huron River Watershed using experiential education program – field studies combined with canoeing – to better understand biology, hydrology and recreational benefits and understand how humans impact river systems and methods for reducing those impacts. Currently targeting 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in Ann Arbor, Dexter, Ypsilanti, and Willow Run school districts.
  - **Physical Education Programs**
    - Local school districts attend physical education programs – canoeing, kayaking and fishing – to instill in students the importance of wholesome pastimes and healthy outdoor lifestyles while gaining an appreciation and sense of stewardship of the river. Received a grant for Community High School in 2007-2008.
  - **Preschool Programs**

- **River Tots** – Monthly programs ages 0-2 years old with caregiver exploring Gallup Park and exercise.
- **River Rapsallions** – Monthly programs 2-4 years old with caregiver exploring the river with boats, fishing and river activities.
- **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**
  - Canoe, kayak and fishing specific badge programs. Currently developing these programs.
- **River Day Camps**
  - Currently ages 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, expand to middle school in future. Explore the river with boats, fishing and river activities.
- **Public Programs**
  - Wetlands by Canoe
  - Bird Walks/Paddles
  - Turtle Paddles
  - Senior Walks/Paddles
  - Moonlight Paddles

## **OUTDOOR BANNER ADS/DISPLAYS**

The follow locations will have large format outdoor displays promoting “Stormwater Smart” activities, next to high traffic vehicle areas. Payment will be: **\$17,000 per year.**

- Vet’s Park
- Huron Hills Golf Course

## **BROCHURE RACKS**

Indoor brochure racks promoting stormwater will be provided at the following facilities. Payment will be: **\$12,000 per year**

- Vet’s outdoor pool – 40,000 visitors per year
- Vet’s indoor arena – 60,000 visitors per year
- Gallup/Argo Canoe liveries – 42,000 visitors per year
- Buhr Park rink – 34,000 visitors per year
- Fuller Pool
- Mack Pool