DRAFT AGENDA ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:30 pm

VIA VIRTUAL MTG DUE TO COVID-19

Alliance of Downriver Watersheds	1.	 Welcome and Introductions a. Roll Call of Alliance Members and Alternates Present b. Introductions c. Addition or Changes to Draft Agenda d. Approval of September 9, 2020 meeting notes 	Action
Member Communities Allen Park Belleville Dearborn Heights	2.	b. Fiduciary Services Beyond 2021	Information Information Action
Ecorse Flat Rock	3.	Status Reports per ADW Budget Framework a. Overview of 2021 Tasks	
Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township		 b. Progress Evaluation Activities Update Monitoring Update & Grading Scale 2021 Monitoring Plan 	Information
Inkster Lincoln Park		c. IDEP Activities • Activities Update	Information
Melvindale Riverview Rockwood		 Collaborative IDEP communication d. Planning and Reporting EGLE watershed grant opportunity 	Information
Romulus Southgate		 Wayne County Stormwater Ordinance Update Permit update Public Education Tasks 	Information
Sumpter Township Taylor Van Buren Township		 Pledge Campaign Photo Contest & Calendar Status Update E-newsletter to Community Leaders 	
WayneCounty Westland	4.	Other Items and Announcements	Information
Woodhaven- Brownstown School		 a. City of Ecorse – Ecorse Creek improvement project b. 2021 Meeting Schedule –May 12, September 15, December 8 (if needed) 	(b
District Wyandotte	5. 6	,	Information Action
	6.	Adjourn	ALUUII



Allen Park Belleville **Dearborn Heights** Ecorse Flat Rock Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township Inkster Lincoln Park Melvindale Riverview Rockwood Romulus Southgate Sumpter Township Taylor Van Buren Township Wayne County Westland Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Wyandotte

Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Meeting Notes February 10, 2021 1:30 pm VIRTUAL MTG DUE TO COVID-19

1) Welcome: Jim Gorris from Gibraltar opened the meeting. In attendance were:

Designated or Alternate Community Representatives from:

- Allen Park Brent Florek
- Dearborn Heights John Selmi
- Ecorse Ashley Casey
- Flat Rock Brent Florek
- Gibraltar Jim Gorris
- Grosse Ile Brent Florek
- Lincoln Park John Kozuh
- Riverview Brent Florek
- Rockwood Brent Florek
- Taylor Kelly McRobb-Ackland
- Van Buren Township Matthew Best
- Wayne County Noel Mullett
- Westland Vicki Putala
- Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Brent Florek

Other Interested Parties:

- Bob Burns, FODR
- Dave Greco, Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco & McCauley
- Leah Groya, LivingLab
- Pam Labadie, HRWC
- Ric Lawson, HRWC
- Patrick McCauley, Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco & McCauley
- Andrew McDowell, Smith Group
- Valerie Novaes, OHM
- Andrea Paine, HRWC
- Erica Stevenson EGLE
- Elizabeth Thacker, OHM

OFFICIAL ACTIONS of the ADW taken at the meeting are shown in bold capitalized letters. *Action items* for the future are shown in bold italics.

1) Welcome and Introductions

- a. Roll call of Alliance Members and Alternates present roll call was performed and there was a quorum present.
- b. Introductions of meeting attendees
- c. Addition or changes to draft agenda there were no changes
- d. Approval of September 9, 2020 meeting notes ACTION: There was a motion by Grosse Ile Township to approve the September 9, 2020 meeting notes. Seconded by Gibraltar. Passed unanimously.

