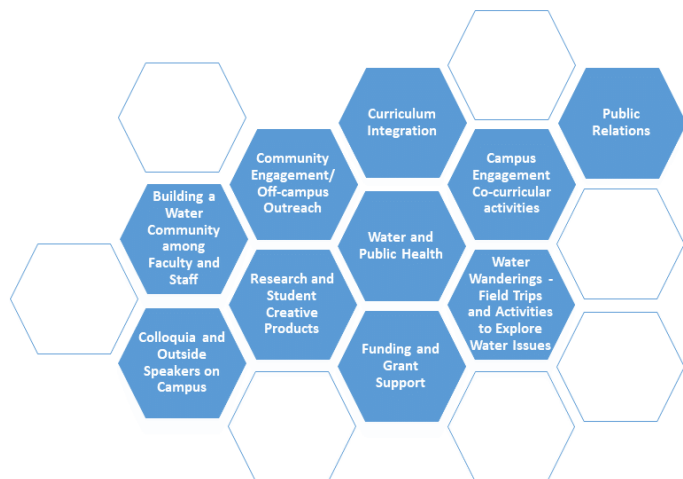




Students, faculty, and staff, across GVSU, and in collaboration with community partners, will explore and investigate water in its many facets during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years. Our students are the next generation to take on the issues that challenge society today. The Initiative will enable and empower them to thoughtfully explore how water is critical to humanity and how the topic of water flows freely across

disciplinary boundaries. Water is a particularly salient concept because of Michigan's geographic setting surrounded by the Great Lakes, as well as the fact that the Grand River flows through Grand Valley's campuses. Michigan thrives as a site of tourism with our Great Lakes shoreline and numerous inland lakes. This reputation as a water wonderland suffers from safety and public health concerns because of contaminants of our water sources. GVSU has a depth of faculty expertise on the topic of water, and we are externally recognized for our sustainability efforts that engage the entire campus community. Our geographic context and expertise are opportunities to engage students, our various campuses, and the West Michigan community in a deep dive into the topic of water.

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: a leading institution in integrating theory with practice to prepare students for the challenges of our world. The initiative is coordinated by ten teams of students, faculty, and staff.



The broad goals of the initiative are to provide:

- A common theme across campuses for students, faculty, and community partners to engage in.
- Student experiences and education that sets GVSU apart from other peer institutions and attract new students.
- Collaboration opportunities for students, staff, and faculty that cross disciplinary and geographic boundaries.
- Resources, experiences, and experts that enhance curricular and co-curricular activities
- Opportunities for students to make connections across disciplines, locally and globally, to reinforce the importance of a liberal education in the 21st century.
- Community engagement through partnerships and collaborations.
- Recognition and marketing opportunities to recruit and retain students.
- Resources and activities to bring the campus community together.

You can learn more at <http://www.gvsu.edu/makingwaves>.

