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DRAFT AGENDA
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

Tuesday, December 16, 2008
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Gateway and Events Room of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Quarter
 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi

James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

Allen Park
 Auburn Hills
 Beverly Hills
 Bingham Farms
 Birmingham
 Bloomfield Hills
 Bloomfield Twp.
 Canton Twp.
 Commerce Twp.
 Dearborn
 Dearborn Heights
 Farmington
 Farmington Hills
 Franklin
 Garden City
 Inkster
 Lathrup Village
 Livonia
 Melvindale
 Northville
 Northville Twp.
 Novi
 Oakland County
 Oak Park
 Orchard Lake
 Plymouth
 Plymouth Twp.
 Pontiac
 Redford Twp.
 Rochester Hills
 Romulus
 Southfield
 Superior Twp.
 Troy
 Van Buren Twp.
 Walled Lake
 Washtenaw County
 Wayne
 Wayne County
 Wayne County Airport
 Authority
 West Bloomfield Twp.
 Westland
 Wixom
 Ypsilanti Twp.

1. **Welcome** – Tim Faas, Chair
 - a. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
 - b. Introductions of ARC guests
 - c. Approval of September 23, 2008 Meeting Summary
 - d. Additions or changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

*Information
Action*
2. **Treasurers/Finance Committee Report** (J. Lawson - Treasurer)
 - a. 2008 Budget Status Report
 - b. Final ARC 2009 Budget
 - c. Fiscal Year 2010 DEQ Fee Proposal Storm Water Fees

*Information
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Discussion*
3. **Executive Director Report** (J. Ridgway)
 - a. Contested case update – Presentation by Charlie Dunn
 - b. 501c3 designation update
 - c. MDEQ response on grant eligibility update
 - d. Watershed Management Plan Update Presentation

*Discussion
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4. **Rouge Program Office Report** (K. Cave)

Information
5. **Standing Committee Reports** (T. Faas)
 - a. Organization Committee (K. Heise/D. Payne – Co-Chairs)
 - i. Progress Report

Information
 - b. PIE Committee (B. Siedlaczek, Chair)
 - i. Progress Report

Information
 - c. Technical Committee (G. Zorza, Vice Chair)
 - i. Progress Report

Information
 - d. Grants Committee (P. Sanzica, Chair)
 - i. Progress Report

Information
6. Ideas for 2009/2010 (T. Faas)

Discussion
7. Opportunity for Public Comment (T. Faas)
8. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (C. O’Meara)
9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (C. O’Meara)
 - a. Draft 2009 ARC meeting calendar

Information
10. Adjourn



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James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

September 23, 2008, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Summit on the Park - 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton

Allen Park
Auburn Hills
Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms
Birmingham
Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.
Commerce Twp.
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Farmington
Farmington Hills
Franklin
Garden City
Inkster
Lathrup Village
Livonia
Melvindale
Northville
Northville Twp.
Novi
Oakland County
Oak Park
Orchard Lake
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
Pontiac
Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
Romulus
Southfield
Superior Twp.
Troy
Van Buren Twp.
Walled Lake
Washtenaw County
Wayne
Wayne County
Wayne County Airport
Authority
West Bloomfield Twp.
Westland
Wixom
Ypsilanti Twp.

1. **Welcome** – Gary Mekjian, ARC Vice-Chair
 - a. **Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 27 members listed below were in attendance; sufficient for a quorum.

ARC Member	Attended Y/N	ARC Member	Attended Y/N
Allen Park	N	Oak Park	Y
Auburn Hills	Y	Orchard Lake	N
Beverly Hills	Y	Plymouth	N
Bingham Farms	Y	Plymouth Twp.	Y
Birmingham	Y	Pontiac	N
Bloomfield Hills	N	Redford Twp.	Y
Bloomfield Twp.	Y	Rochester Hills	Y
Canton Twp.	Y	Romulus	Y
Commerce Twp.	N	Southfield	Y
Dearborn	Y	Superior Twp.	N
Dearborn Heights	N	Troy	Y
Farmington	N	Van Buren Twp.	Y
Farmington Hills	Y	Walled Lake	N
Franklin	Y	Washtenaw County	Y
Garden City	N	Wayne	Y
Inkster	Y	Wayne County	Y
Lathrup Village	Y	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Livonia	Y	West Bloomfield Twp.	Y
Melvindale	Y	Westland	Y
Northville	N	Wixom	N
Northville Twp.	N	Ypsilanti Twp.	N
Novi	N		
Oakland County	Y		

- b. **Approval of May 6, 2008 Meeting Summary**
A motion was made by K. Buford to approve the May 6, 2008 meeting summary. It was seconded by J. Zoumbaris, and passed unanimously.
 - c. **Additions or changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda**
There were no additions or changes made to the draft meeting agenda.
2. **Treasurers/Finance Committee Report** (The report was given by Kelly Karll, ARC Staff in the absence of Tim Faas, Treasurer)
 - a. **2008 Budget Status Report**
Information was given on the ARC invoice payments and budget status. K. Karll stated that if you did not receive you membership invoice to please let us know and we will follow up with Wayne County.

b. 2008 Budget Amendments

K. Karll reviewed the 2008 budget amendment requests and reported that the amendments made adjustments to the PIE and Technical Committee budgets and also added a task for the fall advertising campaign. The motion was made by J. Murray to approve the requested 2008 budget amendments as depicted in the Public Education and Involvement Committee amendments 1, 2 and 3 and Technical Committee amendment 1. The motion was seconded by K. Buford, the motion passed unanimously.

