

# THE ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS 2026 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Inspire Others!*  
Submit your nature  
photos to be featured  
in the next calendar.

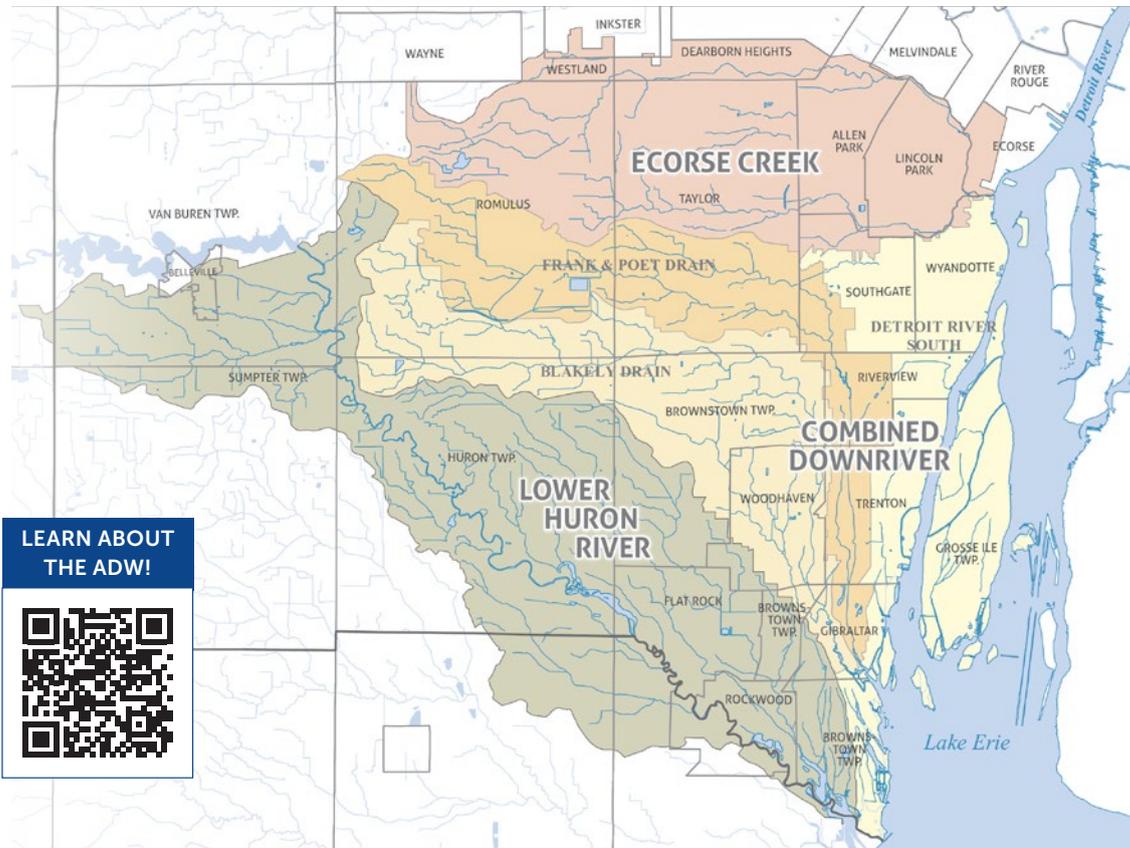


DISCOVER EVERYDAY ACTIONS TO  
PROTECT OUR REMARKABLE WATERWAYS

# DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS

Downriver waterways are nothing short of remarkable. They play a vital role in our daily lives. In many ways, they make our lives possible. Thanks to these rivers and watersheds, we can enjoy healthy ecosystems. Safe drinking water. Thriving towns and cities. Diverse wildlife. And inviting places to swim, fish, paddle, socialize, exercise or simply enjoy nature.

This year's calendar celebrates the beauty and benefits of Downriver waterways by spotlighting the winning entries from the 2024 Focus on Downriver Water Photo Contest. Thank you to everyone who participated!



LEARN ABOUT  
THE ADW!



## FOCUS ON WATERSHEDS

A watershed is the area of land where water—including rainfall—collects and drains into a river, lake or ocean. On the map, you'll see how land in the Downriver area contains smaller creeks and streams that flow into larger creeks and rivers. These watersheds drain into the Detroit River and Lake Erie.

## FOCUS ON RUNOFF

Our everyday actions have a direct impact on the quality of regional waterways, large and small. Even a community many miles from a lake or river can pollute it. For instance, excess fertilizer used on a lawn 20 miles away from Lake Erie will wash into a storm drain with rainfall and then flow from local creeks into the lake, where it can cause harmful algae blooms.

## FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS

Fortunately, there are simple daily actions that you can take to help prevent water pollution. Twelve of them are featured in this calendar. We hope you'll try them all.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

**ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER  
WATERSHEDS**  
allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com

**HURON RIVER WATERSHED  
COUNCIL**  
HRWC.org  
(734) 769-5123

**WAYNE COUNTY**  
waynecountymi.gov  
Public Services: (313) 224-7600  
Environmental Services:  
(734)-326-3936  
24-Hour Hotline: (888) ROAD-CREW  
(888) 762-3273

**ALLEN PARK**  
cityoffallenpark.org  
(313) 928-1400

**BELLEVILLE**  
belleville.mi.us  
(734) 697-9323

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**  
ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us  
Public Works: (313) 791-6000  
Water: (313) 791-3450

**ECORSE**  
ecorsemi.gov  
(313) 386-2520

**FLAT ROCK**  
flatrockmi.org  
(734) 782-2455

**GIBRALTAR**  
cityofgibraltarmi.gov  
(734) 676-3900

**GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP**  
grosseile.com  
(734) 676-4422

**INKSTER**  
cityofinkster.com  
(313) 563-4232

**LINCOLN PARK**  
lincolnpark.govoffice.com  
Public Services: (313) 386-9000  
Parks & Rec: (313) 386-1817

**MELVINDALE**  
melvindale.org  
(313) 429-1040

**RIVERVIEW**  
cityofriverview.com  
Public Works: (734) 281-4270  
Land Preserve: (734) 281-4263

**ROCKWOOD**  
rockwoodmi.org  
(734) 379-9496

**ROMULUS**  
romulusgov.com  
(734) 942-7579

**SOUTHGATE**  
southgatemi.org  
(734) 258-3010

**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**  
sumptertwp.com  
(734) 461-6201

**TAYLOR**  
cityoftaylor.com  
(734) 287-6550

**TRENTON**  
trentonmi.org  
(734)-675-8470

**VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP**  
vbtmi.gov  
(734) 699-8900

**WESTLAND**  
cityofwestland.com  
Public Works: (734) 728-1770  
Parks & Rec: (734) 722-7620

**WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
woodhaven.k12.mi.us  
(734) 783-3300

**WYANDOTTE**  
wyandotte.net  
(734) 324-4540



To report illegal dumping or other environmental pollution concerns call the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Pollution Emergency Alert System at **(800) 292-4706** as well as the Wayne County 24-Hour Hotline: **(888) ROAD-CREW** (888) 762-3273.



## PROTECTING CLEAN WATER

The Huron River Watershed Council and the Friends of the Detroit River support efforts to protect and restore the downriver watersheds. You'll notice HRWC is a resource for some of the tips in the calendar! These organizations also host volunteer opportunities to monitor and clean up local waterways. Sign up and learn more at [HRWC.org](http://HRWC.org) and [detroitriver.org](http://detroitriver.org).



**Keep up to date: subscribe to the ADW Quarterly E-News**

Get news on initiatives to protect and restore the Downriver watersheds, stormwater pollution prevention tips, upcoming event announcements and more sent right to your inbox. Subscribe by visiting:



The partner communities of the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds have a shared goal: to educate residents about the impact of their day-to-day actions on rivers, streams and lakes. ADW members recognize that by working together we can secure our watersheds as a permanent and bountiful source of clean drinking water, natural beauty and diverse recreational opportunities.

To learn more about the ADW and Downriver watersheds, visit [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com).

LEARN ABOUT THE ADW!





## SUBMIT YOUR DOWNRIVER NATURE PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR, EARN CASH REWARDS!

The ADW is looking for stunning photography featuring nature in the Downriver areas to excite and inspire residents to protect water quality. Submit your best photos anytime in 2026.

We especially want photos of:

- Michigan native plants, trees or wildflowers
- A wetland, pond, stream or river in the Downriver area
- Wildlife and water
- Winter, spring, summer, and fall shots

Selected photos will earn cash!

Learn more and submit photos at  
[allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos](https://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos)

SUBMIT PHOTOS



**Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2026 Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Community Calendar!** And a special congratulations to all of the 2024 Focus on Downriver Water Photo Contest winners whose photos are featured each month. We appreciate everyone who has participated since the contest first launched in 2018.

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# JANUARY 2026

*Photo: Ice Storm at the Grosse Ile  
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4	5	6	7	8 Kwanzaa ends New Year's Day	9	10 Mahayana New Year
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24 Volunteer: Stonefly Search, HRWC.org/Stonefly
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**Speak up, speak out!** If you see illegal dumping into curbside storm drains and ditches, don't hesitate. Get on the phone. By making that call, you'll be doing your part to protect water quality for our entire community. Call 1-800-292-4706 to report illegal dumping. For hazardous chemical or flammable spills, call 9-1-1 immediately.

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# FEBRUARY 2026

*Photo: Brownstown Creek Sunset,  
Gibraltar, Bradford Ciecko*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Black History Month	2 Groundhog Day World Wetlands Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Parinirvana Day Maha Shivarati	16 Presidents' Day	17 Chinese New Year Ramadan begins at sundown	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**Put poisons in their place.** When possible, avoid using toxic household cleaners and chemicals. Also, remember that cleaners, chemicals, oil, paint, and other home toxics should never be poured down a sink, into a storm drain or onto the ground. To keep them out of our water supply, dispose of them at a county collection site. Learn more at [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/HomeToxics](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/HomeToxics).

**Volunteer for clean water!** As a volunteer for the Huron River Watershed Council or the Friends of the Detroit River, you'll have an opportunity to gather essential data for restoration and protection efforts by testing water quality, collecting river bugs, mapping streams, and hiking and assessing natural areas that benefit the river. You can also volunteer to clean up trash, weed rain gardens, help with special events, and label neighborhood storm drains. Sign up at [HRWC.org/volunteer](http://HRWC.org/volunteer) or [detroitriver.org](http://detroitriver.org).

# MARCH 2026

*Photo: Osprey Bath,  
Point Mouillée, Bradford Ciecko*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 National Women's History Month	2	3 Holi begins	4 Holi ends	5	6	7
8 International Women's Day Daylight Savings Time begins	9	10	11	12	13	14 Volunteer: Chemistry and Flow Monitoring Orientation, <a href="http://HRWC.org/ChemFlow">HRWC.org/ChemFlow</a>
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 Ramadan ends Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown	20 Vernal Equinox Eid al-Fitr ends	21 Volunteer: Chemistry and Flow Monitoring Orientation, <a href="http://HRWC.org/ChemFlow">HRWC.org/ChemFlow</a>
22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31 International Transgender Day of Visibility				

APRIL 2026						
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**Treasure your trees.** Every tree plays an important role in reducing air pollution and controlling destructive runoff. You can calculate how much stormwater your tree will intercept — and how much carbon dioxide it will store each year — at [HRWC.org/PlantTrees](http://HRWC.org/PlantTrees).

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# APRIL 2026

*Photo: Raindrops on Leaves,  
Avery Ciecko*



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<b>MAY 2026</b> S M T W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>Arab-American Heritage Month</b>	<b>National Volunteer Month</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>April Fool's Day</b> <b>Passover begins at sundown</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>World Autism Awareness Day</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Passover ends</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  <b>Easter "Pascha"</b> <b>Good Deeds Day</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Yom Hashoah begins at sundown</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Yom Hashoah ends</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Tax Day</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Earth Day</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Volunteer: Spring River Roundup, HRWC.org/Roundup</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

**Rain gardens reduce runoff.** Rain gardens allow up to 30 percent more water to soak into the ground than conventional turf grass lawns. In addition, downspouts and diverters can direct runoff from hard surfaces like rooftops and sidewalks straight into a rain garden, thus preventing polluted water from reaching nearby storm drains that lead to local waterways. Learn more at [HRWC.org/Landscaping](http://HRWC.org/Landscaping).



# MAY 2026

*Photo: Red Milkweed Beetle,  
Trenton, Amy Van Sickle*



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<b>JUNE 2026</b> S M T W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month	American Wetlands Month	1	2
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10	11	Cinco de Mayo	13	14	15	World Migratory Bird Day
Mother's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
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31	Memorial Day Eid al-Adha begins at sundown				Eid al-Adha ends	Great Lakes Fresh Water Week

**Use the power of plants.** If you garden, include plants that are native to Michigan such as black-eyed Susans. Deep-rooted native plants are not only beautiful but also trap and filter polluted runoff from roadsides and rooftops. And they generally require fewer or no pesticides and less water than non-natives or turf grass lawns. Learn more at [HRWC.org/Landscaping](http://HRWC.org/Landscaping).

**Calling all Downriver photographers!** Grab your cameras and snap photos of water in the Downriver area You can submit them for consideration any time before December 31, 2026 at [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos).



# JUNE 2026

*Photo: Humbug Island, Trenton,  
Matthew Diehl*



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<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Flag Day</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Al-Hijri New Year begins at sundown</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Al-Hijri New Year ends</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Juneteenth</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>																																										
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Father's Day Summer Solstice</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>																																										
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**Clean cars on the green.** Commercial car washes should always be your first choice, since they're required by law to treat their wastewater. Washing your car at home? Park it on the grass. Your lawn will soak up the dirty water, break down the soap, and prevent runoff into the storm drain — and nearby waterways. Learn more at [HRWC.org/carwash](https://hrwc.org/carwash).

**Inspire your neighbors to protect water quality!** Snap a photo showing Michigan native plants, trees or wildflowers and upload it to [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos](https://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos). Now accepting rolling submissions.



