

Saturday, August 24, 2013



The Grand River is home to over 100 species of fish. This includes threatened lake sturgeon and river redhorse that spawn below the Sixth Street Dam. The dam blocks upstream movement of many native fish, but also blocks invasive species that could damage upstream habitats and Lake Michigan. Participants will learn to identify several fish species and observe how they utilize a variety of river habitats in downtown Grand Rapids.

We will begin the class with a presentation at the Kent/MSU Extension office and proceed to a walking tour of the Grand River in downtown at the Fish Ladder Park. If water clarity is good in August we will observe fish without netting them. We will walk the bridges and fish ladder overlook downtown, and stop at several spots to discuss aspects of dam removal such as fish passage, recreational access, and stream function. Polarized sunglasses are recommended.

Instructor: Dan O’Keefe,

Location: Kent/MSU Extension Office and the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids (specific directions to the site will be provided to participants)

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Cost: \$30.00

Master Gardener Recertification credit: 4 Education hours

(A confirmation e-mail will be sent on August 19 so an e-mail address has to be provided.)

Questions? Please call Ginny Wanty at 616-336-3108 or wanty@anr.msu.edu

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No refunds will be given.

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**Fishes of the Grand River: Pro and Con of Dam Removal
Registration Form
Saturday, August 24, 2013**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail Address (Required to receive e-mail confirmation): _____

Make your check made payable to: MSU and Mail to: Kent/MSU Extension, 775 Ball Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 21, 2013