c. 2009 Interagency Agreement between Wayne County and the ARC

K. Karll reviewed the draft IAA between Wayne County and the ARC. She stated that some things still need to be decided like the amount that will be carried over from 2008 to 2009 and what the insurance needs will be once the ARC no longer has Wayne County as the fiduciary and is a stand-alone non-profit. K. Karll stated that the previous insurance carrier suggested that the IAA should require the contractor to carry the majority of the insurance listed in the IAA and the ARC will maintain the Director's and Officer's policy. The motion was made by J. Zoumbaris to accept the IAA language with the modifications regarding the carry over and insurance. It was seconded by K. Buford, motion passed unanimously.

d. 2009 Draft Budget

K. Karll reviewed the summary prepared by T. Faas. The assessment to ARC members is proposed to remain the same again in 2009 for a total of \$296,694. Wayne County has agreed to provide federal grant funding in the amount of \$292,846 through an IAA with the ARC. The budget also shows revenue totaling \$58,500 from other grants plus \$5,000 in charges to non-member attendees of ARC sponsored workshops during the year. Revenues total \$749,559 for 2009. Many of the budgeted tasks for 2009 are similar to past years. The proposed budget includes an extension of the ECT contract into 2009, the Green Infrastructure Campaign and a tree canopy green infrastructure analysis of the watershed. The total expenditures total \$686,691 which is similar to 2008. The contingency has been increased from past years 5% to 8.5% for 2009. The motion was made by J. Mueller to accept the 2009 budget. The motion was seconded by J. Zoumbaris, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Quickbooks Accounting Software

K. Karll stated that ARC staff member C. O'Meara worked with R. Alsaigh to setup the Quickbooks software to mirror the Wayne County financial status reports in preparation of taking over the financial responsibility of the ARC in 2009. Member invoices will go out, bills will be entered and a grant reimbursement request will be sent to Wayne County using the Quickbooks software. A checking account will also be set up prior to the end of 2008.

3. Executive Director Report (J. Ridgway)

a. Contested Case Update

J. Ridgway stated that the status conference is still scheduled for 10/1/08. Several law firms have paid ECT to draft a comparison document that will be helpful for the attorneys. J. Ridgway and K. Heise suggested that the communities let the attorneys go to the October meeting. The meeting will mainly be administrative issues, setting the ground rules and procedures. P. Sanzica asked if this is going on in other states, J. Ridgway replied that this is not happening with regard to the general permit.

b. 501c3 Designation

J. Ridgway stated that the Alliance of Rouge Communities is not a 501c3. The ARC will need this designation as it applies for grants in the future. The form has been filled out by an accountant and will be reviewed by a nonprofit attorney. It will take approximately 8-12 weeks to receive the designation. J. Murray asked if there are any limitations to activities we are engaged in. J. Ridgway stated he would research the

concern. J. Ridgway stated that some minor changes need to be made to the ARC Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation before the application is submitted. The motion was made by T. Biasell to allow the Executive Committee to make the appropriate changes to the ARC Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to allow the ARC to become a 501c3. The motion was seconded by K. Buford, motion passed unanimously.

c. MDEQ response on grant eligibility

J. Ridgway discussed B. Sweet of the MDEQ statement that the ARC will not be eligible for CMI funding because we are not a 501c3. Use of a fiduciary is not allowed either. K. Heise felt strongly that the State is not understanding the Alliance Legislation clearly and feels that the ARC should not have to be a nonprofit to receive funding. After discussion by the group, the motion was made by K. Heise to have the ARC Executive Director prepare a letter to S. Chester of the MDEQ regarding the PA517 and the requirement of being a 501c3 to receive federal funding. The motion was seconded by J. Murray, the motion passed unanimously. K. Heise stated that after we hear from the state regarding the issue he will have the AG review the legislation.

d. Watershed Plan Update

J. Ridgway stated that the draft plan continues to be a work in progress. As drafts are completed they will be available for ARC member review on the website.

4. Rouge Program Office Report (G. Mekjian)

G. Mekjian reviewed the memo from Wayne County regarding the awarding of the Round IX Subgrant Program under the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project for Round IX-Part A and Part B.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee (K. Heise)

K. Heise stated that the committee met and reviewed all nominations received for the 2009-2010 ARC officers. The nominations that the committee suggested are: Chair – Tim Faas, Vice Chair – Gary Mekjian and Treasurer – Jennifer Lawson. The motion to accept the slate of officers was made by E. Witte. The motion was seconded by K. Heise, motion passed unanimously. The motion was made by J. Murray to elect the slated officers for the ARC 2009-2010 term. The motion was seconded by K. Buford, motion passed unanimously.

b. Organization Committee (K. Heise)

K. Heise informed the group that an amendment was made to the Purchasing Policy to include reference to a checking account along with some other minor grammatical changes. The motion was made by K. Buford, to adopt the purchasing policy as amended. The motion was seconded by J. Zoumbaris, motion passed unanimously.

c. PIE Committee (J. Lawson)

J. Lawson stated that Howard Knorr hosted the July PIE Committee meeting and she wanted to thank him for his wonderful garden site. The PIE Committee is working on a draft of the Main 3-4 poster which will be distributed at the Rouge 2008 event on October 24, 2008. The PIE is also working on a video regarding what is happening in the Rouge with the help of Farmington Hills. This video will be available to all ARC members to show on their cable stations or via the web. J. Lawson also thanked the ARC for allowing her to serve as the PIE committee chair.

d. Technical Committee (G. Zorza)

G. Zorza informed the ARC that the Technical Committee continues to work on the watershed management plan. The plan will be available on the ARC website for review by the ARC members.

e. Grants Committee (P. Sanzica)

Nothing to report at this time.

