



I'd like to put in a quick plug for river restoration and those working to improve our river environment...

Today's paddle trip is part of a larger event, Kanoe the Kazoo, which is an annual series of paddle trips held since 2003.

Kanoe the Kazoo was started by and continues to receive financial support from a group of dedicated municipalities and nonprofits. This group works collaboratively to restore the Kalamazoo River by reducing pollution. This pollution causes problems like algae blooms that happen at various times of the year, which negatively impact our local fisheries, among other things.

They are pleased to support events like Kanoe the Kazoo and their annual volunteer river clean-up held the first Saturday in October, so that more people can have a fun, safe, and memorable experience on the river.

So with that, I encourage you to visit the website you see on the brochure and litter bags; it's KalamazooRiver.org. There you'll find more info on how to help protect our beautiful water resources, along with river maps and more Kanoe the Kazoo trips.

Thank you for being a part of Kanoe the Kazoo, and enjoy a safe day on the water!