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BLUE STAR AWARD  
PROGRAM



Hereby Recognizes

The City Of  
**Grand Rapids**

For its Commitment to Protecting and Preserving  
Minnesota's Water Resources

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Recognizing Excellence in Community Stormwater Management

Dear Steve,

I am writing you to congratulate the City of Grand Rapids on winning the Blue Star Award for Excellence in Community Stormwater Management.

Your community's achievement is a reflection of your remarkable commitment to preserving and protecting Minnesota's water resources. As Minnesota communities look to protect our lakes, streams, and wetlands from stormwater pollution, it is my hope that they will look to Grand Rapids as model for excellence in stormwater management.

Additionally, your score is thus far the highest score of any of the communities that have conducted the self-assessment. Your work to protect our water resources is outstanding. Thank you for taking a strong leadership role in the preservation of our most precious natural resources.

I've included several items in this parcel:

- Your Blue Star Award for public display
- A Certificate of Award you can proudly post in your office

A separate parcel with copies of your Blue Star Award Posters will arrive shortly.

I encourage you to visit your awards page at [www.bluestarmn.org](http://www.bluestarmn.org). The awards page can be viewed by logging in to [www.bluestarmn.org](http://www.bluestarmn.org) and visiting your "dashboard" through the link on the right hand side column.

Your awards page has editable tools – like draft press releases, newsletter articles, and utility bill inserts – that you can use to publicize your Award. These materials will be regularly updated, and we'll be sure to let you know when new materials are available for use. If you wish to work with Blue Star Award program staff to assist in spreading the word about your award-winning status, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am happy to lend a hand in any way necessary to help publicize your achievement.

Again, congratulations on your Blue Star Award and thank you for your community's efforts to protect, preserve and enhance Minnesota's water resources.

Best Wishes,

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*P.S: I will be out of the office from August 13<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be happy to assist you with your Blue Star Award needs upon my return.*