6. Public Comment (G. Mekjian)

A. Mangus of SEMCOG reviewed the new LID Manual that has been completed and stated that SEMCOG is looking forward to working with the ARC on these types of projects in the future. The document can be found on the SEMCOG website, along with a report on the CSO projects and the dividends they are creating. W. Domine complimented SEMCOG on the workshops that were hosted regarding the LID. A. Mangus informed the group that SEMCOG is willing to meet with individual groups as needed on the subject. Some SEMCOG developed brochures were available.

A. Mangus stated that SEMCOG continues to work on the Bolt bill, but time is short.

7. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (G. Mekjian)

- The May 6, 2008 meeting summary was approved.
- The 2008 Budget Amendments were approved.
- The IAA language was approved.
- The 2009 Budget was approved.
- The 2009-2010 ARC officers were elected.
- The revised ARC Purchasing Policy was adopted.
- Executive Committee to make appropriate changes to the ARC Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to allow the ARC to become a 501c3.
- Executive Director to review limitations to becoming a 501c3.
- Executive Director to prepare letter to S. Chester regarding the limits on funding for PA517.

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (G. Mekjian)

- SWAG Meetings:
 - Middle 1/Lower 1, October 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Northville Township
 - Upper/Main 1-2, October 14, 1:30 p.m. at the Family Aquatic Center, 6200 Farmington Road (north of Maple Road), W. Bloomfield Township
 - Middle 3/Lower 2/Main 3-4, October 2, 1:30 p.m. at Livonia DPW
- Technical Committee, October 8, 1:30 p.m. at Farmington Hills
- Public Involvement and Education Committee, October 16, 1:30 p.m. at the City of Southfield, Carpenter Lake Tour
- Organizational Committee, November 5, 2008, time TBD, location TBD
- Finance Committee, November 6, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., Wayne County DOE - Commerce Court, Wayne

9. Adjourn (G. Mekjian)

The motion was made by J. Murray to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by K. Buford and passed unanimously.

**Alliance of Rouge Communities Status Report
2008 Fiscal Year
Updated 11/24/2008**

Activity	Budget*	Paid	Remaining Balance
Technical Committee Activities			
- Baseline Sampling Program (RPO)	\$107,400	\$84,397	\$23,003
- Pursue Other Grant Funding Opportunities	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
- Update of Storm Water Management Plans	\$196,483	\$178,663	\$17,820
Public Education/Involvement Activities			
- Long-Term Planning Efforts	\$4,420	\$4,372	\$48
- Household Hazardous Waste Education	\$4,080	\$4,073	\$7
- Main 3-4 Measuring Our Success Poster	\$11,250	\$7,643	\$3,607
- Information Packet for ARC Members/Local Officials	\$7,000	\$2,897	\$4,103
- Septic System Maintenance Reminder Cards	\$9,000	\$1,741	\$7,259
- ARC Website Design and Maintenance	\$12,160	\$11,074	\$1,086
- Nutrient Reduction Fall Advertising Campaign	\$20,000	\$1,013	\$18,987
- Rouge River Public Education Video	\$7,000	\$5,768	\$1,232
Staff Support to Alliance			
- Staff, Committees and SWAG Support	\$95,097	\$91,134	\$3,963
- ARC Insurance (David Chapman Agency)	\$4,140	\$4,100	\$40
- ARC Advocacy and Administration	\$55,548	\$51,764	\$3,784
Total Budgeted	\$538,578	\$448,639	\$89,939
Contingency (Not Budgeted)	\$193,366		
Total Available Funds for 2008	\$731,944		

Amount Paid from Alliance Dues	\$226,369
Amount Paid from Federal Grant	\$222,269

Alliance Dues Received	\$368,042
Alliance Dues Available for Future Bills in FY08 Budget	\$141,673

* Including Budget Amendment Approved by the Full Alliance on September 23, 2008.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Status Report
Payment Status Report
2008 Fiscal Year
Updated 11/24/2008

Vendor	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Total per Vendor
Activity: Baseline Sampling Program					
CDM (RPO)	58	\$13,531.22	\$13,531.22	3/24/2008	
CDM (RPO)	59	\$34,399.68	\$34,399.68	5/28/2008	
CDM (RPO)	60	\$13,384.90	\$13,384.90	7/28/2008	
CDM (RPO)	61	\$12,568.48	\$12,568.48	9/30/2008	
CDM (RPO)	62	\$10,512.99	\$10,512.99	11/25/2008	Anticipated
CDM (RPO)			\$0.00		
Subtotal: CDM (RPO)					\$84,397.27
Activity: Pursue Other Grant Funding Opportunities					
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
Subtotal: Pursue Other Grant Funding Opportunities					\$0.00
Activity: Update of Storm Water Management Plans					
ECT (Executive Director)	081276 (#5)	\$23,162.23	\$23,162.23	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081738 (#9)	\$10,015.55	\$10,015.55	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082218 (#13)	\$11,829.67	\$11,829.67	7/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082638 (#17)	\$34,477.48	\$34,477.48	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083029 (#21)	\$49,635.97	\$49,635.97	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083575 (#25)	\$15,032.19	\$15,032.19	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084030 (#29)	\$21,131.01	\$21,131.01	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084506 (#33)	\$13,378.57	\$13,378.57	11/25/2008	Anticipated
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
Subtotal: Update of Storm Water Management Plans					\$178,662.67
Total: Monitoring Program					\$263,059.94
Activity: Long-Term Planning Efforts					
ECT (Executive Director)	082217 (#12)	\$318.67	\$318.67	7/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082637 (#16)	\$147.79	\$147.79	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083574 (#24)	\$729.86	\$729.86	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084029 (#28)	\$1,059.15	\$1,059.15	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084505 (#32)	\$2,117.00	\$2,117.00	11/25/2008	Anticipated
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
Subtotal (Long-Term Planning Efforts)					\$4,372.47
Activity: Household Hazardous Waste Education					
ECT (Executive Director)	080861 (#1)	\$626.56	\$626.56	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081214 (#2)	\$731.24	\$731.24	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081737 (#8)	\$1,705.72	\$1,705.72	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082217 (#12)	\$1,009.11	\$1,009.11	7/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
Subtotal (Household Hazardous Waste Education)					\$4,072.63

