Connecting people and waterways along the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair
WaterTowns
Program Goals

- Blueway Vision Plan
  - Recreation Infrastructure
  - Green Infrastructure
  - “WaterHub” Infrastructure

- Civic Engagement
  - Website
  - Mobile app
  - Events/programming

Utica Riverwalk
Blueway Vision Plan

1. Develop a corridor-wide WaterTowns Plan

2. Develop Action & Opportunity Plans

3. Assist local communities with implementation

- Green Infrastructure (Wetlands, Floodplains, Natural Areas)
- Recreational Infrastructure (Parks, Land Trails, Water Trails, Access)
- Water Hub Infrastructure (Towns and Public Spaces)
Recreational Infrastructure

- Parks
- Water Access
- Land Trails
- Water Trails

WaterTowns
$40,000 Coastal Zone Management grant to fund Water Trail Master Plans

- Evaluate water trail access, infrastructure & safety needs, costs, roles, responsibilities
- Work with business to maximize economic opportunity
- Develop web content
Green Infrastructure

- Wetlands
- Urban Stormwater
- Floodplains
- Waterways
- Forests
Green Infrastructure

$15,000 HOW Grant to develop GI concepts
Water Hubs

- Public spaces
- Towns
- Water Access
Initiating first pilot “WaterHub” area in downtown Rochester (“Under the Bridge”)

Contractor will help develop concepts and costs for public open space, green infrastructure, programming, and water trail access
Mobile Web App

Clinton River Scout

You love your waterways. And you want to be a part of the solution.

Now you can—by sharing your observations, musings and thoughts, in words and pictures—through our CRWC Scout application!
What have we done so far…..

**WaterTowns**

- Developed logos for WaterTowns and Water trails
- Develop a mobile App “Clinton River Scout”
- Initiated vision for two WaterHubs (hired two different firms to develop WaterHub visioning)
- Written & received two grants
- Partnered w/ OU for economics research
What grants have we written….

**Grants**

- Coastal Zone Management - $41,000 awarded
- Freshwater Future HOW - $15,000 awarded
- Great Lakes Fishery Trust Funds - $1,077,992 pending
- Applied partnership for Michigan Municipal League’s PlacePlans Technical Assistance Program (City of Utica & City of Mount Clemens (invited)) - $100,000 value
WaterHubs in 2013

Clinton River Landing in Rochester

Mount Clemens
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