

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS**  
**Technical / Public Education Committee Meeting**

August 22, 2024

1:00pm Virtual



**Member Communities**

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

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**Attendees:** Valerie Novaes, OHM; Elizabeth Thacker, OHM; Andrea Paine, HRWC; Pam Labadie, HRWC; Maaike Wielenga, HRWC; Leah Groya, Consultant; Mary Trzeciak, OHM; Brent Florek, Charles Raines Co.; Kelly McRobb-Ackland, Wade Trim; Noel Mullet, ECT; McKenzi Waliczek, Friends of Detroit River; Tony Burdick, Sumpter Township

- **Housekeeping**

- **Invoicing** – All invoices and payments are flowing smoothly

- **Permit Applications + Collaborative Plans (TMDL/IDEP/PEP)**

- Michigan/SEMCOG group of MS4s met including ARC, ADW, Middle Huron, Grand, Lansing, Kalamazoo Area. All are on same page related to discomfort with EGLE e.coli focus and wet weather monitoring.
- SEMCOG is reaching out to the Center for Watershed Protection to discuss and also investigating legal requirements under Phase II sections of Clean Water Act to see how other states are interpreting rules.
- Middle Huron partners met and EGLE was no longer going to require we weather sampling for TMDL Monitoring Plan. EGLE has scoring criteria of how they measure TMDL Plans to track degree partners are working.
- **Val will call Christy Alman and say we're hearing that EGLE may be pivoting from wet weather screening requirements and should ADW remove from submitted TMDL Plan now.**

- **2025 ADW Budget Schedule**

- Elizabeth shared draft budget worksheet and reviewed with the attendees. We will propose to the ADW to keep outfall screening out of the ADW budget but offer the service if any ADW members need/want it (out of their own budgets).
- In an early 2025 ADW Full meeting we should discuss if the ADW desires to do a larger overhaul of the ADW website in 2026 including whether it should be more public facing as opposed to a repository as it was setup.
- **OHM will edit the budget based on discussion today and send it back out to the team. Also will calculate dues increase to hit proposed budget, highlight potential areas for savings. At full ADW meeting in October, present budget to ADW and ask where the facilitation team can best support the members. What are their greatest needs?**

- **Updates**

- Get any E-news comments to Maaike by August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ADW displays are at Dearborn Heights Library until September and there is no additional ADW budget to move it around to other locations this year.
- 182 photos were submitted to the photo contest to date. Winners will be selected in early September.
- Schools for Clean Water Contest is October 14<sup>th</sup> - October 28<sup>th</sup>. 18 schools signed up thus far via early registration.
- Gibraltar has their EGLE Audit next week

**The next PE/Tech meeting will be held September 25, 2024 at 9:30am (virtual).**