Activity: Main 3-4 Measuring Our Success Poster					
ECT (Executive Director)	081214 (#2)	\$996.80	\$996.80	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081737 (#8)	\$432.59	\$432.59	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083028 (#20)	\$1,861.20	\$1,861.20	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083574 (#24)	\$1,363.72	\$1,363.72	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084029 (#28)	\$1,362.26	\$1,362.26	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084505 (#32)	\$1,626.43	\$1,626.43	11/25/2008	Anticipated
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
Subtotal (Main 3-4 Measuring Our Success Poster)					\$7,643.00
Activity: Information Packet for ARC Members/Local Officials					
ECT (Executive Director)	080861 (#1)	\$1,424.00	\$1,424.00	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081737 (#8)	\$153.94	\$153.94	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082217 (#12)	\$227.84	\$227.84	7/28/2008	
Wayne County	4th Quarter 2007	\$1,091.62	\$1,091.62	9/30/2008	
Subtotal					\$2,897.40
Activity: Septic System Maintenance Reminder Cards					
ECT (Executive Director)	080861 (#1)	\$56.96	\$56.96	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081214 (#2)	\$980.95	\$980.95	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081737 (#8)	\$561.13	\$561.13	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082217 (#12)	\$142.40	\$142.40	7/28/2008	
Subtotal: Septic System Maintenance Reminder Cards					\$1,741.44
Activity: ARC Website Design and Maintenance					
ECT (Executive Director)	080861 (#1)	\$71.91	\$71.91	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081214 (#2)	\$313.28	\$313.28	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081737 (#8)	\$795.90	\$795.90	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082217 (#12)	\$772.81	\$772.81	7/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082637 (#16)	\$3,020.40	\$3,020.40	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083028 (#20)	\$523.42	\$523.42	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083574 (#24)	\$5,504.29	\$5,504.29	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084505 (#32)	\$71.90	\$71.90	11/25/2008	Anticipated
Subtotal (ARC Website Design and Maintenance)					\$11,073.91
Activity: Nutrient Reduction Fall Advertising Campaign					
Wayne County	4th Quarter 2007	\$1,012.71	\$1,012.71	9/30/2008	
			\$0.00		
			\$0.00		
Subtotal					\$1,012.71
Activity: Rouge River Public Education Video					
ECT (Executive Director)	084505 (#32)	\$5,767.98	\$5,767.98	11/25/2008	Anticipated
			\$0.00		
			\$0.00		
Subtotal					\$5,767.98
Total: Public Involvement & Education Committee Support					\$38,581.54
Activity: Staff, Committees and SWAG Support					

ECT (Executive Director)	081274 (#3)	\$18,942.41	\$18,942.41	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081735 (#6)	\$6,348.40	\$6,348.40	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082215 (#10)	\$15,481.88	\$15,481.88	7/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082635 (#14)	\$14,745.61	\$14,745.61	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083026 (#18)	\$9,079.86	\$9,079.86	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083422 (#22)	\$13,631.57	\$13,631.57	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084027 (#26)	\$6,672.77	\$6,672.77	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084503 (#30)	\$6,231.14	\$6,231.14	11/25/2008	Anticipated
CDM (RPO)			\$0.00		
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Subtotal (Staff, Committees and SWAG Support)					\$91,133.64
Activity: ARC Insurance					
David Chapman Agency	218721	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00	1/15/2008	
Subtotal Insurance					\$4,100.00
Activity: ARC Advocacy and Administration					
ECT (Executive Director)	081275 (#4)	\$11,746.58	\$11,746.58	4/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	081736 (#7)	\$5,163.25	\$5,163.25	5/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082216 (#11)	\$6,171.56	\$6,171.56	7/28/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	082636 (#15)	\$1,031.43	\$1,031.43	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083027 (#19)	\$4,790.69	\$4,790.69	8/25/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	083423 (#23)	\$13,426.72	\$13,426.72	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084028 (#27)	\$7,293.81	\$7,293.81	10/27/2008	
ECT (Executive Director)	084504 (#31)	\$2,139.82	\$2,139.82	11/25/2008	Anticipated
ECT (Executive Director)			\$0.00		
Subtotal					\$51,763.86
Total: ARC Staff Support					\$146,997.50
TOTAL					\$448,638.98

NOTES:

- (1) Payments for services provided and costs incurred against the 2008 budget.
- (2) There are additional funds which have been expended against the 2008 budget which have not yet been billed/paid.
There is a delay of 30 to 60 days between expenditure and payment.

