Annette DeMaria, P.E., PMP Executive Director

Auburn Hills

Beverly Hills

Bingham Farms

Birmingham

Bloomfield Hills

Bloomfield Twp.

Canton Twp.

Commerce Twp.

Dearborn Heights

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Pontiac

Redford Twp.

Rochester Hills

Romulus

Schoolcraft College

Southfield

Troy

University of

Michigan-Dearborn

Van Buren Twp.

Walled Lake

Washtenaw County

Wayne

Wayne County

Wayne County Airport

Authority

West Bloomfield Twp.

Westland

Wixom

Cooperating Partners:

Cranbrook Institute of Science Friends of the Rouge Great Lakes Water Authority Rouge River Advisory Council SEMCOG

Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority



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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

November 20, 2019 1:00pm Inkster Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Welcome (Doug Moore, Chair)

a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum - Roll call was taken. The 27 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

ARC Member	Attended Y/N	ARC Member	Attended Y/N
Auburn Hills	N	Oakland County	Υ
Beverly Hills	Υ	Oakland County Road Commission	Υ
Bingham Farms	N	Oak Park	N
Birmingham	Υ	Orchard Lake	Υ
Bloomfield Hills	N	Plymouth	Υ
Bloomfield Twp.	Υ	Plymouth Twp.	Υ
Canton Twp.	N	Redford Twp.	N
Commerce Twp.	Υ	Rochester Hills	Υ
Dearborn Heights	N	Romulus	Υ
Farmington	Υ	Schoolcraft College	N
Farmington Hills	Υ	Southfield	Υ
Franklin	N	Troy	Υ
Garden City	N	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Υ
Henry Ford College	Υ	Van Buren Twp.	N
Inkster	Υ	Walled Lake	Υ
Lathrup Village	Υ	Washtenaw County	N
Livonia	Υ	Wayne	Υ
Melvindale	N	Wayne County	Υ
Northville	N	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Northville Twp.	Υ	West Bloomfield Twp.	Υ
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b. Introduction of ARC guests

Doug Moore, Chair, asked all guests in attendance to introduce themselves.

c. Additions or Changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

d. Approval of June 5, 2019 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Bob Belair, Northville Twp., to approve the June 5, 2019 meeting summary. It was seconded by Mike Buiten, Wayne, and passed unanimously.

e. Resolution of Jim Ridgway Retirement

Doug Moore, Chair and Annette DeMaria, Executive Director presented Jim Ridgway with a Certificate of Resolution to thank Jim for his long service to the Rouge River Watershed and service to the ARC.

2. Executive Director Report

a. MS4 Permit Update

Annette DeMaria reported that the collaborative TMDL plan was approved in September. The final version is on the ARC's website. The Townships will be the first to get their Public Notice permits. Marty with EGLE mentioned to Annette that they are in Lansing waiting to be Public Noticed. The reason for Townships receiving theirs first is because post constructions standards are done for the Township properties. All the Townships decided to adopt what EGLE was asking for in the permit applications.

One item that was outstanding was the IDEP ordinance for some communities. Five communities have not adopted one yet. Annette indicated that all of them are in progress and most communities will have it adopted by the end of the year.

Most communities in the Rouge have a biennial progress report due April 1, 2020. The ARC staff will put together the progress reports for the collaborative plans and the communities just need to report on the other elements of the plan. The reports are being done through Mi-Waters. The ARC staff will ask the communities for information to help populate the reporting metrics for the collaborative plans (Public Education and IDEP), TMDL doesn't apply yet. ARC staff will then give the communities the reports back for posting to Mi-Waters.

b. Stormwater Utility

Annette DeMaria shared that the stormwater utility legislation is at the House Regulatory Reform Committee, House Bill #4691. She traveled to Lansing and testified in front of that Committee asking them to push the bill forward to the next Committee, which will hopefully get it to the next floor. The ARC prepared a letter of support along with several communities who gave permission for Annette to sign them as supporting the Bill at the committee hearing. Annette urged if you haven't written a letter of support to please do so, a template is available by contacting her or SEMCOG.

c. Grant Status Report

Alice Bailey, ARC Staff, provided an update on the status of all grant-funded projects as follows:

CURRENT PROJECTS

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

- Project complete.
- ARC's final Reimbursement request on hold until permits are issued (\$22,294.08).

2019 Michigan Volunteer River, Stream and Creek Cleanup Program (VRSCCP)

- Rouge Rescue River Cleanup for FOTR
- Project complete.

EPA Wayne County Rouge AOC Habitat Projects

- Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage
 - Working through construction issues. Work will start back up this late fall and continue through next summer
- Oxbow Phase III Implementation

- Work completed other than maintenance
- o Grand opening held October 18, 2019

GLRI USDA Forest Service

The project has been completed and final report submitted.

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration Design- Tamarack/Fish Hatchery (\$583,220)

This grant is for the design and engineering for the restoration of Tamarack Creek/wetland and habitat restoration on Johnson Creek at Fish Hatchery Park.

- Tamarack Wetland and Creek Restoration
 - o Property owners' meetings
 - MDOT meeting
 - 30% design completed
- Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Restoration
 - 95% design completed
 - EGLE permit application submitted
 - Contract documents being developed

NEWLY AWARDED PROJECTS

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration Implementation - Tamarack/Fish Hatchery (\$3,308,139)

The ARC received a grant from EPA to construct habitat restoration at Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Park in Northville and on Tamarack Creek in Southfield . Coordination calls with EPA project manager for schedule development have been made. The QAPP is planned to be complete in November 2019.

EPA Rouge River AOC Seeley Creek Habitat Restoration (\$815,000)

The ARC received a grant from EPA to design and construct habitat restoration on Seeley Creek in Farmington Hills. The QAPP is being developed and data collection is planned to begin in November/December 2019.

NOAA Partnership with Friends of Detroit River

Friends of Detroit River was notified in August 2019 of a partnership award. This partnership is for completing Detroit River, Rouge River, and Raisin River AOC projects. This first two projects will be the completion of the final two Detroit River projects then work will begin on the other two rivers.

GRANTS SUBMITTED

USDA Forest Service

Grant submitted in June to purchase trees for planting in 17 communities. ARC was not awarded this grant.

d. Call for Projects

Annette DeMaria asked the members if they had any restoration, stormwater management or environmental projects that they would like to complete in their community. If so, they should contact ARC staff so they can find ways to get them funded.

3. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report

a. 2019 A/R & A/P Reports

Jill Rickard, Northville Twp., reported that the only outstanding invoices are from ECT and they are in the process of being paid.

Jill is following up with Bloomfield Hills on payment of their 2019 ARC dues. The last reimbursement from the SAW grant is still pending the approval of the permits and we will get paid once that happens. Schoolcraft College has joined the ARC as an Associate Member and we just received their dues in the mail. The Wayne County Airport Authority has paid for their 2019 and 2020 dues, so A/R report shows an overpayment.

b. 2018 Audit

The 2018 Audit showed no issues of non-compliance. A motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills to accept the audit. The motion was seconded by Jerome Bivens, Inkster and was unanimously approved.

c. October 10, 2019 Email Vote Ratification

The email vote that passed on October 10, 2019 included: 1) add the 2019 budget amendments for EPA4 (Tamarack/Fish Hatchery Park habitat restoration construction) and EPA5 (Seeley Creek habitat restoration) to the ARC's budget, 2) approve ECT's work orders 2019-3 and 2019-4 which allocate funding to ECT to carry out budget items EPA4 and EPA5, and 3) approve the amendment to the 2013 ECT contract Appendix M, upon Wayne County Commission approval, to add scope and budget for the HFE Dam Fishway Restoration Project. Wayne County is expected by the end of the year. The motion to ratify the 10/10/19 email vote was made by Jill Rickard, Northville Twp., and was seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, and was unanimously approved.

d. 2020 Budget Recommendations

Annette DeMaria reported on the 2020 budget recommendations which totaled \$322,180. The 2020 budget matches what was set aside for 2020 in the 5-year plan that was approved in 2018.

Annette DeMaria reported that the 5-year Budget Plan was updated to include the efforts needed for the final TMDL plan. This resulted in an additional \$37,000 budgeted in 2022. The 5-year Plan was also updated to include the actual roll-over of the 2018 funds to 2019.

Although we are currently predicting a rollover of approximately \$107K in 2023, Annette reported that we expect to be short funds (approx. \$150,000) in the next 5-year cycle (2024-2028). The shortfall is expected to be lower as the 2024-2028 scope of work is flushed out. She also anticipates unspent budget each year and it is possible that grant funds can support future efforts.

