

MEETING AGENDA
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Technical / Public Education Committee Meeting

February 4, 2021
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review Agenda**
- 3. Pledge Campaign Update**
- 4. Housekeeping**
 - a. 2020 invoicing
 - b. 2020 Member Invoices and Outstanding Dues
 - c. Woodhaven Left ADW
 - d. 2021 Contracts
- 5. EGLE Grant Application Update + Assignments**
- 6. Develop Agenda for 2/10 Full ADW Meeting**
- 7. Brief Updates (if any)**
 - a. Permit Applications – timeline and 'to do' list to ADW members
 - b. WC Post Construction Ordinance
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 - f. Other IDEP and Monitoring Activities – including e. coli tracking
 - g. Collaborative GSI
 - h. 2022 Fiduciary Services
- 8. Next Meeting**

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Attendees: Vicki Putala, OHM; Valerie Novaes, OHM; Elizabeth Thacker, OHM; Ric Lawson, HRWC; Pam Labadie, HRWC; Eric Eckl, Water Words that Work; Moyna Moore, Wayne County; John Deslippe, OHM; Mayor Gorris, Chair/Gibraltar

1. Pledge Campaign Update

- Eric Eckl from Water Words that Work presented the general plan for the pledge campaign. Getting ready to reach out to schools on the target list. Calling the campaign “Schools for Clean Water” so that we leave the door open for other topics in the future. One of the great assets of the campaign will be collecting email addresses that can be used to reach out to residents. Campaign will run April 12-30 (avoids Spring Break and incorporates Earth Day/Arbor Day). Schools – will reach out to 22 Green Schools for 1st year. \$5000 in prizes will be awarded. Will be creating a new section on the ADW website and purchasing a URL dedicated to the program. Follow-up survey to be conducted. COVID will not affect the campaign because it’s completely virtual.

2. Housekeeping

- **2020 Invoices-** With the exception of January, all have been paid. The last invoices will be going out soon and then we’ll be able to close out 2020. Lab invoices should be going out at the beginning of next week.
- **2020 Member Invoices and Outstanding Dues** – Still outstanding are Melvindale and Belleville. *Elizabeth will draft a letter to Melvindale and Belleville to remind them of the collaborative permit pieces.*
- **Woodhaven Left ADW** – Woodhaven forwarded a letter to Mayor Gorris stating that they had pulled out of the ADW. *Elizabeth will contact Erica Stevenson to get a status on their permit.*
- **2021 Contracts** – Contracts are almost ready to be signed. We will need a vote at the full ADW meeting to allow Mayor Gorris to sign the facilitation contract.
- **Miscellaneous** –
 - *Elizabeth to check to see when ADW officers need to be elected again.*
 - At the full ADW meeting, have a PowerPoint presentation to go over the 2021 tasks that shows what we’re doing and why (what tasks go toward the permit requirements)

- 3. EGLE Grant application** - Obstacle is fitting a project into a \$40k budget. Currently project in Melvindale is at the top of the list based on the criteria. Project would include implementation as well as a demonstration site. There is an opportunity to work collaboratively with FOTR, HRWC, CRWC, and possibly FODR where \$2500 for each group to incorporate one of the tasks into the other watersheds. Downside is that budget is already limited. Bios for grant – keep staffing small and best qualifications. Should include an engineer and public ed expert. John to lead grant application.



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4. Brief Updates

- **E-Newsletter** – have proposed content. Draft layout coming for Tech/PE committee to review.
- **Leadership Presentations** – Start reaching back out to communities that were targeted for last year.
- **Monitoring** – lab working with us again. Working on setting volunteers for monitoring.
- **Fiduciary Services** – OHM met with Jim and Matt. Based on their input, we can work through any perceived conflicts. Based on HRWC interest, cannot include them in fiduciary discussions so as not to provide any inside information.

5. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021 from 1:30 – 3:30pm via virtual Zoom platform. Anyone that would like to attend, please email leah@livinglabdetroit.com to be added to the list.

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- c. 2021 Contracts
- d. Woodhaven Permit Status & Monitoring Location
- e. Biennial Report Timing/EGLE Coordination
- f. ADW officer elections

4. Brief Updates (if any)

- a. EGLE Grant Application
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- c. WC Post Construction Ordinance
- d. Coal Tar Education – Finalize Brochure
- e. Pledge Campaign – April 12-30
- f. Stream Table
- g. ADW Branding and Website
- h. ADW Leadership Communication – E-newsletter + Presentations
- i. Content to Inspire ADW member Engagement
- j. Regional Partnerships
 - i. SEMCOG One Water Campaign
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1. Housekeeping

- **Invoicing-** All invoices have been processed for 2020. \$30k-ish of 2020 is outstanding. 2021 Contracts are in place and executed.
- **2020 Outstanding Dues and 2021 Member Invoices** – All are paid for 2020. 2021 member invoices will go out soon. A 2020 Financial Status report was sent out by Wayne County. **OHM will determine what is the final 2020 carry over vs. what we thought it might be?**
- **Woodhaven Left ADW** – Erica Stevenson from EGLE confirmed that Woodhaven is out of the ADW.
- **Biennial Report Timing/EGLE Coordination** – Van Buren had reached out to OHM indicating their new permit noted their biennial report was due soon. After researching and back and forth with EGLE, EGLE revised Van Buren's deadlines to align with the ADW. Biennial Reports are due November 2021 and then April 1, 2023. **Leah will put together a schedule for the team to complete the Biennial reports.**
- **ADW Officer Elections** – The next officer elections will take place in February 2022.

2. Brief Updates

- **EGLE Grant Application – Melvindale** – no word on the application from EGLE yet.
- **Collaborative IDEP Mtg** – **OHM meeting with ADW afternoon of May 4th to be sure they're doing what they're supposed to be doing for their permit obligations.**
- **WC Post Construction Ordinance** – starting its way through the County Commission soon – straightening out some formatting issues.
- **Pledge Campaign** – slated to run from April 12-30. A package of e-materials is being developed for ADW members to help spread the word. i.e. flyers, social media posts, etc. Pam is also doing a press release.
- **Virtual Stream Table** – stream table vouchers were budgeted for in 2021 but not able to do them due to COVID. UofM has developed a virtual field trip package for grades 2-4 for \$75/classroom. Wayne County, HRWC and UofM Team met to discuss. Suggestion is to offer to all 2020 and 2021 green elementary schools on a first come, first served basis. **Leah and Pam will review the virtual materials before sending email out to the green schools to offer ADW to pay for virtual stream tables.**



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- **ADW Branding/Website** – HRWC spoke in general about looking at the website to keep things more up to date. Suggested mentioning and promoting the 2 cooperating partners – HRWC and Friends of the Detroit River; update Val's name in place of Vicki's name; list Matt Best as Acting Treasurer. The logo icons have also been updated and style guide created.
- **E-Newsletter** – solid contact list has been developed. Template ideas have been developed and meeting with a graphic designer. **Draft will be done by end of April for facilitation team review.** Working toward June delivery.
- **Leadership Presentations** – **Elizabeth will reach back out to communities to gauge interest.**
- **Partnerships** – **Pam will reach out to John Hartig to see if he'd be willing to give a shortened version of his presentation on soft shoreline progress over the decades at the next Full ADW meeting on May 12th.**

The SEMCOG One Water Campaign is in its 3rd year. The Great Lakes Fresh Water Week is June 5-13. SEMCOG is looking for potential regional stories to highlight. The group brainstormed and the IDEP/Monitoring story could be interesting with volunteers, data, school involvement and maps. **Pam will reach out to SEMCOG.**

