



Water Advisory Council

March 11, 2026

8:00 am

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2025
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Updates
 - a. Award Nominations (Jernberg)
 - b. FY27 Budget (Jernberg)
 - c. EPA Lead and Copper Rule (Jernberg)
 - d. Lead Reduction Initiative for 3rd Ward (Healthy Homes)
 - e. State Drinking Water Advisory Council (Jernberg)
 - f. YTD Lead Service Line Replacements map (Jernberg)
 - g. Lead Service Line Construction Projects (Jernberg)
6. Public Comment
7. Next Meeting – May 13
8. Adjournment



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January 14, 2026

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MINUTES

Members Present

Izamar Contreras (City of GR), Nick Fisher (City of GR), Paul Haan, Wayne Jernberg (Chairperson, City of GR), Doug La Fave (East GR), Rocio Rodriguez (Roosevelt Park), Sara Simmonds (Kent County Health Department), and Jennifer Williams (GRPS)

Others Present

Kolene Allen (City of GR), Santiago Alvarado (Healthy Homes), Kelly Gleason (LBWL), Angie Goodman (LBWL), Jameela Maun (Healthy Homes), Hannah Napolillo (Kent County Health Department), and Jessica Vander Ark (GRPS)

Call to Order

Mr. Jernberg called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. La Fave. Seconded by Ms. Simmonds.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. Simmonds. Seconded by Mr. La Fave.

MOTION CARRIED.

Introductions

A new member, Rocio Rodriguez from the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association, joined the council so brief introductions were given.

Presentation – Drinking Water School Flushing Program

Angie Goodman, Senior Water Quality Administrator, and Kelly Gleason, Environmental Compliance Specialist, from the Lansing Board of Water & Light (LBWL) presented on their Drinking Water School Flushing program.

Members asked questions and discussed the presentation. Members discussed working with GRPS to develop a similar program in our community. No action was taken.

A copy of the presentation is on file.

Updates

1. Lead Reduction Initiative for 3rd Ward

Mr. Alvarado gave an update on the activities of Healthy Homes since our last meeting:

- 333 Water Kits distributed (in part due to the contribution of a new temporary employee).
- 2 In-home risk assessments performed. 0 risks identified.
- 5 volunteers onboarded for kit distribution.
- Corewell Health's Maternal Infant Health program became a new partner.
- Healthy Homes reported many successful holiday events were held, including some with Baxter Community Center and Garfield Park.
- Regular SECOM water kit pickup hours were held.
- Tabled at Community Food Club.
- In total, ten events were attended in November and December.

Mr. Alvarado thanked Ms. Contreras for offering interns to assist with assembling water kits.

Ms. Contreras reported that 920 water kits were distributed between October 2024 – December 2025.

Ms. Maun added that Healthy Homes moved locations from SECOM due to their relocation. They are now located at 1333 Alger Street SE. SECOM will still host water kit distribution hours at their new location.

Ms. Contreras added that since the Lead Line Notices were mailed out, Healthy

Homes reported a notable increase in phone call inquiries associated with these letters.

Mr. Jernberg stated that the City is working to extend the contract period with Healthy Homes to allow remaining funds to be expended. Additionally, more funds are being requested in the City's FY27 budget so that the partnership may continue. He will let the council know if the request is approved.

2. State Drinking Water Advisory Council

Mr. Jernberg reported that he renewed his membership for another year. He is unable to attend the January State meeting.

There are ongoing discussions about securing additional funding and hosting workshops.

3. YTD Lead Service Line Replacements map

Mr. Jernberg reported that the total for calendar year 2025 is just over 1600. He noted that the online dashboard shows a slightly higher total, closer to 1900, which may be attributed to a reporting lag.

4. Lead Service Line Construction Projects

A CY 2025 report of lead service line replacement projects was presented by Mr. Jernberg.

Upcoming private-side projects are located in the First Ward within the John Ball Park Neighborhood. Most of these are from previous CSO projects. There are 278 of these and 83% of these agreements have been completed.

772 projects are related to DWRP Resurfacing Projects. 78% of these agreements have been completed.

5. Blood Lead Level presentation update

Dr. Cornwell gave a presentation to the State (MDHHS), Healthy Homes, Grand Valley State University (GVSU), and others. His research enables blood samples to be analyzed to determine the source of lead exposure by tracing lead isotopes back to their origin, such as soil, dust, spices, or water.

Mr. Jernberg noted that MDHHS already has the necessary equipment to conduct

this type of analysis and expressed interest in better understanding how it could be used to implement a program.

Mr. Jernberg indicated that funding may be available to support a program in Michigan.

Ms. Simmonds added that MDHHS appears to be in the early stages of understanding both the issue and the program's potential and stated that she plans to follow up with them. Mr. Jernberg said he believes Grand Rapids could be part of such a program and will explore available options. He also expressed interest in involving GVSU.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Member Updates

- Ms. Simmonds congratulated Mr. Jernberg on his promotion to the Utilities System Director.
- Mr. Haan appreciated the presentation today by LBWL.
- Ms. Williams reported that since our last meeting, Ms. Contreras shared a spreadsheet with address in the Burton neighborhood who haven't returned lead agreements. GRPS was able to identify students associated with about half of those addresses. Ms. Williams and the GRPS Family Support Team hand delivered information with a QR code to those households asking them to respond (and that it was safe to respond) in hopes of getting those agreements back. She also plans to get information out at upcoming sporting events, conferences, track meets, etc. There is also a potential to partner with Healthy Homes in March for National Reading Month.

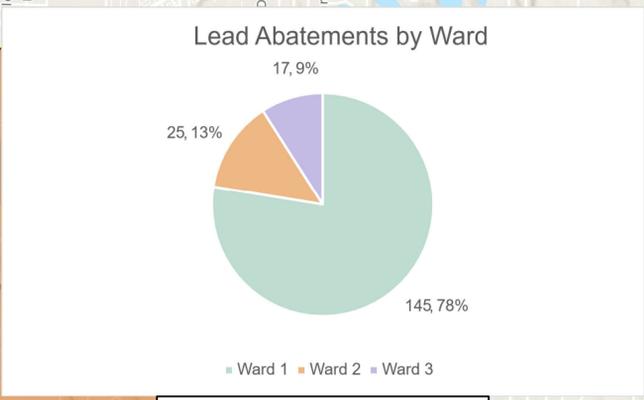
Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026.