2) Finance Committee Report

- a. Financial Status Report
 - Noel Mullett presented the 2020 Financial Status Report. The report is not yet finalized as there are still several outstanding invoices for 2020. It is anticipated that \$176k minus the outstanding invoices will carry over into 2021.
 - Dues there are still several communities with outstanding dues for 2020. Woodhaven contacted the ADW to say that they will no longer be a member.
- b. Fiduciary Services Wayne County has served as the ADW's fiduciary since it was formed. Their current contract goes through the end of 2021. They are no longer able to continue this service due to lack of resources. The facilitation team will be preparing an RFP to secure a new fiduciary. Ideally the new fiduciary will be selected by the time budgeting begins for 2022 in the fall.
- c. Authorize Chair to sign 2021 facilitation services contract. ACTION: There was a motion by Lincoln Park to authorize the chair to sign the 2021 facilitation services contract. Seconded by Van Buren Twp. Passed unanimously.

3) Status Reports per ADW Budget Framework

- a. Overview of 2021 Tasks Vicki Putala reviewed the tasks planned for 2021. The key areas of focus are MS4 permit requirements (IDEP, PEP, monitoring), grants, and securing a new fiduciary.
- b. Progress Evaluation Activities Update Ric Lawson provided an update
 - Due to COVID, we were not able to get a full season of monitoring data. It is expected that there will be a full season in 2021 utilizing limited volunteers.
 - A grading scale is being developed to more easily interpret the data in the ADW. Grades will be presented based on past 5 years of data for Total Phosphorous, bacteria, and Total Suspended Solids.
 - Brent Florek asked if the monitoring site in Woodhaven would be moved since they are no longer a
 part of the ADW. *Ric will look into the Woodhaven site, although it may still make sense to
 keep it.*
- c. IDEP Activities
 - Noel Mullett reported that facility testing is still a challenge due to COVID. Dye testing in the priority areas had already been completed and there isn't an urgency to complete the testing in the lower priority areas. The ADW may instead try to narrow in on problem areas based on the *E. coli* data. *Noel and Ric will be working on coming up with a plan for 2021 IDEP efforts*.

- One of the tasks for 2021 is to review the Collaborative IDEP tasks with the ADW membership so members are aware of the tasks that they should be doing in house. A Zoom meeting will be set up to review those tasks with the member communities.
- d. Planning & Reporting
 - EGLE watershed grant opportunity
 - There is a new grant opportunity for watershed groups. Grants are a maximum award of \$40k with no local match required. Applications are due Feb 18.
 - The Tech/PE Committee met and discussed ideas. The committee recommended building on the projects identified in the SAW grant. It may be possible to use the project as a demo and remove barriers to implementing similar projects across the ADW.
 - Wayne County Stormwater Ordinance Update Wayne County was issued their MS4 permit as of October 1, 2020. The only item still outstanding is the stormwater ordinance. Updates will be provided.
 - Permit Update
 - Erica Stevenson reported that EGLE has hired 3 new staff members to assist with the MS4 permits.
 - Communities should expect to receive an email from Lansing with the public notice document and the permit to review (expect it by April 1). You will need to let EGLE know when your public comment period will start. Comment period will be open for a month.
 - The email will also provide a date of July 1 for communities to submit a draft ordinance to either adopt the Wayne County storm water standards or submit own standards. By October 1, cities will need to adopt an ordinance (townships have the option for regulatory mechanism).
 - ADW communities will have the same progress report schedule of April 1.
 - Public Education Campaign
 - A summary of the 2020 Photo Contest was provided. There were 97 participants and 273 photos submitted. Participation was up from 2018. Traffic to the ADW website also increased as a result of the contest.
 - Pledge Campaign an overview of the pledge campaign was given. The campaign will start on April 12 and end April 30. The campaign will target the Green Schools for an adopt-astorm drain pledge drive. Monetary prizes will be given to the schools with the greatest number of pledges.
 - E-newsletter to Community Leaders expect to publish an E-newsletter in the first half of 2021.

4) Other Items and Announcements

- City of Ecorse Ecorse Improvement project
 - Andy McDowell from the SmithGroup (waterfront planner for the City of Ecorse) presented plans for improvement along the waterfront in the City of Ecorse. The City has 4.6 miles of waterfront. Pepper Creek is a demonstration site that promotes stewardship and manages 3.88 acres of land. Other improvement projects are planned. In addition, the Ecorse Creek Committee has been organizing clean-up days. There is potential for the ADW to work with the committee in the future.

