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
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: