GR Forward: Developing Multipurpose Flood Infrastructure that Creates Ecological, Economic, & Community Benefits

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GR Forward included both large public events and smaller discussions with neighborhood organizations and local organizations.

GR FORWARD PUBLIC FORUM
KENDALL COLLEGE

MINI-SERIES NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS:
THREE ROUNDS

23 mini-series meetings

+ ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT
LOCAL GROUP PRESENTATIONS

94+ presentations
Help shape the future of GRAND RAPIDS. Get involved TODAY.

LEARN MORE: WWW.GRFORWARD.ORG

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GRAND RAPIDS AT FACEBOOK.COM/GRFWD

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON TWITTER @GRFWD

SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR FAVORITE SPOTS AND PLACE-SPECIFIC IDEAS ON INSTAGRAM @GRFWD

Welcome to the GRAND OPENING of the GR FORWARD DOWNTOWN & RIVER ACTION PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The Open House is a temporary installation of the GR FORWARD planning process that features interactive exhibits allowing YOU to share your ideas and shape the future of Grand Rapids.

GR Forward outreach materials
MAP OF ACTIVITIES
1: ENTRANCE TABLE / SIGN IN
2: COLLABORATIVE MAP TOWER
3: EXISTING CONDITIONS ROOM
4: SURVEY TABLE
5: RIVER TOWER
6: RIVER CARD GAMES
7: DOWNTOWN TOWER
8: INTERACTIVE SUPER GRAPHIC

GR Forward Open House repurposed an empty storefront for approximately 2 months and invited the public to come share their thoughts.

I WORK DOWNTOWN
and what I would really like to see is a Shopping
“Wake up and realize there is a natural asset in Downtown.”

“There’s a natural amenity here that’s hidden.”
> terraced flood wall

> terraced wetland

**INTEGRATE ART, EDUCATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ECOLOGY**

>> CREATE VARIED INFRASTRUCTURE TO NOT ONLY PROTECT, BUT ENHANCE THE RIVER

>> ENHANCE ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS / WATER QUALITY
GOAL 1

RESTORE THE RIVER AS THE DRAW & CREATE A CONNECTED AND EQUITABLE RIVER CORRIDOR
ESTABLISH GRAND RAPIDS AS THE HUB IN A REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM

CREATE A ROBUST TRAIL SYSTEM ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF THE RIVER
CREATE THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CITY

28 OPPORTUNITY SITES ALONG THE RIVER

EACH WITH A DIFFERENT PROGRAM
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