 Proposed 2021 Meeting Dates: The tentative 2021 full ADW meeting schedule is: May 12, September 15, and December 8 (if necessary)

5) Summary of Action Items and Other Announcements

- The action items, as identified above in bold/italics, were reviewed.
- 6) Adjourn

DRAFT AGENDA ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:30 pm

VIA VIRTUAL MTG DUE TO COVID-19

Alliance of Downriver Watersheds OURS TO PROTECT	1.	 Welcome and Introductions a. Roll Call of Alliance Members and Alternates Present b. Introductions c. Addition or Changes to Draft Agenda d. Approval of February 10, 2021 meeting notes 	Action
Member Communities	2.	Finance Committee Report	
Allen Park		a. 2020 Final Financial Status Report	Information
Belleville	3.	Status Reports per ADW Budget Framework	
Dearborn Heights		a. Progress Evaluation Activities Update	Information
Ecorse		b. IDEP Activities	Information
Flat Rock		Activities Update	
Gibraltar		Collaborative IDEP communication	
Grosse Ile Township		 Planning and Reporting EGLE grant application status 	Information
Inkster		Permit Update	
Lincoln Park		Wayne County Stormwater Ordinance Update	
Melvindale		Biennial Progress Report	
Riverview		d. Public Education Tasks	Information
Rockwood		Pledge Campaign	
Romulus		Photo Contest & Calendar Status Update	
Southgate		 E-newsletter to Community Leaders Virtual Stream Table 	
Sumpter Township			
Taylor	4.	Other Items and Announcements	Information
Van Buren Township		a. Fiduciary Services	
WayneCounty		b. 2021 Meeting Schedule –September 15, December 8 (if needed)	
Westland	5.	Summary of Action Items and Items for Next Meeting	Information
Woodhaven-	υ.	Communy of Action items and items for Next meeting	mormation
Brownstown School District	6.	Adjourn	Action

District Wyandotte



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Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Meeting Notes May 12, 2021 1:30 pm VIRTUAL MTG DUE TO COVID-19

1) Welcome: Jim Gorris from Gibraltar opened the meeting. In attendance were:

Designated or Alternate Community Representatives from:

- Allen Park
- Dearborn Heights
- Ecorse
- Flat Rock
- Gibraltar
- Grosse lle
- Lincoln Park
- Riverview
- Rockwood
- Romulus
- Taylor
- Van Buren Township
- Wayne County
- Westland
- Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
- Wyandotte

Other Interested Parties:

- Bob Burns, FODR
- Dave Greco, Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco & McCauley
- Leah Groya, LivingLab
- Pam Labadie, HRWC
- Ric Lawson, HRWC
- Patrick McCauley, Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco & McCauley
- Valerie Novaes, OHM
- Andrea Paine, HRWC
- Marisa Salice, HRWC
- Elizabeth Thacker, OHM

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- b. Introductions of meeting attendees
- c. Addition or changes to draft agenda there were no changes
- d. Approval of February 10, 2021 meeting notes ACTION: There was a motion by Lincoln Park to approve the February 10, 2021 meeting notes. Seconded by Wyandotte. Passed unanimously.