# JULY 2026

*Photo: Yellow Lotus Flower at  
Hull's Trace, Brownstown Township,  
Christine Oest*



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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Independence Day</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Volunteer: Ecorse Creek Cleanup, Detroitriver.org</i>
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**Put your lawn on a diet.** Prevent the growth of harmful algae in down-stream lakes by avoiding phosphorus-based lawn fertilizers, which are restricted under Michigan law. Instead, keep down weeds and encourage root growth by letting your grass grow to three inches or more. Then use a mulching mower to put back nutrients and organic matter. Learn more at [www.HRWC.org/LawnCare](http://www.HRWC.org/LawnCare).

**Help showcase Downriver waterways!**  
 Snap a photo of a wetland, pond, stream or river in the Downriver area and upload it to [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos).  
 Now accepting rolling submissions.



# AUGUST 2026

*Photo: Great Blue Heron at  
the Detroit River International  
Wildlife Refuge, Bradford Ciecko*



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9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Volunteer: Ecorse Creek Cleanup, Detroitriver.org
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30	31				Raksha Bandhan	

**Pick up after your pets.** Left on sidewalks or lawns, pet waste washes directly into storm drains and enters our local waterways in the form of raw, unfiltered sewage. Do your part as a pet owner by scooping, bagging and trashing. It makes for better water quality as well as cleaner sidewalks and happier neighbors. Learn more at [www.HRWC.org/PetWaste](http://www.HRWC.org/PetWaste).

**Want your photo featured in the next calendar?** Submit it for consideration at [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos). Now accepting rolling submissions.



# SEPTEMBER 2026

*Photo: Goldenrod at Willow  
Metropark, New Boston, Willow S.*



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6	7	8	9	10	Krishna Janmashtami 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Patriot Day Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	12
13	Labor Day 14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins	16	17	18	19
Rosh Hashanah ends 20	21	22	23	24	World Water Monitoring Day 25	26
Yom Kippur begins at sundown 27	Yom Kippur ends 28	Autumnal Equinox 29	30		Sukkot begins at sundown	National Public Lands Day

**Adopt a storm drain.** Storm drains are underground pipes that carry unfiltered rainwater, melting snow and pollution directly into our rivers, lakes and drinking water, no filters or treatment. Learn how to care for your curbside storm drain and keep it free-flowing by visiting [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/storm-drains](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/storm-drains).



# OCTOBER 2026

*Photo: Crosswinds Marsh,  
New Boston, Holly Guz*



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4	5	6	7	8	Sukkot ends	10  World Mental Health Day
11  Navratri begins National Coming Out Day	12  Indigenous Peoples' Day	13	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month ends	16	17
18	19	20  Navratri ends	21	22	23	24  United Nations Day Make a Difference Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31  Halloween

**Leave the leaves.** There's much to be said for leaving fall leaves. With the help of a mulching mower, they become a natural fertilizer for your lawn. A 3-5 inch leaf layer around garden plants inhibits weeds, preserves soil moisture, and nourishes plants as leaves break down. A layer of leaves left intact provides important habitat for wildlife and insects. To reduce neighborhood flooding, keep leaves and other yard waste away from storm drains. Learn more at [HRWC.org/LawnCare](https://hrwc.org/LawnCare).

**Alliance of Downriver Watershed members work together and individually to reduce runoff and prevent pollution.** Learn what your community is doing to manage stormwater and provide your feedback at [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/swmps](https://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/swmps).

# NOVEMBER 2026

*Photo: Soft Shell and Northern  
Map Turtles, Lower Huron River,  
Angela Dudek*



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**Catch the plastic.** Keep microplastics out of our rivers and streams. Shed by synthetic clothes and textiles during laundering, these tiny fibers are not filtered out by the wastewater treatment process. Washing machine filters and special laundry devices can help. And if you buy a new washing machine, choose a front loader. Learn more at [www.HRWC.org/Microplastics](http://www.HRWC.org/Microplastics).



# DECEMBER 2026

*Photo: Deer on Mud Island, Ecorse,  
Tim Epperly*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



**Hold the salt.** The best way to keep salt out of our streams during cold weather months is by shoveling snow and ice, early and often. If you occasionally need a de-icer for sidewalks and driveways, choose a product labeled "environmentally or eco-friendly." Learn more at [www.HRWC.org/UseLessSalt](http://www.HRWC.org/UseLessSalt).

**Last chance to submit your photos to be considered for the next watershed community calendar!**

The ADW is seeking photos to inspire Downriver residents to protect clean water:

- Michigan native plants, trees or wildflowers
- A wetland, pond, stream or river in the Downriver area
- Winter, spring, summer, and fall shots

Submit at [allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos](http://allianceofdownriverwatersheds.com/photos)



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Photo by Amy Van Sickle



Photo by Matthew Diehl



Photo by Christine Oest



Photo by Bradford Ciecko



Photo by Willow S.



Photo by Holly Gucz



Photo by Angela Dudek



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