

# GOALS

- Interdisciplinary collaboration: Creating and facilitating cooperative learning opportunities for students, staff, and faculty and within the community
- Geographic and institutional identity: Defining characteristics of GVSU as a liberal education institution in West Michigan
- Resources and activities: Synthesizing learning across disciplines, locally, globally, and with intention
- Empowering students to make waves through advocacy and community engagement

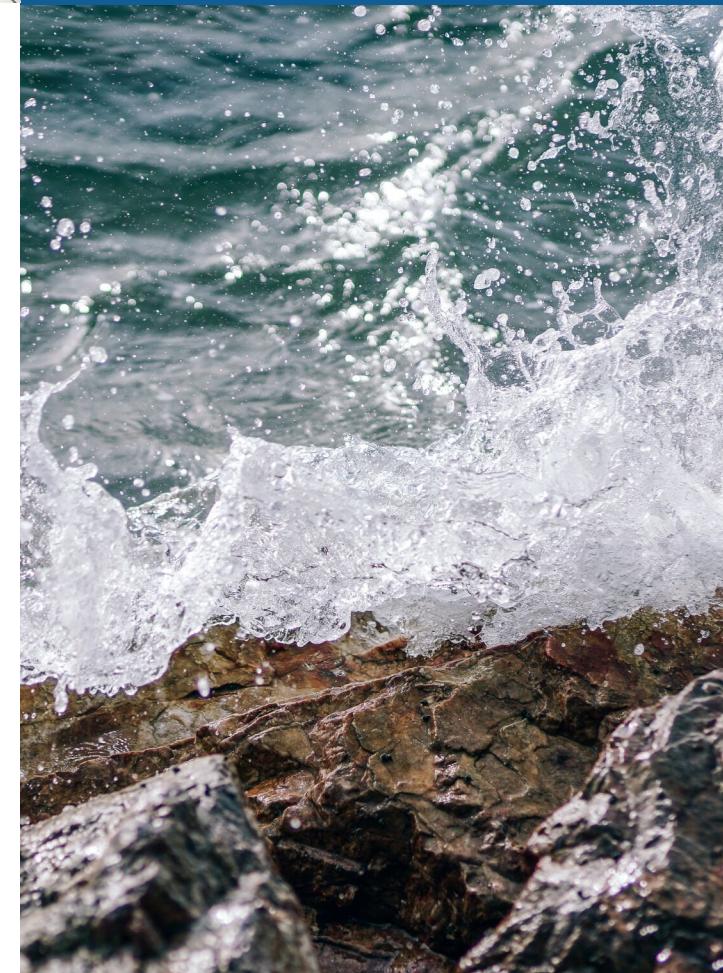


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Building new ways to think about  
water at GVSU and beyond



# WHAT IS MAKING WAVES?

The two year Making Waves about Water Initiative is creating collaboration and opportunities across campus among students, faculty, staff, and community. The initiative is providing new ways to explore and investigate the many ways that water touches our lives, from being a life-force to defining GVSU in relation to the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

The Initiative will empower students to explore how water is critical to humanity. Students will gain skills and understanding through experiential learning that takes place in coursework, MWI activities, study abroad opportunities, and engagement with community partners.



Our geographic context and expertise provide opportunities for students, staff, faculty and the community to take a deep dive into the topic of water and to make a difference locally and globally.



## INTEGRATION

GVSU is known as the premier public institution in Michigan for integrating liberal education with professional expertise. Making Waves is a hallmark of who we are: integrating theory with practice to prepare students to make waves and help provide solutions to the challenges of our world.



## TEAMS

The Initiative is coordinated by ten teams of students, faculty, and staff:

- Curriculum integration
- Campus engagement and co-curricular activities
- Community engagement and off-campus outreach
- Building a water community among faculty and staff
- Research and student products
- Colloquia and outside speakers on campus
- Water and public health
- Water wanderings: field trips and activities to explore water issues
- Funding and grant support
- Public relations