2) Finance Committee Report

- a. Financial Status Report
 - Noel Mullett presented the final 2020 Financial Status Report. There is approximately \$149k to carryover to next year. The main reason for the unspent funds is because COVID prohibited a number of tasks from being performed.
 - Dues All dues for 2020 have been paid

3) Status Reports per ADW Budget Framework

- a. Covid is still having some limitations on the monitoring program
 - HRWC had a successful April 21 River Roundup macroinvertebrate monitoring event. Nearly 80 volunteers participated, a few of whom were from Downriver. Volunteer involvement was limited due to COVID-19. The volunteers were able to successfully sample all the Lower Huron monitoring sites, including Huron River at Flat Rock, Bancroft Noles Drain, Woods Creek, and Port Creek. HRWC is supporting Wayne County with macroinvertebrate sampling. Expect to be at full capacity in the fall.
 - Water Chemistry and Flow monitoring volunteers involvement limited due to COVID so HRWC and Wayne County staff have been assisting. 9 long-term sites and 2 investigative sites.
 - Bacteria source tracking key finds all sites had markers for K9 sources, had 2 sites with bovine sources (suggests manure), 2 sites with human sources (low levels)
- b. IDEP Activities
 - Currently working on an IDEP strategy that focuses on additional sampling upstream of the sites that showed human sources in the bacteria tracking. Possible next steps: K9 detection, dye testing, etc.
 - Bob Burns mentioned that back in 2007 EGLE did sampling as part of the TMDL and found very high counts tied to an old mobile home park, CSOs, sanitary failures. Ric Lawson will be looking into the TMDL data.
 - Elizabeth Thacker reminded the membership of the Collaborative IDEP materials that were developed to assist communities in the IDEP tasks that they should be performing.
- c. Planning & Reporting
 - EGLE watershed grant opportunity The ADW submitted a grant application from a new EGLE funding source for a green infrastructure project in Riverview (one of the projects identified in the SAW Stormwater Management Plan). Still waiting to hear if the project was chosen.

- Wayne County Stormwater Ordinance Update -
 - It's anticipated that Wayne County will be taking their stormwater ordinance to their board for adoption in June.
 - The facilitation team is looking into providing sample ordinance language for communities to adopt the standards
- Permit Update no update
- Biennial Progress Report
 - Most ADW communities have a progress report due Nov 1
 - o Anticipate the report format to be similar to the last report and must be submitted in MiWaters
 - ADW will summarize the ADW activities and provide directions and place holders for you to update with your own community-specific information.
- d. Public Education Tasks
 - Pledge Campaign
 - 1,235 pledges were made from 23 Green Schools in the ADW. Drove 1300 visitors to the ADW website. The ADW will be able to utilize 1,235 email addresses for future communication and outreach.
 - o There will be a followup survey to look for ways to improve and track actions
 - The Final report will be complete in June and available in pdf form
 - The next steps are to notify winning schools, send prizes, and prepare the final report
 - Photo Contest/Calendar
 - Will be developing the 2022 calendar this year. Calendar will be developed in the summer and distributed in October.
 - Pam Labadie asked that communities look at the quantities that they've received in the past and notify her by June 1 if they'd like those quantities adjusted.
 - E-newsletter
 - o E-newsletter targeted toward community reps, elected officials, community staff, etc.
 - Will feature projects, tips, and announcements
 - Let Marisa Salice know if you'd like your community to be highlighted in a future Enewsletter.
 - Virtual Stream Table
 - The ADW has been supporting the Green Schools with educational programming.
 - The stream table experience has been transferred to a virtual field trip targeted at grades 2-4.
 - Cost is significantly less per field trip now that it's virtual. Therefore, we're able to offer it to a wide variety and number of schools (first come basis).

4) Other Items and Announcements

- Fiduciary Services
 - \circ The RFP for fiduciary services will be posted soon. ADW communities are eligible to apply.
 - Patrick McCauley will be asked to do a review of the RFP before posting.
- Mayor Jim Gorris announced that he will not be running for reelection and after November will no longer be able to serve as Chair of the ADW.
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 15 (2022 budget approval). *Note, this meeting was rescheduled for October 18.*

5) Summary of Action Items and Other Announcements

• The action items, as identified above in bold/italics, were reviewed.