Annette DeMaria discussed recent recommended changes to the PIE budget which included providing \$5,000 of the PIE printing budget to support the SEMCOG's "One Water Public Education Campaign" funded by Great Lakes Water Authority and SEMCOG. This campaign was kicked off in 2019 and included billboards, bus wraps, online videos, radio and TV ads, and SWAG items that emphasized the connection between the Great Lakes, stormwater, drinking water and wastewater. Participating in the campaign will

allow the ARC to centralize some public education requirements for the MS4 permit into the campaign.

The ARC's printing budget includes printing of brochures and purchase of pet waste bags and other public education items. The adjustment will provide \$5,000 to purchase "One Water" SWAG items but will still leave funding for printing and purchasing other permit-required items. We are currently thinking that the funding will go towards the purchase of pet waste bags, but this will be worked out with SEMCOG.

Annette DeMaria also discussed the request from an ARC member to increase funding to Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) to support macroinvertebrate monitoring. There was discussion at the Executive Committee meeting on the pros and cons of the request. There was concern by some communities that FOTR is asking them directly to fund the monitoring activities in their community and while also receiving funding from the ARC. On the flip side, it seemed more cost effective to fund the work through the ARC based on budgets provided by FOTR. Additionally, some Executive Committee members felt that the program provided a watershed-wide benefit, rather than an individual community benefit.

Wayne County was willing to decrease their budget by \$5,000 to allow the ARC to increase FOTR's monitoring budget for 2020 from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Wayne County would provide the same level of service and perform all tasks as planned but would provide those activities as additional in-kind services (increasing their in-kind support from the budgeted \$7,500 to \$12,500).

As a result, the presented budget recommendation included an additional \$5,000 (for a total of \$10,000) for FOTR to conduct a stonefly search in Winter 2020. The \$5,000 was shifted from Wayne County's IDEP budget and Wayne County's in-kind services was increased by \$5,000.

Based on the FOTR funding request letters being sent to the communities, direct funds from the communities would go toward the spring/fall bug hunts, so there should be no concern of "double payment" if communities wish to fund FOTR directly.

The scope of work for all other budget recommendations are consistent with the 5 year plan.

The motion was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, to approve the 2020 ARC Budget Recommendations which include \$5,000 to support the SEMCOG "One Water" campaign, decreasing Wayne County's budget/increasing their in-kind services by \$5,000 and increasing the budget for FOTR to \$10,000 for monitoring activities. The motion was seconded by Chris Kahle, UM Dearborn and was unanimously approved.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee

Noel Mullett turned over the Organization Committee report to Annette DeMaria. Annette reported there was a request to revisit the bylaws to specifically address the number of Executive Committee meetings each year. It was recommended that the ARC change the bylaws so that a minimum number of meetings was no longer specified (currently a minimum of 4 meetings are required). For the past 2 years, 3 meetings have

been sufficient to conduct the business of the ARC. This was the first reading of the bylaw change. It will be voted on at the next Full ARC meeting.

b. PIE Committee

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, reported that the ARC Staff conducted a Septic webinar on 11/4/19, had 18 attendees. ARC staff was disappointed in the number of attendees, but just after a week of being on Facebook, the recording has reached an additional 657 people and climbing. The low attendance was despite a paid Facebook post advertising the webinar. ARC staff speculate that additional promotion by ARC members may help boost attendance in future webinars.

ARC Staff are incorporating edits received from PIE Committee for the Homeowners brochure. ARC staff are researching realtors and homeowner associations in the watershed to disseminate the brochure, in addition to providing copies to ARC communities. Printing is expected this month.

ARC Staff continue to survey the watershed signage ("entering the Rouge River watershed") to determine locations, condition and need for additional signage.

Jacy reminded ARC members to "share" and "like" ARC Facebook posts. This will help meet your permit requirements under the Collaborative PEP.

c. Technical Committee

Karen Mondora reported that the Technical Committee held IDEP training in October with about 100 participants. The Committee was working on the 2020 budget preparations. The IDEP investigations are ongoing as part of the collaborative IDEP responsibilities. Annette reviewed the outfalls to be investigated which was included in the Technical Committee budget request.