- **IDEP/Monitoring** –
 - HRWC is moving forward with water chemistry and flow monitoring. DUWA will run samples again for the ADW this year. There is a smaller group of volunteers this year but more than last year. The e.coli tracking data was from 5 sites. 2 Ecorse sites indicate human markers. Looking to do follow up on those sites. All 5 sites were positive for canine sources. **Ric will share relevant ADW info to the Technical Team.**
 - The Woodhaven monitoring location is a long-term site and we'd like to keep it even though Woodhaven left the ADW.
 - Budget was moved from IDEP to OHM to do a pilot for a continuous sensor in the ADW along the Frank & Poet Drain near Park Avenue. Site ADW01. It was chosen because of TMDL for Biota, temp, DO, turbidity, Ph, conductivity. It will be installed toward the end of April and left in for a few months to determine the value.
 - WC is doing dry weather screening in Van Buren and collected a few samples.
- **Collaborative GSI** – An RFP is out for businesses to do a market analysis and business plan development for products and services. Getting good foundation support for the effort. Regional residential rain garden course will be developed.
- **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2021 from 10:00am - 12pm via virtual Zoom platform. Anyone that would like to attend, please email leah@livinglabdetroit.com to be added to the list.

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- 3. ARC/ADW Collab Re Wayne County SW Standards – Annette DeMaria**
- 4. Housekeeping**
 - a. EGLE MS4 Staff Change – Marty Hendges
 - b. 2021 invoicing
 - c. 2020 Carryover
 - d. Wayne County Dues Assessment for 2022 (bylaws)
- 5. Brief Updates (if any)**
 - a. EGLE Grant Application
 - b. Collaborative IDEP Mtg with Members
 - c. Biennial Report Schedule (due Nov 1 via MiWaters)
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 - l. 2022 Fiduciary Services
 - i. Bylaws allow member to receive credit for services
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1. ARC/ADW Collaboration Re Wayne County SW Standards

Annette DeMaria (ARC) attended the meeting to indicate interest in what we can collectively do to support ARC and ADW members in adopting the new WC Standards or modifying them to meet individual needs. The ARC communities are a little bit ahead in their permit cycle and have due dates in their permits to adopt the standards or do their own standards. ADW communities have or will have the same type of language. It was decided that **OHM will take the lead in developing template language to for ADW communities to use to adopt the WC Stormwater Standards when they are ready to do so.** The WC Ordinance is in que to be on the Committee on Public Services agenda next week and then go to the full Commission. It's hopeful it moves through the process quickly but it's unknown.

A brief discussion took place that there are likely other opportunities for the two organizations to collaborate. It was decided we should try to meet with one another at least once/year to discuss coordination. **Leah will schedule something for late June between ARC and ADW to discuss further. HRWC will reach out to Annette directly to coordinate as well.**

2. Housekeeping

- **EGLE staff change** – Erica has moved positions within EGLE. For the time being, Marty Hendges is the EGLE staff contact for the ADW.
- **Invoicing-** \$30k-ish of 2020 invoicing is outstanding and working through the WC process in addition to the 1st 2021 invoice.
- **2020 carryover** – WC sent over a final 2020 Financial report showing approximately \$149k under budget and available for carryover into 2021.

3. Brief Updates

- **EGLE Grant Application – Melvindale** – no word on the application from EGLE yet.
- **Collaborative IDEP Mtg** – OHM and HRWC met with the ADW members on May 4th to be sure they're doing what they're supposed to be doing for their permit obligations and remind them of available forms and resources to use for documentation. **OHM will send ADW members an email with reminders about what each member should be doing to meet their permit requirements.**
- **Biennial Report** – Leah reported out that her and Elizabeth had been coordinating with eachother and with EGLE/Marty to better understand requirements of the Biennial Reports that are due November. EGLE indicated they will again be submitted via MiWaters but the latest version is not yet released. Expecting it to be very similar to the last reporting requirements. Will need to cover the time period since the last report and both the old and new permits. Leah also shared the page of the new permits that addresses the reporting requirements. **Leah will send to team the permit page and the last Biennial Report for reference as well as establish the reporting time period/dates to cover (October 2019-September 2021)**