6) Adjourn

DRAFT AGENDA ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS Monday, October 18, 2021

1:30 pm

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Alliance of Downriver Watersheds	1.	 Welcome and Introductions a. Roll Call of Alliance Members and Alternates Present b. Introductions c. Addition or Changes to Draft Agenda d. Approval of May 12, 2021 meeting notes 	Action
Member Communities Allen Park Belleville Dearborn Heights Ecorse Flat Rock Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township	2. 3. 4.	Finance Committee Report a. 2021 Financial Status Report b. 2022 Budget/dues c. Bylaws Update d. Fiduciary Services Mayor Gorris Retirement Officer Elections	Information Action Action Action
Inkster	5.	Post-Construction/Wayne County SW Ordinance Update (EGLE)	
Lincoln Park	01		
Melvindale	6.	Presentation – John Hartig, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy	
Riverview Rockwood Romulus Southgate Sumpter Township Taylor Van Buren Township WayneCounty Westland Woodhaven- Brownstown School District	7.	 Status Reports per ADW Budget Framework a. Progress Evaluation Activities Update b. IDEP Activities a. Activities Update a. Upcoming SEMCOG Training Opportunities c. Planning and Reporting a. Biennial Progress Report d. Public Education Tasks a. Pledge Campaign b. Photo Contest & Calendar Status Update a. E-newsletter to Community Leaders b. Virtual Stream Table 	Information Information Information Information
Wyandotte	8.	Other Items and Announcements a. 2022 Meeting Schedule – February 16, May 11, September 21, Decem	Information ber 7 (if needed)
	9.	Summary of Action Items and Items for Next Meeting	Information
	10.	Adjourn	Action



Allen Park Belleville **Dearborn Heights** Ecorse Flat Rock Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township Inkster Lincoln Park Melvindale Riverview Rockwood Romulus Southgate Sumpter Township Taylor Van Buren Township Wayne County Westland Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Wyandotte

Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Meeting Notes October 18, 2021 1:30 pm VIRTUAL MTG DUE TO COVID-19

1) Welcome: Jim Gorris from Gibraltar opened the meeting. In attendance were:

Designated or Alternate Community Representatives from:

- Allen Park Brent Florek
- Dearborn Heights Ali Dib, Robert Conrad
- Ecorse Ashley Casey
- Flat Rock Brent Florek
- Gibraltar Jim Gorris, Brent Florek
- Grosse Ile Brent Florek
- Lincoln Park John Kozuh
- Riverview Brent Florek
- Rockwood Brent Florek
- Romulus Kathy Hood
- Taylor Kelly McRobb Ackland
- Wayne County Noel Mullett
- Westland Vicki Putala
- Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Brent Florek
- Wyandotte Greg Mayhew

Other Interested Parties:

- Christe Alwin, EGLE
- Bob Burns, FODR
- Christine Caddick, EGLE
- Jack Cotrone, EGLE
- Jessica DiMilia, EGLE
- Leah Groya, LivingLAB
- Pam Labadie, HRWC
- Ric Lawson, HRWC
- Valerie Novaes, OHM
- Marisa Salice, HRWC
- Kathleen Sexton, EGLE
- Elizabeth Thacker, OHM

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- b. Introductions of meeting attendees
- c. Addition or changes to draft agenda there were no changes
- d. Approval of May 12, 2021 meeting notes ACTION: There was a motion by Wyandotte to approve the May 12, 2021 meeting notes. Seconded by Gibraltar. Passed unanimously.

