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WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE

The Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) is a multidisciplinary research organization within GVSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Named after Bob Annis, a self-taught inventor and businessman recognized for his expertise in precision instruments and magnetic devices, AWRI was started in 1986 under the leadership of Ron Ward.

The Institute moved from GVSU's main campus in Allendale to Muskegon in 2001. From its inception as a one-person operation to its current status of 65 people, AWRI has grown in size, scope, and influence. Directed by Alan Steinman since 2001, its mission is to integrate research, education, and outreach, to enhance and preserve freshwater resources.