Adjournment

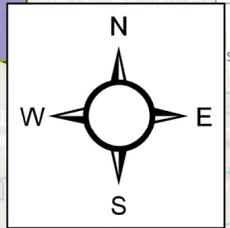
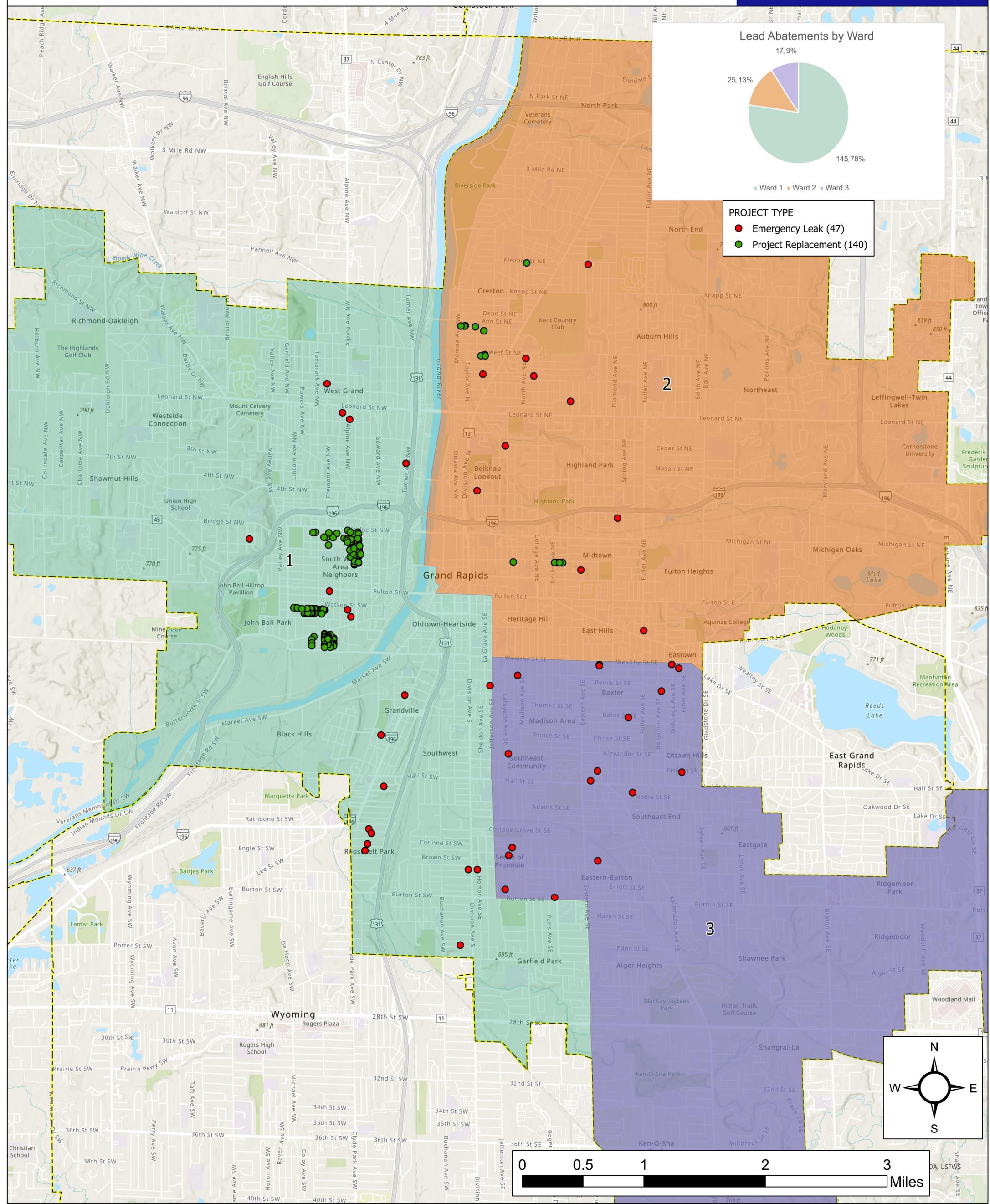
Mr. Jernberg adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am.

January 1st - March 3rd, 2026 Lead Service Line Replacements



PROJECT TYPE

- Emergency Leak (47)
- Project Replacement (140)



Lead Service Line Replacements

March 09, 2026

Project	Fiscal Year	Private-side LSLRs	Agreements in Hand	Outstanding Agreements	% Agreements in Hand	Contacts per Agreement	Total LSLRs	Neighborhood	Ward	Contractor/Notes
Capital Projects										
2026 Construction Season										
Buchanan (Corrine to Hall)	2025	6	5	1	83%	8.60	8	Southwest, Garfield Park	1	
Burton (Division to Kalamazoo)	2025	107	64	68	60%	2.66	141	Garfield Park, East Burton, Alger Heights, Southeast End	1,3	Kammaing & Roodvoets Inc
Cesar E Chavez (Hall to Tenhaaf)	2025	22	22	0	100%	2.00	25	Grandville	1	
Garfield (Butterworth to Fulton)	2025	14	14	0	100%	0.00	22	John Ball Park	1	
Valley (Bridge to 4 th)	2025	18	15	3	83%	1.61	21	Shawmut Hills, John Ball Park	1	
Wealthy (Richard Ter to East City Limits)	2025	16	10	6	63%	2.9	18	Eastown	2,3	
TOTAL		183	130	78	71%		235			
DWRF Resurfacing Projects										
Resurfacing Public CY2025-1	2025	387	299	88	77%	1.85	423	Various	1,2,3	SPS Pro
Resurfacing Public CY2025-2	2025	342	261	69	76%	1.72	381	Various	1,2,3	Miller Pipeline
TOTAL		729	560	169	77%		804			
Private-Only Projects										
LSLR CY2025-3 Private-Only	2025	144	137	7	95%	1.46	144	John Ball Park	1	Brik Plumbing
LSLR CY2025-4 Private-Only	2025	133	119	14	86%	1.64	133	John Ball Park	1	Groundhawg
TOTAL		277	256	21	92%		277			