2) Finance Committee Report

- a. Financial Status Report
 - Currently there is approximately \$185k left to be spent in the 2021 budget. There may still be outstanding invoices through September. Details are provided in the handout.
 - Dues Westland has outstanding dues for 2021 (\$2897.25)
- b. 2022 Budget and Dues
 - The proposed budget and tasks for 2022 was reviewed. Also included is the anticipated 2023 budget provided for planning purposes.
 - The total proposed 2022 budget is \$304,200. It is anticipated that at least \$42k will carryover from 2021.
 - The typical dues with a 10% increase will meet the budget with the anticipated carryover.
 - The dues distribution was recalculated based on updates to membership and overall increase of 10%.
 - ACTION: There was a motion by Grosse lle to approve the 2022 budget and updated 2022 dues as presented (10% overall increase and distribution updated). Seconded by Wyandotte. Passed unanimously.

c. Bylaws Update

• Proposed change to the bylaws included:

1) Removed restrictions to electronic voting 2) Allow the ADW at its discretion to vote to approve a 2 year budget if the majority of the Membership votes to do so 3) Removed references to Wayne County as fiduciary, and allows for the County to still provide in-kind services to the ADW 4) Establishes that fiduciary will be contracted on a 2 year basis

- ACTION: There was a motion by Allen Park to approve the changes to the bylaws as presented. Seconded by Lincoln Park. Passed unanimously.
- d. Fiduciary Services
 - There was one proposal submitted by HRWC for fiduciary services. The bid amount was \$14,765/year plus \$10k for an audit.
 - The Watershed Alliance Act requires an audit every other year.
 - The new services would start Jan 1, 2022 and be for 2 years.
 - ACTION: There was a motion by Wyandotte to approve HRWC's proposal for fiduciary services. Seconded by Gibraltar. Passed unanimously.

3) Mayor Gorris Retirement

- A huge thank you to Mayor Gorris for his many years of service and contributions to the ADW.
- The ADW wished Mayor Gorris best wishes on his retirement.

4) Officer Elections

- Kathy Hood from Romulus was nominated as Chair of the ADW. This was approved unanimously by membership.
- Treasurer the ADW will need a new treasurer. Noel can assist through the end of this fiscal year.
- Vice-Chair the ADW is in need of a Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair can be a consultant serving as representative of alternate.

5) Post -Construction/Wayne County SW Ordinance Update

- Representatives from EGLE presented an update on the post-construction portion of the permit.
- There is not a one-size-fits-all for adopting post-construction standards some communities may need a resolution while others may need an ordinance.
- EGLE staff encourage that you don't reference dates to make it easier moving forward.
- Do not move forward with passing an ordinance before you get comments from EGLE.
- EGLE cannot technically approve extension requests but they do have compliance discretion and encourage you to submit a timeline for adopting standards.
- EGLE also provided a monitoring update the downriver area was a priority for monitoring last year. It was a tricky season due to the weather. Some sites will be looked at in 2022.

6) <u>Presentation – John Hartig, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy</u>

- John Hartig made a presentation titled "Sustaining the Revival of the Detroit River and its Watersheds"
- The presentation provided a history of pollution of the Detroit River
- Ecological recovery and habitat restoration was highlighted.
- Great Lakes Way, a vision for the Great Lakes was also highlighted. The downriver area is part of this vision that includes 156 miles of blueways and 160 miles of greeways from Port Huron to Toledo.

6) Status Reports per ADW Budget Framework

- a. Progress Evaluation/IDEP Activities Update
 - Wayne County provide a written report
 - Ric Lawson provided an update on the K9 activities to identify human sources of E. coli.
 - The facilitation team will be coming up with a plan of how to move forward. Noel Mullett indicated it may be time to pull in local communities as we narrow down areas of focus.
- b. Public Education Tasks
 - Pledge Campaign 85% of participants indicated they will adopt a storm drain. Overall project was a success. A final report is included in the packet.
 - Photo Contest/Calendar Calendars have been printed and were distributed last week. Please plan to distribute. The photo contest will be starting in 2022.
 - E-newsletter a newsletter will be coming out in December. Let Marisa Salice know if there is anything in your community that you'd like highlighted.

8) Other Items and Announcements

• 2022 Meeting Schedule – February 16, May 11, September 21, December 7 (if needed)

9) Summary of Action Items and Other Announcements

- The action items, as identified above in bold/italics, were reviewed.
- 10) Adjourn