**Alliance of Rouge Communities
2009 Approved Budget**

Expected Revenues Available for 2009

* 2009 Dues from Communities	\$ 296,694
** 2009 Rouge Project Grant	\$ 292,846
Future other Grants (Estimated)	\$ 58,500
Charges for Services	\$ 5,000
Rollover Dues from 2008 Budget (Estimated)	\$ 96,683
	\$ 749,723

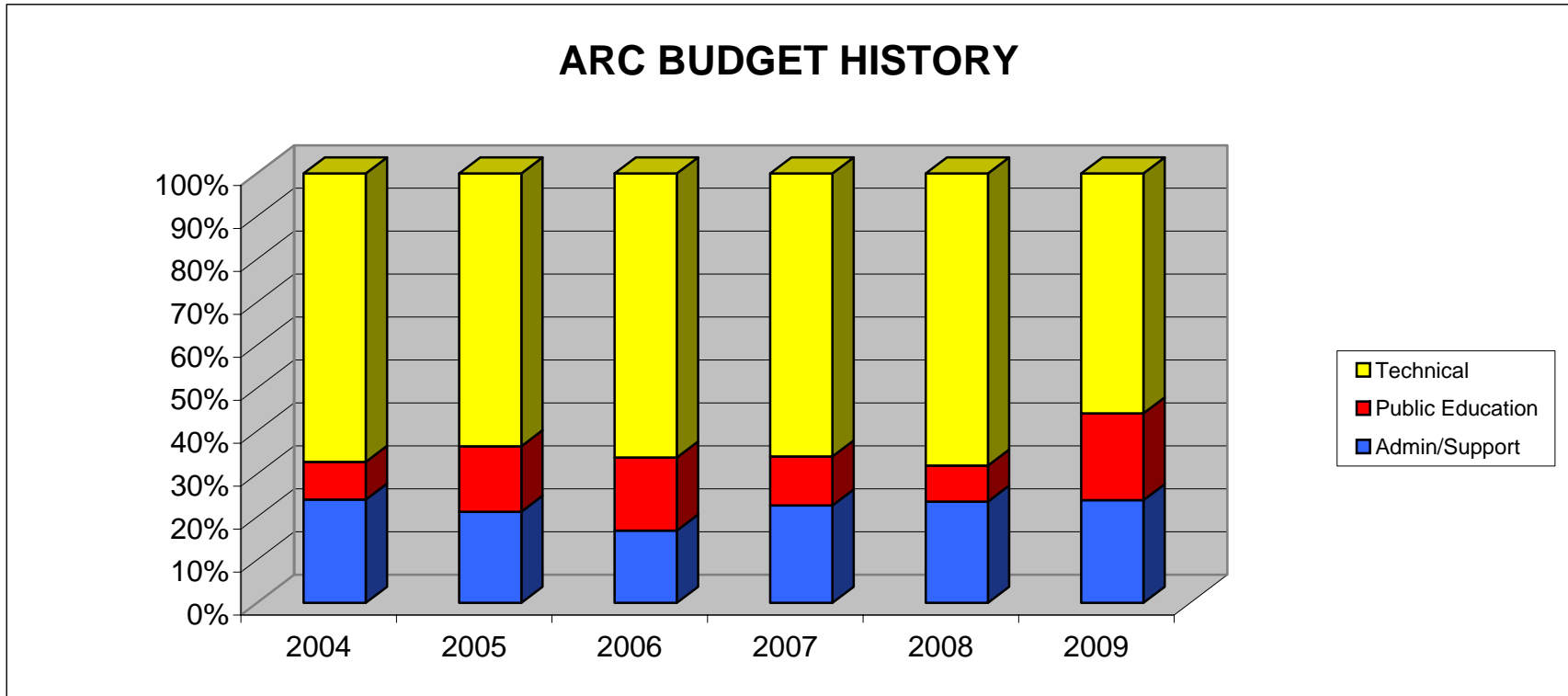
Proposed 2009 Budget Items	Committee Proposal	Funding Source			"Provider" using Budget (6)
		ARC Dues	Rouge Grant	Other Source	
Organization Committee					
OC1 Executive Director Services	\$ 159,391	\$ 79,696	\$ 79,696		Exe.Dir. Serv.
(1) OC2.a ARC Insurance	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -		outside purchase
(4) OC2.b Fiduciary Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
(5) OC4 ARC Advocacy and Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<i>Organization Committee Total</i>	\$ 163,891	\$ 84,196	\$ 79,696	\$ -	
Public Education and Involvement Committee					
PIE1 Green Infrastructure Campaign	\$ 80,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 5,000	Exe.Dir. Serv./Wayne County
PIE2 Detention Pond Maintenance Manual Update	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750		Exe.Dir. Serv.
PIE3 Pub Ed Materials	\$ 22,500	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250		Exe.Dir. Serv./Wayne County
PIE4 Collaborative PEP	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		Exe.Dir. Serv.
PIE5 Website Maintenance	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		Exe.Dir. Serv.
PIE6 Rouge 2009	\$ 7,800	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900		Exe.Dir. Serv.
PIE7 PIE Initiatives	\$ 9,700	\$ 4,850	\$ 4,850		Not Defined
<i>PIE Committee Total</i>	\$ 138,500	\$ 66,750	\$ 66,750	\$ 5,000	
Technical Committee					
TC1 Rouge River Watershed Monitoring Activities	\$ 64,800	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400		Friends of the Rouge- RPO
TC2 ARC Collaborative IDEP and E. coli TMDL Plan	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		Exe.Dir. Serv./Wayne County
TC3 Green Infrastructure and Impervious Cover					
TC3 Mapping	\$ 85,000	\$ 42,500	\$ 42,500		Contractor to be procured
(2) TC4 Pursuing Grant Opportunities	\$ 100,000	\$ 36,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 58,500	Not Defined
TC5 NPDES Phase II Workgroup	\$ 18,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000		Exe.Dir. Serv.
TC6 Technical Committee Initiatives	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500		Not Defined
<i>Technical Committee Total</i>	\$ 382,800	\$ 177,900	\$ 146,400	\$ 58,500	
Total Amount Requested by All Committees	\$ 685,191	\$ 328,846	\$ 292,846	\$ 63,500	
Available Unallocated Budget	\$ 64,532	\$ 64,532	\$ -	\$ -	

