



December 8, 2014

I would like to share with you news of \$1,968,000 in grants approved by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation at its board meeting last week. Grants will support:

- development of a network of rain gardens and rain barrels across the city of Detroit, building on Keep Growing Detroit's successful urban garden network, the Sierra Club's neighborhood workshops, and Friends of the Rouge's design expertise
- enhancement of Central Detroit Christian's aquaponics facility that raises fish and vegetation in a repurposed corner liquor store in Detroit's Northend neighborhood
- specialized assistance by Clinton River Watershed Council and Lawrence Technological University to municipalities along the Clinton River on how to use green infrastructure to leverage the river as an economic and social asset
- expansion of EcoWork's Detroit Youth Energy Squad in Detroit schools, teaching students about water and energy conservation while saving the schools hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs
- a collaborative Michigan environmental advocacy agenda, facilitated by the Michigan League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, engaging nonprofits, businesses and individuals statewide
- continued support for the Healing Our Waters Coalition, an advocacy network of 120 organizations that has helped achieve \$1.6 billion in funding to clean up and restore the Great Lakes over the past 5 years
- renewed support for leading, peer reviewed Alzheimer's research through the Alzheimer's Association's Zenith Grants Program
- and much more

Please also join is in welcoming our new Board Member, Doug Ebert, and Grants Manager, Yolanda Gandy.

Please click [here](#) for our complete grants list.

Thank you for your continuing interest,  
John M. Erb, President

*The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation's mission is to nurture environmentally healthy and culturally vibrant communities in metro Detroit, and support initiatives to restore the Great Lakes basin. The Foundation is focused on improving water quality, especially in the watersheds impacting metro Detroit and Bayfield, Ontario; promoting environmental health and justice; and supporting the arts as a means to strengthen the metropolitan Detroit region. For more information, please visit [erbff.org](http://erbff.org)*



## Fred A. & Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation DECEMBER 2014 GRANTS

Organization	Purpose	Amount
<b>Great Lakes</b>		
Clinton River Watershed Council Rochester, MI	to help plan a blue water trail around the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair emphasizing green infrastructure	\$55,000 for year 3 of 3 year \$180,000 grant
Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative Detroit, MI	to continue to support efforts to link greenways on Detroit's Eastside, through a collaborative framework for implementation including incorporation of stormwater management strategies	\$5,000
Eastern Market Corporation Detroit, MI (For Keep Growing Detroit In partnership with Sierra Club and Friends of the Rouge)	for the "Growing Sustainable Water Solutions" project, connecting organizations working in urban agriculture and water conservation to educate and enable residents to build rain gardens, water catchment systems and healthy soils to help manage stormwater and conserve water	\$383,000 over 3 years \$116,000 in 2015 \$131,000 in 2016 \$136,000 in 2017
Friends Of The Rouge Dearborn, MI	to explore potential merger between Friends of the Rouge and Alliance of Rouge Communities	up to \$110,000
Michigan League Of Conservation Voters Education Fund Ann Arbor, MI	to convene Michigan's environmental community in order to prioritize three top issues and advocate for these issues in the legislature	\$50,000
National Wildlife Federation for the Healing Our Waters Coalition Ann Arbor, MI	to promote funding and policy reform for the Great Lakes and assistance for organizations conducting restoration projects	\$150,000 for year 3 of 3 year \$450,000 grant
<b>Environmental Health &amp; Justice</b>		
Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation Detroit, MI	to improve and sustain an aquaponics system raising fish and produce in a repurposed corner liquor store	\$110,000

Fair Food  
Network  
Ann Arbor, MI

to expand Double Up Food Bucks in direct  
markets and groceries, leveraging federal  
monies and building evidence so food  
assistance policy expands funding made  
available through the Farm Bill

\$100,000 over 4 years  
\$25,000 per year

### Alzheimer's Research

Alzheimer's  
Association  
Chicago, IL

to support peer-reviewed, donor  
directed research & through the  
Zenith Society program

\$600,000 over 2 years  
\$300,000 per year

### Special Opportunities

EcoWorks  
Detroit, MI

to expand and solidify the Youth Energy  
Squad as a self-sustaining, national model  
for comprehensive green schools and youth  
leadership development programs

\$300,000 over 3 years  
\$100,000 in 2015  
\$150,000 in 2016  
\$50,000 in 2017