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## **Kent County Department of Public Works hires communications and marketing manager**

**Grand Rapids, MI** – The **Kent County Department of Public Works (DPW)** has hired a new communications and marketing manager.

**Steve Faber**, who started at DPW August 22, has a background in strategic communications, public relations and conservation. He holds a master’s degree in public administration and nonprofit management from Grand Valley State University and a bachelor’s degree in geography from Calvin University.

“We are excited to have Steve join our team,” said **Dar Baas**, director of the Kent County Department of Public Works. “Steve has a wealth of experience that will help DPW promote our services, keep people informed and strengthen engagement with our community.”

Most recently, Faber worked as a senior strategist for Byrum and Fisk Communications, supporting education, environmental and economic development clients in West Michigan with strategic communications and marketing services. Prior to Byrum and Fisk he was the executive director of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, leading several initiatives to improve volunteerism and funding for local parks.

Faber will lead communications and marketing efforts for DPW programs and services as well as build awareness around several facilities the DPW manages, including the South Kent Landfill, North Kent Transfer Station, Waste to Energy facility, the Recycling Facility, closed landfills and the future Sustainable Business Park.

“The DPW has an amazing story to tell,” Faber said. “Kent County has been a leader in waste management and reduction for decades. Kent County’s integrated waste management system provides an incredible opportunity to decrease our dependence on landfilling and find new solutions that protect our land, air and water.”

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