Notes

- (1) Not a Rouge grant eligible item; funded 100% from ARC dues.
- (2) Eligibility of using Rouge Grant funds to prepare applications to other funding sources needs to be investigated
Grant Writing is currently budgeted 50/50 (ARC/Rouge Grant), while the project is Budgeted 35/65 (ARC/New grant).
this request anticipate \$58,500 grant, \$31,500 Match and \$10,000 grant pursuing effort.
- (3) Not used
- (4) Executive Director through Task OC1 will be providing this service in 2009 instead of Wayne County.
- (5) Task OC4 was included in Task OC1 in the 2009 budget.
- (6) Officers & Committee Members provide assistance to implement most of the ARC tasks. Cost for this assistance is not included in ARC Budget.
- * Based on 2008 dues amounts
- ** Amount may be less if some of the costs associated with pursuing other funding sources is determined to be ineligible

ARC Budget History

<u>Component</u>	EXPENDITURES BUDGETED AT START OF FISCAL YEAR					
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Admin/Support	171,200	161,000	100,000	144,140	154,785	163,891
Public Education	62,500	115,690	100,900	72,500	54,910	138,500
Technical	478,000	481,840	392,689	418,850	446,383	382,800
Totals =	\$711,700	\$758,530	\$593,589	\$635,490	\$656,078	\$685,191



Fiscal Year 2010 DEQ Fee Proposal
Storm Water Fees
October 28, 2008

Program Description. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Water Bureau (WB), has authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to implement the Federal Storm Water Program. Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Federal Storm Water Program is a comprehensive, national program for addressing industrial, construction, and municipal sources of storm water discharges that adversely affect the quality of the nation's surface waters. The program uses National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to prevent harmful pollutants from being discharged by storm water runoff into rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

MCL Citation. Sections 324.3118 and 324.3119 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, establish the current fund and fee structure.

Sunset Date. The storm water fees sunset on October 1, 2009.

Last Fee Increase. The last storm water fee increase was enacted in 2004.

Who Pays the Fees? The storm water annual fees are paid by approximately 330 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) owners or operators, consisting of cities, villages, townships, and counties, and approximately 3,300 industrial facilities that are billed annually. In addition, annually approximately 750 construction operators pay a one-time application fee.

Services Provided. Services provided include the protection and enhancement of the surface waters. Program activities that support this service include permit issuance, compliance, enforcement, technical assistance, monitoring, data management, and water quality standards.

Benefits of the Services Provided. Benefits include the protection of public health and surface waters, sustainable ecosystems, and the support of a healthy economy. This is accomplished by promptly issuing permits and ensuring compliance and enforcement. Timely issuance of permits protects surface waters via permit requirements based on new treatment standards, water quality standards, monitoring, and facility inspection information. Technical services to the regulated community increases compliance with permit requirements. Another benefit is preventing delays for new construction and expansion of existing businesses, which are key to Michigan jobs.

What Happens Without the Services. Without the services, contaminated storm water and other pollutants can seriously degrade our waters and negatively impact public health and the environment. Specific examples of negative impacts include an increased need for fish consumption advisories, increases in nuisance weeds and algal blooms, and fish kills due to lower oxygen levels in the water. In addition, failure to provide timely issuance of permits may result in a loss of business and delays in remediation efforts.

Current Fee Revenue. The current fee system generates approximately \$1.84 million annually.

Proposed Fee Revenue. The proposed fees will generate a projected additional \$1,900,000, for an annual budget of \$3,740,000.

Service Improvements and Efficiencies. Key improvements made by the MDEQ since the fees were initiated in 2004 include:

- The MDEQ increased compliance by facilities that needed a storm water permit but had not applied for a permit before.

- The MDEQ converted from paper records to electronic records in the MDEQ databases. This saves the program time and materials.
- The MDEQ created Web access to permit information and implemented electronic public noticing on the MDEQ Web site. This allows the public access to permit-related information directly on the Web, instead of requesting the information and/or filing a Freedom of Information (FOIA) request. This also reduces the amount of staff time spent responding to these requests, thus reducing the MDEQ's costs.
- The MDEQ implemented the use of e-mail to send permit-related documents to applicants, instead of paper copies via mail services.
- The MDEQ consolidated field activities related to Construction Site Storm Water Permits and Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) to improve the efficiencies in our activities, decrease confusion among the regulated community, and reduce staff time required for conducting core program activities.
- The MDEQ consolidated the SESC and Construction Site Certified Operator Training into one training instead of having two separate trainings required.

Service Reductions. As a result of inadequate fees, the Storm Water Program was supplemented with Federal 106 funds to fund approximately 7 FTEs as a temporary measure until the fees are renewed. This form of "bridge funding" takes monies away from NPDES core activities, such as compliance and enforcement, monitoring, NPDES Permit Reissuance, and Total Maximum Daily Load studies. The current Storm Water Program is operating with reduced permit processing, compliance inspections, and enforcement.

Impact Without Fee Increases. Without the proposed fee increase, the program cannot meet its statutory responsibility to protect surface waters and process permits. Without adequate funding, the program would be scaled back or abolished. The impact of this would be permit issuance delays and backlogs, fewer inspections, and reduced monitoring. This will have a detrimental impact on the MDEQ's ability to protect human health and the environment and advance economic growth.