5. Report from Cooperating Partners

RRAC

Bill Craig, RRAC, thanked the members of the ARC that serve on the Rouge River Advisory Council (RRAC). He also thanked the ARC for hosting the Great Lakes Restoration event on October 18, 2019. He mentioned is was a very important event for the advisory council because it highlights the cooperation between the federal government and the EPA and the state. Bill also stated that it is at the advisory council level that most of the projects get brainstormed and brought up then get adopted by the ARC.

Friends of the Rouge

Marie McCormick thanked the ARC for their collaborative work. She mentioned as they are getting ready for 2020 Earth Day they are partnering up with some non-profits in the Detroit area for the "Great Global Cleanup-Detroit River Edition". Whereas the Rouge River is the largest tributary to the Detroit River on our side of the border. It is part of the Earth Day 2020 celebration. They will be using this event as a kickoff to the Rouge Rescue. She asked the ARC if they wanted to share any projects with them for the events for social media and PR on their behalf. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to Cindy Ross (business cards were handed out).

She also mentioned the Rouge River Water Trail. She wanted to clarify what it means. There are 10 communities in the lower Rouge starting with Canton Twp., along with

Wayne County Parks are a part of the Rouge River Water Trail. It is the next level of engagement in stewardship and equitable access to water. FOTR developed a strategic and safety plan along with Wayne County Parks. It is a 27-mile water trail with a lot of partners involved. FOTR is the fiduciary and the collaborator. Of the ARC communities there are 5 involved, Canton Twp., Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Dearborn Heights.

Sally thanked Wayne County for supporting the Stonefly Search. She also appreciated the communities who will be sponsoring sites in their communities including Washtenaw County, City of Southfield, Novi, Livonia, Northville Twp., Plymouth Twp., Farmington and Beverly Hills. FOTR ended up doing the fall bug hunt even though there was no funding.

Matthew with FOTR gave an update on the Rain Smart Program. He handed out flyers and materials.

6. Report from Counties

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, mentioned that they held their annual kids clean water contest. She showed an example of it. They had over 700 entries and they will be available in Mid-December and she will hand them out to Oakland County communities and if anyone wants one to please let her know.

She also stated that their post-construction stormwater standards are still progressing with the State and that they are planning meetings with other counties to include regional collaboration. If communities have any questions, they can contact Jim Wineka at the Water Resources Commissioners Office.

She mentioned their biennial progress report was submitted to EGLE by November 1. They put together a summary for communities and it is available on the ARC website.

Noel Mullett, Wayne County, reported that their permit for the post-constructions standards and all elements have been approved by the State and the permit should be public noticed in the near future. He also mentioned they continued their stakeholder input with the workshop discussion this morning. N. Mullett also mentioned their event on November 6 with the counties and townships for the operation and maintenance for the post-construction stormwater controls. They should have the draft of the ordinance rules manual by the end of the year for further comment. Noel mentioned that they did get confirmation that Wayne County has voiced support for the House Bill #4691 and #4692.

Annette mentioned she went to the presentation this morning and a couple weeks ago and said that Wayne County's approach is good.

7. Report from EGLE

Marty Hendges is working on Wayne County's draft public notice permit.

8. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (Tennille Newsome, ARC staff)

- The 2020 Budget Recommendations as presented by the Finance Committee were approved.
- The meeting summary of the June 5, 2019 Full ARC meeting was approved.
- The 2018 Audit as presented by the Finance Committee was accepted.
- The ARC ratified the following by email vote:
 - 2019 Budget Amendments adding EPA4 Tamarack/Johnson Creek
 Implementation and EPA5 Seeley Creek Restoration voted on October 10,
 2019 with 30 yea votes and 0 nay.
 - 2019 Contract Amendment adding work order 2019-4 Tamarack/Johnson Creek Implementation and 2019-3 Seeley Creek Restoration voted on October 10, 2019 with 30 yea votes and 0 nay.
 - 2013 Contract Amendment to Appendix M between the ARC and ECT updating the cost and scope to complete the HFE Dam Fishway Implementation Restoration project effective upon Wayne County Commission approval. This amendment will increase ECT's budget by \$150,000 from \$296,000 to \$446,000. This was voted on October 10, 2019 with 30 yea votes and 0 nay.

10. Other Business

Annette mentioned that Schoolcraft College is now an associate member of the ARC. They need an MS4 permit and ARC staff will update the collaborative Public Ed and TMDL plans to reflect their participation. At this time, Annette will clean up the plans and will update Marty with any changes.

