

ROUGE RIVER COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PPP)



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Subject: RE: ARC PPP Plan Update
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:04:20 PM

Annette,

I approve of the update. Thanks.

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Subject: ARC PPP Plan Update

Marty, we seek your approval on the Rouge Rive Collaborative PPP plan. The only update is to include Schoolcraft College.

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March 28, 2017

Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

Ms. Brandy Siedlaczek
Chair, Alliance of Rouge Communities
Storm Water Manager, City of Southfield
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Dear Ms. Siedlaczek:

SUBJECT: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Application
Rouge River Collaborative Public Education Plan (PEP)
Rouge River Collaborative Public Participation / Involvement Program (PPP)
PEP / PPP Approval Letter

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Resources Division (WRD) received the revised Rouge River Collaborative Public Education Plan (PEP) and revised Collaborative Public Participation / Involvement Program (PPP), both dated January 2017. The revised PPP and PEP were submitted in response to our review comments provided by letter dated November 9, 2016. Subsequently, following additional review and comments communicated by conference call with Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) staff, we also received a third draft of the PEP revised date March 2017. The PPP and PEP plans were submitted as part of your communities' applications due by April 1, 2016, for reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit coverage.

We reviewed the collaborative PEP (revised March 2017) and PPP (revised January 2017) and determined that they meet the requirements of the MS4 Permit Application. The collaborating permittees shall begin implementing the approved PEP and PPP upon reissuance of the MS4 permits.

Please note that this approval letter addresses only the collaborative PEP and PPP documents; it does not address other application attachments submitted individually. Individual application components will be reviewed and, if needed, addressed under separate cover. Additionally, the collaborative PEP and PPP were reviewed giving consideration to BMPs to be implemented for one permit term. The results of the effectiveness of implementing BMPs consistent with these final approved PEP and PPP will be reviewed as part of the permit reissuance process.

March 28, 2017

Thank you for your commitment to protecting and improving the water resources for the State of Michigan. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 586-753-3775; BahrouA@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, WRD, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, MI 48092-2793.

Sincerely,



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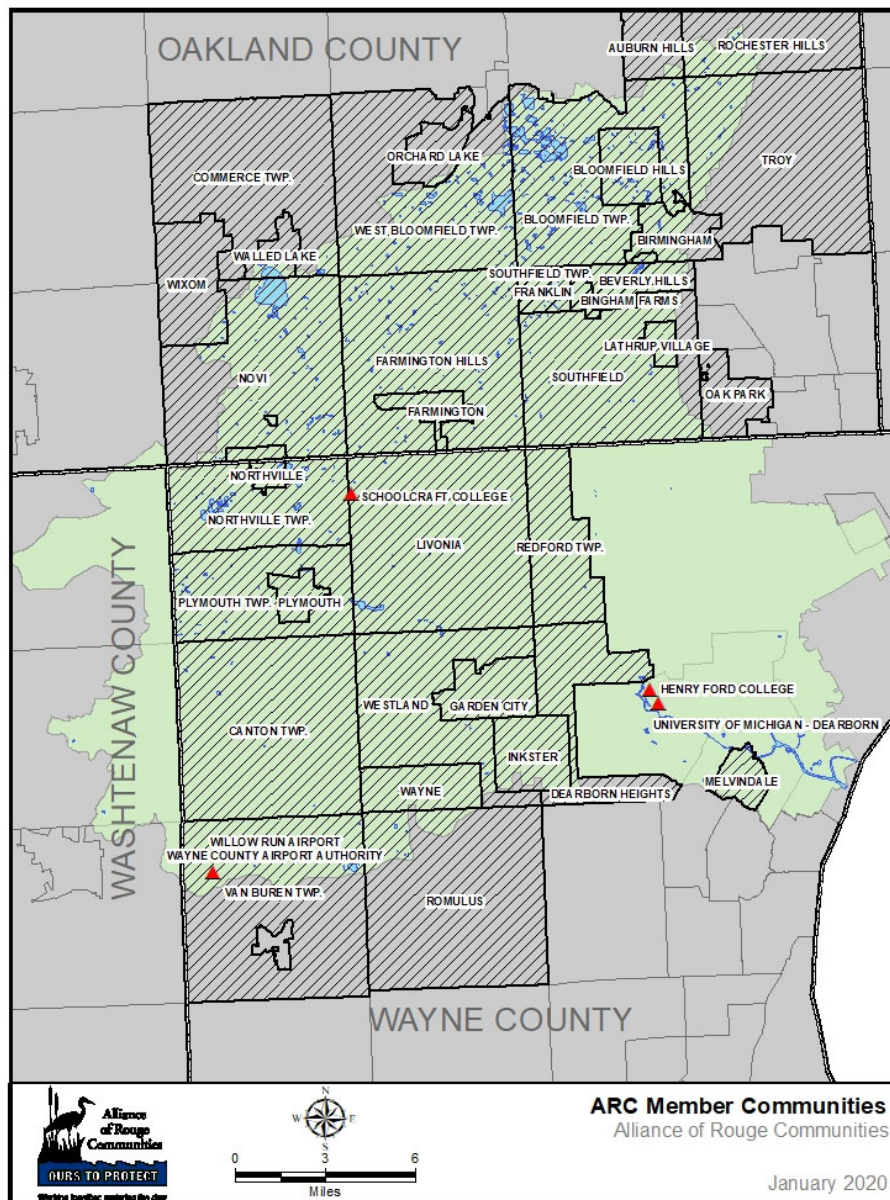
March 28, 2017