The MDEQ will not meet their USEPA commitments for permit reissuance and thus jeopardize federal funding and program delegation. The regulated community has long maintained its desire that the MDEQ administer the NPDES program, rather than the USEPA because the State is more accessible and has firm deadlines.

Without the fee increase, the program must continue to reduce its compliance efforts, including facility inspections and addressing facilities discharging without a permit. A credible compliance program is necessary so that water dischargers obtain and follow their permits. Without continued effort in this area, unpermitted facilities will have an unfair advantage over permitted facilities because they have not provided treatment to meet state standards. Also, fewer compliance inspections and technical assistance activities will result in an increased risk of pollutants being discharged from contaminated storm water.

Without the funding, permit issuance delays will result in adversely impacting entities that rely on timely permit processing for expansions or new facilities in the state. Businesses cannot build or expand in a timely fashion unless permits required by state law can be issued in a timely fashion. This could result in businesses choosing to locate outside of Michigan.

Another detrimental impact of a permit backlog is the delay in incorporating up-to-date requirements in permits. Timely reissuance of permits is needed to incorporate new water quality standards and treatment technology standards.

Storm Water Fees

Current Sunset – October 1, 2009

Type	Description		Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Construction Application Fee	A 1-time application fee is required for a permit related solely to a site of construction activity for each permitted site. The fee shall be submitted by the construction site permittee along with his or her Notice of Coverage (NOC). No application fee for sites 1 - 5 acres of disturbance.		\$400	\$1,425
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Fee	MS4 Population Range	0 – 1,000	\$500	\$750
		1,001 – 3,000	\$1,000	\$1,500
		3,001 – 10,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
		10,001 – 30,000	\$3,000	\$4,500
		30,001 – 50,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
		50,001 – 75,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
		75,001 – 100,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
		Greater than 100,000	\$7,000	\$10,500
	Counties		\$3,000	\$4,500
	Others		\$500	\$750
Industrial Annual Fee	An annual fee is required for a permit related solely to a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity or from a commercial site for which the MDEQ determines a permit is needed.		\$260	\$500

*The total generated by this fee proposal is \$3,740,000, which is the amount needed to fund the program for FY2010. This DRAFT fee proposal includes a provision for an annual inflation adjustment based on the Detroit Consumer Price Index (CPI) with no sunset date for this fee. However, the fee proposals included in the FY 2010 Executive Budget may not include a CPI adjustor. In that event, the DEQ proposes a sunset date for this fee.



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November 26, 2008

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Ypsilanti Twp.

Mr. Steve Chester, MDEQ Director
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Lansing, MI 48909-7973

RE: 2010 DEQ Fee Proposal – Stormwater Fees

Dear Steve:

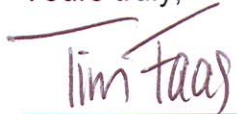
I am writing you on behalf of the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) to express our concerns about the proposed 50% increase in annual stormwater permit fees for 2010.

While we appreciate the background information supporting the need for the MDEQ to increase its fees for this program, the timing of this increase could not be worse for our members.

Our members are struggling to afford the minimal programs we currently offer to our customers, and 2010 could prove to be the most challenging fiscal year for us since the Great Depression. In many cases, general fund revenues from local taxes are the primary source of revenue for the stormwater programs we are required to provide. These revenues are projected to decrease, on average, about 15% in 2010 due to the declining property values in southeast Michigan.

We are requesting that you consider delaying the timing of the proposed increase until we might be able to better afford it.

Yours truly,



Tim Faas, Chairperson

Cc: ARC membership
Chuck Hersey, SEMCOG



James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

October 8, 2008

Mr. Steve Chester
Constitution Hall
525 West Allegan St.
PO Box 30473
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Request for determination

Dear Mr. Chester:

I am writing at the request of the communities of Southeast Michigan that have committed time and resources to participate in a Watershed Alliance under PA 517 of 2005. Specifically, we are requesting your formal determination regarding their eligibility for CMI -related grant funds. Mr. Robert Sweet has determined that the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) is not eligible to receive Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) funds.

PA 517 was enacted to form a "sub-state unit of government" capable of seeking state grant funds. We would ask you to review Mr. Sweet's determination that the ARC and similar entities do not fall into that definition.

In a recent e-mail from Mr. Sweet to the ARC staff, he made a distinction between a fiduciary and a partner (attached). Some of our communities could not discern between these terms. Historically, Wayne County (and other Southeast Michigan counties) has served as a fiduciary for CMI-related projects. Mr. Sweet has suggested that this fiduciary role would be unacceptable but Wayne County could serve as a "partner." Our communities noted that these new requirements were not included in previous grant rounds, and only serve to exclude the ARC and the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds. The ARC Executive Committee has asked me to inquire if the bill authorizing the formation of the alliances failed at forming a vehicle for communities to cooperate and seek state and federal funds.

Community leaders in Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties worked hard to get the Watershed Alliance Act to allow us to seek this type of funding. The ARC Executive Committee is seeking a more formal reading of the legal underpinnings of these seemingly conflicting pieces of legislation/rules before additional action is required.

October 8, 2008

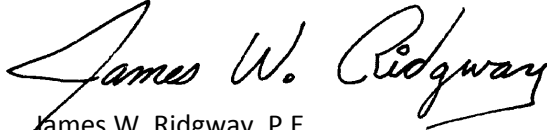
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Because the ARC will continue to seek state funding for our efforts, we are requesting your interpretation of this critical issue, consistent with the guiding principles of PA 517 - regional cooperation and cost-savings for local governments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 313-410-6504.