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Jill Rickard, Northville Twp., to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List Meeting Date: 11 | 2019

		Meeting Date:		
Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Allen	Ashley	Troy (HRC)		AA
Allen	Ashley	-Village of Franklin (HRC)		AA
Allen	Ashley	Village of Beverly Hills (HRC)	$\overline{\mathbb{X}}$	AA
Arquette-Palermo	Michele	Cranbrook Institute of Science		
Ballnik	Dan	RRAC		
Bayley	Nicholas	Westland (OHM)	X	1013
Bednarski	George	Redford Township		
Beisel	John	Farmington Hills	\square	JB
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Craig	Bill	RRAC		BC
Cureton	Loyd	Northville		
Davis	Paul	Rochester Hills		***************************************
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Dennis	Mike	Redford Township		***************************************
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Fletcher	Austin	Birmingham		
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Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County		flo
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Gerlach	Adam	Plymouth		~~~
Green	Steve	Schoolcraft College		
Hammond	Bruce	Melvindale		
Hanna	Karen	Friends of the Rouge		
Hanson	Pamela	Village of Franklin		
Hendrickson	Dave	Bloomfield Hills		
Hood	Kathy	Romulus	$\overline{\mathcal{Q}}$	XH
Hysinger	Angela	Bloomfield Township		
James	Jay	Commerce Township		
Kahle	Chris	University of Michigan-Dearborn		
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills		
Kozlowski	Alex	West Bloomfield Township	V	AK
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights		
Lear	Brad	Canton Township		
MacDonell	Matt	Washtenaw County Road Commis		
Markus	Charles	Bloomfield Township		
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA		
Marten	Ken	Bingham Farms		
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village		
McCormick	Marie	Friends of the Rouge	d	MNA

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Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills		
Michalak	Steve	Garden City		
Mitchell	Sheryl	Lathrup Village	M	
Mlynczyk	Ed	Oak Park		
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills		AM
Moore	Doug	Livonia		pi/
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS		
Mullin	Christopher	Wayne County Airport Authority		
Nash	Jim	Oakland County		
Neary	Amy	West Bloomfield Township		
Ohman	Brad	Garden City		
Olsztyn	Olivia	Bloomfield Township		
O'Meara	John	ECT		
O'Meara	Paul	Birmingham		
Ordus	Larrie	Melvindale		
Ortiz	Richard	Melvindale		
Paletko	Dan	Dearborn Heights		
Perez	Thomas	University of Michigan-Dearborn		
Pesta	Chelsea	Walled Lake	V	BE
Petrella	Sally	FOTR	V	SP
Pollizzi	Tim	Rochester Hills	7	TA
Porman	Chris	Plymouth		
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour		
Queen	Ed	Wayne		
Renaud	Elizabeth	Van Buren Twp.		
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour		NAME OF THE PARTY
Richardson	Kate	Novi	M	KR

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Rickard	Jill	Northville Township		
Rohraff	Don	Livonia		
Ross	Cyndi	FOTR		
Runkel	Rebecca	Novi		
Rutkowski	Kristin	Village of Beverly Hills		
Saif	Sermed	Orchard Lake Village (Tri-Co. Eng.		45
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus		
Schultz	Leigh	Southfield		
Scott	David	Commerce Township		
Selmi	John	Dearborn Heights		
Siddall	Sheryl	Washtenaw County Road Commis		
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield		
Sikma	Tim	Wixom		
Smith	Jade	Canton Township		
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills		
Spivy	Jamie	Bloomfield Hills		
Stec	Susie	Lathrup Village		
Surles	Gerrajh	Oak Park		
Tucker	Eric	Inkster		
Visel	Sarah	Plymouth Township		
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority		***************************************
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Wieczorek	Mike	Henry Ford College		Min
Wilson	Tom	Livonia		1 10
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County		***************************************
Wright	John	Schoolcraft College		
Zdrodowski	Michelle	Great Lakes Water Authority		***************************************

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Resecta Runkel	Novi	<u> </u>	14
Stephanie Petriello	HPE		SP
Shawn Duke	CARDNO		50
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marty Henges	EGLE		
Kelly Cave			
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Bill Chare	BURAC		
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