



Why should Eco-Aware Groups choose Grand Rapids?

Welcome to America's Greenest City.

Fast Company magazine named Grand Rapids the greenest city in all the land back in 2008. A year earlier, the United Nations recognized Grand Rapids as the nation's first "Center of Excellence" in sustainability. We appreciated the honors – but we knew we had only just begun to transform our city into an environmental oasis.

Today, Grand Rapids can rightfully take its place among the world leaders in sustainability, which is described by our City Commission as "living today without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to live equally, as well, or better." We continue to make strides toward greater environmental responsibility, making the city a better place to live – and visit – for generations to come.

Green Milestones

- More LEED-certified "green" buildings per capita than any other city in the country.
- The world's first LEED-certified art museum, full-service hospital, YWCA, church, transit center, manufacturing facility and Habitat for Humanity home.
- More than 20% of the city's electrical power is derived from renewable energy resources, with a goal of 100% by 2020.

- Energy consumption has decreased by 15% since 2003.

Reclaiming Greenspace

- Aggressive efforts to improve water quality in the Grand River that runs through downtown contributed to *Field & Stream* magazine naming Grand Rapids the nation's sixth best fishing city in 2006.
- In 2010, the city was recognized as a bike-friendly community for its "cohesive, strong bike culture" and "network of multiuse trails."
- Millennium Park, already one of America's largest urban parks, continues to restore heavily used private land for public use – it'll be 2-1/2 times the size of New York's Central Park when completed.



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Our Grand Response™ team is devoted to providing top-flight service for groups of any size. We can help you find the perfect venue and plan the perfect event. We can also help you source eco-friendly products and services from local sources – thereby minimizing your event's environmental footprint!

Select LEED-Certified Buildings:

Aquinas College Academic Building
Burton Elementary and Middle School
David D. Hunting YMCA
East Grand Rapids Community Center
Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
Grand Rapids Art Museum
Grand Rapids Community Foundation
Grand Rapids Water/Environmental Services Facility
Grand Valley State University Niemeyer Living Center
Green Well Restaurant
Hispanic Center of West Michigan
Hyatt Place Grand Rapids-South Hotel
Marie Catrib's Restaurant
Metro Health Hospital
Porter Hills "Green House" Nursing Homes
Rapid Central Station- Interurban Transit Partnership
Richard J. Lacks, Sr. Cancer Center
Spectrum Health DeVos Children's Hospital
Van Andel Institute Research Lab



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