

# MAYORS' GRAND RIVER CLEANUP

## MEDICAL RELEASE, PHOTO RELEASE, & LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

**Voluntary** – My participation in the 2022 Annual Mayors' Grand River Cleanup ("the Cleanup") is voluntary. I will select the activities in which I will participate. I will choose activities that are within my physical capacities. I will stay away from the water if I cannot swim and/or if I have any open cuts.

**COVID-19** – I hereby acknowledge that I will not participate in the Cleanup if I have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms or any communicable disease symptoms within the 14 days prior to the event as set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Further, I will not participate, nor will any member of my household participate, if I or they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the 14 days prior to the event.

I acknowledge that my participation in the Cleanup may expose me to risks associated with COVID-19. I am aware that I will be required to follow the safety and hygiene protocols determined by the State of Michigan and the CDC, practice safe social distancing, wear face coverings when required, practice good hand hygiene, and follow other appropriate procedures. I attest that I am following the recommended guidelines to mitigate the spread of the illness.

**Assumption of Risk** – I realize that during the Cleanup, there are several ways that I could potentially hurt myself if I am not careful or choose a task that I am not capable of doing. For example, I might choose to (a) clean up slippery stream and river banks, (b) canoe, boat or wade in streams or rivers that may contain strong currents or uneven bottoms, (c) clean up near highways or roads, (d) come in contact with harmful vegetation or poison ivy, (e) pick up sharp items, and (f) clean up in or near a stream or river that may contain harmful pollutants, bacteria, or parasites. I realize that my participation in any of these activities is strictly voluntary and that I assume the risks associated with these activities. I could: (a) receive cuts and abrasions, (b) lose personal property such as watches or jewelry, and (c) suffer serious bodily injury.

Individuals experiencing homelessness have potential to be present along urban river banks. I am aware that it is possible that while participating in the Cleanup I may encounter a(n) individual(s) or their encampment(s). I will consider these dynamics if I volunteer with young children when choosing my site for the Cleanup. I hereby agree that I am prepared for the possibility that these circumstances may occur during my experience. I am aware that encampments are someone's home and that this population is vulnerable and needs to be treated with respect.

**Waiver** – I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, release the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and site property owners (as well as all of their affiliates, directors, officers, trustees, employees, representatives, or agents) from all actions or claims of any kind that relate to my participation in the Cleanup.

**Hold Harmless** – I hold the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and site owners harmless and indemnify them from all actions or claims (including reasonable attorneys’ fees, judgments and costs) with respect to any injuries, hospitalization, disability, death, or other damages or losses I may suffer, including those arising from my contracting or transmitting COVID-19 while participating in the Cleanup or while using facilities in conjunction my participation in the Cleanup.

**Medical Treatment** – If I am injured during the Cleanup, the organizers or volunteers of the Cleanup may render medical services to me or request that others provide such services. By taking such action, the organizers and volunteers are not admitting any liability to provide or to continue to provide any such services and that such action is not a waiver by the organizers or volunteers of any rights under this release and waiver. Should I require transport to a medical treatment facility as a result of an injury, I am financially responsible for such transportation and medical treatment costs. If I am injured during the Cleanup, it is my responsibility to seek appropriate medical care and to notify the cleanup organizers. I understand that this waiver will have no bearing on any workers compensation claims that I may make as a result of my participation in this event.

**Photography and Video** – I agree that any photographs or videos taken of me and of any minor participants for whom I am the parent or guardian during the Cleanup can be used by West Michigan Environmental Action Council and the event sponsors for future promotional campaigns.

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Initials AGREEMENT, AND I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH ITS TERMS. I AM  
AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN  
FREE WILL. ANY QUESTIONS I MAY HAVE HAD ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT  
WERE ANSWERED TO MY SATISFACTION.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature  
Full Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number  
Today’s Date Email address