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- **Pledge Campaign** – ran from April 12-30. 1,235 pledges received which all are happy about given it's the first year and only Green Schools were targeted. A few slides were shared showing the winning schools, some of the social media posts, news articles, etc. The team is working through notifying the winners, modifying the website, and completing a final report.
- **Virtual Stream Table** – stream table vouchers were budgeted for in 2021 but not able to do them due to COVID. Leah reviewed the UofM virtual field trip package for grades 2-4. It is \$75/classroom. The ADW offered the virtual field trip to all 2018-2021 Green Elementary Schools.
- **E-Newsletter** – solid contact list has been developed. An e-newsletter has been drafted and will be sent out to the team soon for feedback prior to it being sent out to the ADW member leadership.
- **Partnerships** – SEMCOG One Water Campaign staff will be videoing Mayor Gorris, Sue Thompson and Andrea Paine to capture the story of the ADW Monitoring program. Leah developed talking points for the speakers and Pam has connected SEMCOG and the speakers. John Hartig is not available to speak on soft shoreline efforts this month, but could likely do it at the September Full ADW Meeting.
- **IDEP/Monitoring** –
 - HRWCs water chemistry and flow monitoring has wrapped up – worked with a small group of volunteers at 9 long-term sites and 2 investigative sites. They are also redeploying some sensor nodes and working to install them at each of the locations.
 - Val will set up quick call with Ric, Noel and Sue Thompson to coordinate optimal location for the new pilot sensor to be installed.
- **Collaborative GSI** – Received 5 responses on the RFP to do a market analysis and business plan development for products and services. Getting good foundation support for the effort. Regional residential rain garden course will be developed for next Spring.
- **2022 Fiduciary Services** – OHM is meeting next week with Mayor Gorris and Matt Best to finalize RFP and discuss needed bylaw changes. Elizabeth will reach out to Patrick to clarify if the bylaw modifications can be approved at an ADW meeting.
- **PPP Plan Public Notice Role** – Pam noted that the PPP includes language that the ADW will help notify public notices of new permits on the ADW website. OHM will follow up to determine who has their permits and where notices are. Pam will update the website to provide links to them.
- **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for **June 16, 2021 from 10:00am - 12pm** via virtual Zoom platform. Anyone that would like to attend, please email leah@livinglabdetroit.com to be added to the list. The next meeting agenda will include beginning discussions for the next two-year budget.

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- **EGLE staff change** –Marty Hendges is retiring. New EGLE staff contact for the ADW is Christine Caddick caddickc@michigan.gov or 248-508-1072.
- **Invoicing-** \$30k-ish of 2020 invoicing continues to be outstanding and working through the WC process/AP Department. No 2021 invoices have been paid by WC to date.
- **September Full ADW Meeting** – Next meeting is September 15th. This will be Mayor Gorris' last meeting prior to retiring. Leah will inquire with WT about having the meeting in person with a virtual video option. Drinks? Cookies? Pam will check with John Hartig about speaking virtually. OHM will confirm that Jim Gorris can attend 9/15 mtg and also take care of card/giftcard.
- **2021 Carryover** – Elizabeth will ask Moina @ Wayne County for balance of 2021 ADW budget to identify how much of 2021 budget will carryover to 2022.

