

Charlotte

Strategic Planning

Environment



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INTRODUCTION: A healthy community helps preserve and sustain the environment.

Charlotte is located in an area with important natural resources. With access to agricultural lands, woodlands, wetlands, parks and open spaces, the community can enjoy recreational opportunities and healthy ecosystems for generations to come – if these resources are preserved and maintained. The city also supports three community wells that serve local residents. Protection of this important resource is critical and supported by a Wellhead Protection Plan.

Charlotte is situated in the Middle Grand River watershed, which encompasses approximately 258 square miles (~165,000 acres) in Clinton, Ingham, Eaton, and Ionia Counties. The Middle Grand River section is approximately 129 miles in stream length and joins the Upper Grand River Watershed and the Lower Grand River Watershed. Together, the Upper, Middle, and Lower Grand River Watersheds make up the second largest watershed in Michigan. This watershed provides not only recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, but also provides a critical environmental role in water quality, flood management and flora and fauna habitat.