Ms. Hae-Jin Yoon, District Supervisor, DEQ-WRD
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INTRODUCTION

The Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), a 501(c)(3) organization, is a voluntary public watershed entity currently comprised of municipal governments, counties, schools, and cooperating partners (see Figure 1) as authorized by Part 312 (Watershed Alliances) of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) as amended by Act No. 517, Public Acts of 2004. The purpose of the ARC is to provide an institutional mechanism to encourage watershed-wide cooperation and mutual support to meet water quality permit requirements and to restore beneficial uses of the Rouge River to the area residents.

Figure 1: ARC Members



The two primary goals of the Rouge River Watershed Management Plan (RRWMP) are Protect Public Health and Reduce Stormwater Runoff Impacts. Bacteria is one of the priority pollutants identified in the RRWMP. The ARC’s collaborative program presents a watershed-wide plan that is being implemented to effectively and efficiently address *E. coli* levels in the Rouge River watershed caused by stormwater runoff. This plan consists of existing and planned activities and strategies that members of the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) are individually and collectively implementing.

This plan was developed by the ARC through its Public Involvement and Education Committee (PIE) in coordination with the ARC Technical Committee in response to the findings and recommendations of the RRWMP as well as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s (MDEQ) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) assessment for *E. coli* in the Rouge River Watershed. This plan is intended to meet the Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP) element required by ARC members’ NPDES permits for stormwater discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). Those entities that are submitting a separate NPDES permit application, in lieu of this collaborative document, will continue to promote and participate in the activities identified in this plan as a member of the ARC.

This plan will be implemented collaboratively by the ARC participating communities and partners through September 30, 2022, which is the end of the permit cycle for the Rouge River watershed. The list of permittees participating in this Plan include:

Beverly Hills, Village of	Inkster	Troy
Bingham Farms, Village of	Lathrup Village	Walled Lake
Birmingham	Livonia	Wayne
Bloomfield Hills	Melvindale	Westland
Bloomfield Twp.	Northville	West Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.	Northville Twp.	Oakland County*
Dearborn Heights	Novi	Washtenaw County*
Farmington	Oak Park	Wayne County
Farmington Hills	Plymouth	<i>*Participating but this plan is</i>
Franklin, Village of	Plymouth Twp.	<i>not part of their pending</i>
Garden City	Redford Twp.	<i>permit application.</i>
Henry Ford College	Schoolcraft College	
	Southfield	

The Rouge River Watershed communities have long realized that the public must be engaged in order to have successful restoration activities in the Rouge River watershed. Public involvement and education has been the foundation of Rouge River restoration activities since the inception of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project in 1992 and continues today through the ARC and its members.

SECTION A – PURPOSE

This plan is to establish procedures for the ARC’s Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP) as required in the Application. The procedure includes a description of the opportunities for the public to participate, comment, and become involved with the implementation of the Stormwater Management Plan.

SECTION B – PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COMMENT

As required, the approved Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) will be made available to the public via the ARC website and links on each community’s websites throughout the permit cycle. Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) will inform its membership of the link to review the SWMP. The public will also be informed through the ARC’s and community’s social media that the plan is available for inspection and comment. The ARC will be identified as the point of contact to receive public comments. The ARC will survey its members regarding any local public notice requirements and will meet them as appropriate.

SECTION C – MEASURABLES

The ARC staff will compile and track comments from the public by documenting the commenter’s name, date, and synopsis of the comment. ARC staff will document SWMP posting dates on both the ARC and community’s websites along with recording links to the SWMP documents and collaborative plans. ARC staff will document dates that the public was invited to participate in implementation and review of the SWMP.

SECTION D – PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

Links to the SWMP and the collaborative plans will be available on both the community’s website and the ARC’s website and will be available for public comment throughout the permit cycle. Specifically, the ARC and its members will invite the public to participate in the implementation and periodic review of the SWMP at least 2 times during the permit cycle. This will be advertised on the ARC website and links on the community’s websites. The ARC will also use social media to promote the public’s involvement and will periodically request FOTR to invite its members to participate in the implementation and periodic review of the SWMP during the permit cycle.