2. Two-Year Budget Planning Discussion

Elizabeth distributed a spreadsheet with previous years budgets and estimates/tasks for next 2 years. The facilitation team walked discussed each Task. A few notes from the discussion include:

- Market virtual stream table program in Fall – will likely have carry over of funds
- Talk with ARC, Cranbrooks, Metroparks, etc. to think about programs to fund in order to get into the school classrooms.
- Fund field trips to Detroit Water Festival? Or to International Wildlife Refuge? Metroparks Interpretive programs?
- Pam will reach out to Cranbrook, Metroparks, Refuge to see what opportunities might exist.
- Pam will reach out to WWTW to get a budget for pledge campaign for next 2 years – using same adopt storm drain message.
- Elizabeth will look at M. Flowers research to see which signs need to be replaced and will identify print shops to get quotes for fabricating and installing signs using private vendors. Will also discuss coordinating with ARC.
- Noel will email OHM what the effort was that WC was doing for monitoring so OHM can understand who and how much. Keep budgets the same – just figure out who will do what to accomplish the work.
- Pam will clarify with WT website costs for pledge campaign and keep website facilitation line item in for basic updates.
- Pam will confirm if ADW is required to do public survey for permits.
- Elizabeth will modify budget spreadsheet for discussion and email it and associated text out to the team for continued review and refinement. Finalize at next PE Tech Meeting.

3. Brief Updates

- Meeting time ran short and Brief Updates were not able to be given. Will be discussed at next PE Tech Meeting.
- A collaboration meeting with ARC staff is scheduled for 6/24. Items to discuss include road crossing signs, in school programs, stormwater ordinance/template and public survey.



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Attendees: Valerie Novaes, OHM; Elizabeth Thacker, OHM; Ric Lawson, HRWC; Pam Labadie, HRWC; Andrea Paine, HRWC; Mayor Gorris, Chair/Gibraltar; Noel Mullett, Wayne County; Leah Groya, livingLAB

1. Housekeeping

- **Invoicing/Payments-** 2020 payments have been received and paid. 2021 first two invoices have been paid by WC. May/June invoices are outstanding but approved by ADW.
- **September Full ADW Meeting** – Next meeting is September 15th. This will be Mayor Gorris' last meeting prior to retiring. **Mayor Gorris will call Matt Best to see if he'll volunteer as the next Chairperson.** Potentials to fill Matt's spot include Kathy Hood from Romulus and John Kozuh from Lincoln Park.

2. Two-Year Budget Planning Discussion (Cont'd from last meeting)

Elizabeth distributed the latest spreadsheet with previous years budgets and estimates/tasks for next 2 years. A few notes from the discussion include:

- Pam described conversations with Water Words That Work and idea to just do green schools for the next pledge campaign but also understand the budget to do all 120 schools in ADW if grant money could be secured to do so.
- Pam reduced down some of the other line items in the PEP category
- Signage – 5 existing signs need replaced
- **Pam will get fleshed out descriptions for the PEP items.**
- Fiduciary Services – placeholder budget until proposals come in from RFP.
- Some discussion about whether or not dues would need to be raised to cover costs of permit required activities. Also want to be sure to look to grants to cover some of the differences between budget and dues.
- Dues formulas will need to be updated eventually with new census data.
- ARC has done a 2% dues increase for the past few years. What would be more palatable in ADW, a small increase overtime or one large increase?
- **OHM will schedule meeting with Executive Committee in mid to late-August to review 2-year plan prior to sending out to full ADW.**
- **All text updates for the budget write up need to be to Elizabeth by August 2nd.**