Sincerely,

ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Ridgway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Sweet [mailto:sweetr@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 3:25 PM

To: 'kkarll@ectinc.com'

Cc: 'Tim Faas'; 'Noel Mullett'; 'Razik Alsaigh'; 'Jim Ridgway'; 'Zachare Ball'; Amy Peterson

Subject: Re: Watershed Alliance Legislation & Grants

Kelly,

The FY09 NPS Program Request for Proposals (RFP) defines eligible applicants as either sub-state units of government or incorporated nonprofit organizations (under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code). Organizations established under PA 517 of 2004 do not appear to meet either of these criteria.

While Section 31204 (1)(d) of PA 517 of 2004 may allow watershed alliances to apply for grants it does not pre-empt the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) legislation (MCL 324.8808) or the rules which governs the Nonpoint Source Program grants (specifically rule 5(1) and 5(4) from R 324.8805) and on which the RFP is based.

The RFP also requires all applicants to supply proof of a successful financial audit within the 24-month period immediately preceding the application and further requires that the audit must be of the applicant organization - No fiduciary arrangements are accepted. According to information posted on the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) web site, ARC will be unable to meet this requirement as it operates through a fiduciary arrangement and does not maintain the necessary financial structure required under CMI- Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants (NPS) rules.

The issue of eligibility of watershed alliances was discussed with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Management in December 2007. The language in the current RFP reflects the outcome of that discussion.

Please note that the member organizations of watershed alliances are separately eligible entities (assuming they meet the audit requirements). We would suggest that one of the eligible members apply on behalf of the other members to implement the priority elements of an approved and eligible plan. The "partner" members could receive grant funds via the applicant or earn project match.

Please feel free to contact me should you have additional question or if you would like further clarification of the above issues.

Thanks
Bob Sweet

Robert Sweet
Environmental Science & Services Division
Department of Environmental Quality
517-335-6967

>>> Kelly Karll <kkarll@ectinc.com> 9/8/2008 9:21 AM >>>
Bob,

I understand that you have recently indicated to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds group that they are not eligible as a group to apply for grant funding which has prompted me to email you on this topic. The State legislature

passed the Watershed Alliance Legislation in 2004
(<http://www.allianceofroungecommunities.com/PDFs/2004-PA-0517.pdf>) This was signed into effect by Governor Granholm. Please look at Section 31204 (1) d & e which references solicitation and expenditure of grant funds.

There appears to be a disconnect between this legislation and the eligibility requirements outlined in the recently issued grant RFP. This legislation was passed to form Watershed alliances and thus authorize the groups to solicit grant funds thru federal, state, etc. sources without having to set up a separate 501(c)(3)number/designation.

Perhaps the coordination of this legislation with the grants issued/offered by the state has not been completely outlined. The ARC (and probably ADW) would certainly like to apply for grant funds without the need to set up a separate fiduciary; however, in the past (in 2006), the ARC did receive a CMI grant for BST project in which Wayne County was the fiduciary, but the grant agreement was signed by an ARC member. The MDEQ only requested the Tax ID number..no 501(c)(3) was required.

We would appreciate your review of these procedures/eligibility requirements so that we may accurately prepare the necessary documentation for possible grant applications.

Thanks,
Kelly

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2009 DRAFT ARC Meeting Calendar

Proposed Meeting Date	Key Agenda Items
Full ARC Meetings (2 meetings)	
March 3 rd	
December 15 th	
ARC Executive Committee (4 meetings)	
February 5 th	Approve award of GI/IC mapping
June 11 th	Budget Schedule
September 10 th	Budget Request Review
December 3 rd	Summary of Budget Recommendations to Full ARC
ARC Strategic Plan/Organizational Committee	
February 3 rd	
May 5 th	
September 1 st	
ARC Finance Committee	
January 23 rd	Invoices, Quickbooks
June 5 th	Invoices, Quickbooks
August 28 th	Invoices, Quickbooks
Technical Committee	
January 21 st	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ARC IDEP and Ecoli TMDL Plan – review past monitoring to identify locations for further analyses, etc. 2) Watershed-wide GIS of outfall locations 3) Review Green Infrastructure and IC Mapping Proposals 4) Discuss Potential Grant Opportunities 5) Proposed Phase II Workgroup Meeting Schedule 6) Phase II Contested Case Update

2009 DRAFT ARC Meeting Calendar

Proposed Meeting Date	Key Agenda Items
April 8 th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ARC IDEP and Ecoli TMDL Plan - 2) Watershed-wide GIS of outfall locations 3) Status of Green Infrastructure and IC Mapping 4) Discuss Potential Grant Opportunities 5) Phase II Contested Case Updates/Phase II Workgroup 6) Monitoring Activities Update
July 22 nd	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ARC IDEP and Ecoli TMDL Plan - 2) Watershed-wide GIS of outfall locations 3) Web-Based Reporting for Plan 4) Status of Green Infrastructure and IC Mapping 5) Discuss Potential Grant Opportunities 6) Phase II Contested Case Updates/Phase II Workgroup 7) Monitoring Activities Update 8) 2010 Budget Items List
August 12 th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2010 Budget Items Review
PIE Committee (other dates TBD)	
January 15 th 1:30 Canton Township	
SWAG Meetings	
Week of Feb 9 th	
Week of June 22 nd	
Week of Sept 14 th	

Other meetings will include the NPDES Phase II Workgroup which will be formed in early 2009. In addition, subcommittee meetings for various projects will also take place.