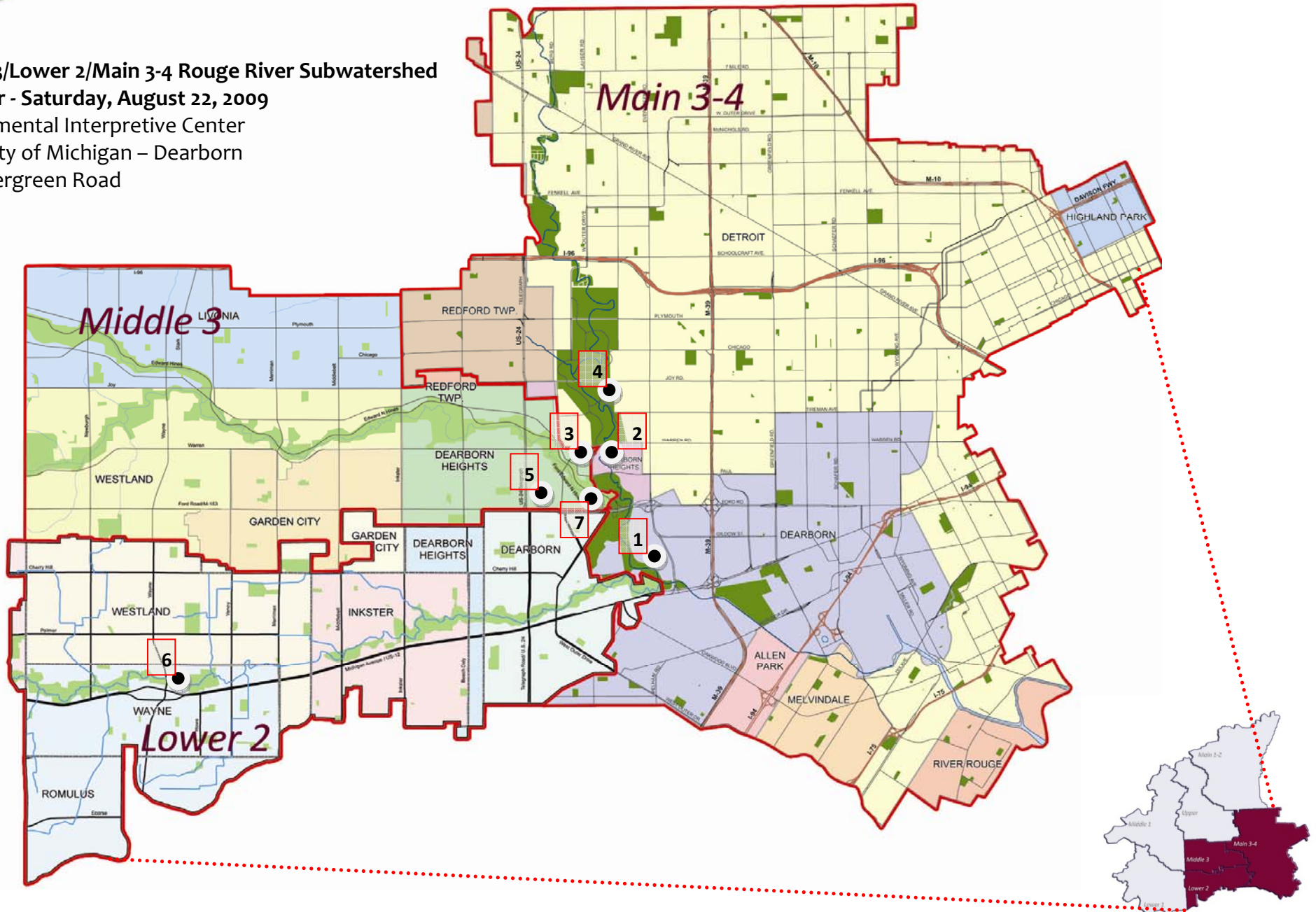


**Middle 3/Lower 2/Main 3-4 Rouge River Subwatershed
Bus Tour - Saturday, August 22, 2009**
Environmental Interpretive Center
University of Michigan – Dearborn
4901 Evergreen Road





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1. (Prior to boarding bus): Environmental Interpretive Center Rain Garden, Dearborn: This rain garden features native plants and shrubs and was created in 2006 to control on-site storm water runoff at the center.
2. (Drive-by): Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights (Ann Arbor Trail east of Outer Drive): This site features an existing grow zone and a brand new grow zone planted this year by volunteers. The site is managed by the Dearborn Heights Watershed Stewards, a citizen advisory board. This is a Rouge Rescue site, and past activities have included extending the existing Grow Zone with native shrubs and wildflowers and removing invasive plants.
3. (Stop) Residential property, Dearborn Heights: (Parkland Street across from Parkland Park) Steve Ray installed this rain garden in the fall, 2006. The garden features native wildflowers and was designed to clean and slow the flow of rain water from the house.
4. (Drive-by) Rouge Park Prairie and Grow Zones, Detroit (between Warren and Joy Roads, east of Parkland Street): The City of Detroit installed 15 acres of prairie grasses and native plants in 2000, through a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. It is an annual Rouge Rescue site and attracts some 200 volunteers for invasive plant pulls and the planting of native species.
5. (Stop) Private residence, Dearborn (Hollander Street, west of Outer Drive). This site features prairie plantings (native grasses and flowers) and a woodland edge. The landscape was designed to provide food, water, shelter and nesting sites for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Native species used are New England aster, goldenrod, common milkweed and yellow coneflower.
6. (Drive-by) Wayne City Hall, City of Wayne (Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue) The City replaced and reduced its City Hall parking lot and installed bio-retention basins, native plants, landscape filters and rain barrels in order to reduce the contribution of pollutants like silt, oil and debris that flowed untreated into the Lower Rouge River.
7. (Drive-by) Wayne County Parks Grow Zones (Hines Drive and Ford Road) In 2005, Wayne County Parks made a commitment to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in Edward Hines Park, the largest riparian park in Wayne County (and the Rouge River Watershed). In partnership with Wayne County Dept. of Environment, they used a state grant to convert 13 acres of turf grass in 12 areas into native landscape at spots along Hines Drive from Ford Road west to Bennett Arboretum in Northville.