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3. Brief Updates

- Biennial Report (10/2019 – 9/2021) – due November 1st via MiWaters. Get draft sections to Leah by end of August to start compiling.
- WC Post Construction Ordinance – on August 5th Commission agenda at earliest
- Adoption Template – lagging behind County Ordinance adoption
- Checks were sent to the awardees of the Pledge Campaign
- John Hartig is planning to attend the September ADW meeting for 30 minutes virtual presentation.
- Willow Metropark is doing shoreline restoration and may want to talk about their project at a future meeting - January 2022??
- **Add Metroparks to e-newsletter list**
- **HRWC reach out to Metroparks for January 19th ADW meeting**
- IDEP/Monitoring – HRWC is assessing a pond at Willow Metropark to recommend what should be done. E.coli – looking at September for investigating along Ecorse Creek with a dog team.
- Collaborative GSI – SE Michigan mapping interface tool illustrating GSI in the region. About to kickoff Business Plan development process with consultant.
- Bylaws modifications – voting at September meeting. **OHM will send out mid-August for comments by membership and finalize language.**
- E-newsletter went out June 1st. Should have come from info@alliance address. Next one will go out in September.
- Town Hall – Debbie Dingell held 7/14/21. Talking about riverfront properties and future uses of the sites. Dingell is pushing to bring downriver communities together to address infrastructure and cleanups, superfund sites, etc. **OHM will draft a letter for ADW letterhead for Mayor Gorris signature to send to Dingell's office to introduce to ADW and willingness to stay involved.**
- Fiduciary Services RFP was extended to July 21st
- **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for **September 22, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** via virtual Zoom platform. Anyone that would like to attend, please email leah@livinglabdetroit.com to be added to the list.
- **Biennial Report Meeting** – scheduled for August 25th, 8:30 – 10 for Noel, Ric, Pam, Elizabeth, Leah and Andrea to get together and coordinate.

MEETING AGENDA
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Technical / Public Education Committee Meeting
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1:00 pm

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- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review Agenda**
- 3. Housekeeping**
 - a. 2020 & 2021 payments and invoicing
 - b. Mayor Gorris Retirement from ADW
- 4. Biennial Report (due to ADW Oct 1; due to EGLE Nov 1)**
- 5. Brief Updates (if any)**
 - a. WC Post Construction Ordinance
 - b. ARC/ADW WC Ordinance Adoption Template
 - c. ARC/ADW Collaboration Meeting – October 14th @ 9:00am
 - d. ADW Leadership Communication – E-newsletter + Presentations
 - e. ADW Calendars
 - f. Regional Partnerships
 - i. SEMCOG One Water Campaign - Video
 - ii. John Hartig Presentation – September ADW Meeting
 - g. IDEP and Monitoring Activities – including e. coli tracking
 - h. Collaborative GSI
 - i. 2022 Fiduciary Services
- 6. Next Meeting**

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1. Housekeeping

- **Invoicing/Payments-** May/June invoices are outstanding but approved by ADW.
- **September Full ADW Meeting** – Next meeting was rescheduled to October 18th in the afternoon. *Elizabeth will confirm with Brent and then sound out zoom evite to ADW members.* Fiduciary services will be on voted on at the October meeting.
- **Officers** – Jim Gorris is retiring from Gibraltar in November. Just also heard that Matt Best is leaving Van Buren Township. *OHM will draft an email for Mayor Gorris to send out to ADW to encourage folks to step up to be the Chair and Vice Chair.*

2. Biennial Report

ADW member Biennial Reports are due November 1st via MiWaters. The team that's been working on drafting the various collaborative sections discussed the drafts in detail, made edits together and discussed approach and responses. Various updates will be made by the team members based on the discussion. *Leah will work to get the Biennial report sections out to the ADW by October 1st as attachments via email from Elizabeth.*

3. Brief Updates

- HRWC, Wayne County and a canine team completed field investigation research on areas along the Ecorse Creek. Generally, the results are not particularly helpful because the dog 'hit positive' on almost every location. A few of the locations were 'hotter' than others and will be investigated further.
- The water quality sensor does not have a permit from Wayne County yet to place it. It will likely not be installed until Spring.
- The latest e-newsletter had an improved open rate – up 10% and a slightly increased click rate. The next one will go out in December.
- Pam is trying to find programming to support the Green Schools program. The Metroparks has proposed field trips and in school delivery of programming in field trips are not permitted. *Pam will review with Leah, Marisa and Sue and make a recommendation for moving forward.*

- 4. Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for **November 16, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** via virtual Zoom platform. Anyone that would like to attend, please email leah@livinglabdetroit.com to be added to the list.