



Working together, restoring the river

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Executive Director

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES**

August 24, 2011, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Summit on the Park, Canton

- Auburn Hills
- Beverly Hills
- Bingham Farms
- Birmingham
- Bloomfield Hills
- Bloomfield Twp.
- Canton Twp.
- Commerce Twp.
- Dearborn
- Dearborn Heights
- Farmington
- Farmington Hills
- Franklin
- Garden City
- Henry Ford Community College
- Lathrup Village
- Livonia
- Melvindale
- Northville
- Northville Twp.
- Novi
- Oak Park
- Oakland County
- Orchard Lake
- Plymouth
- Plymouth Twp.
- Pontiac
- Redford Twp.
- Rochester Hills
- Romulus
- Southfield
- Troy
- Van Buren Twp.
- Walled Lake
- Washtenaw County
- Wayne
- Wayne County
- Westland
- Wixom

1. Welcome (Gary Mekjian)

- a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 16 members listed below were in attendance, which was not sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was held but no motions were made.

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

b. Additions or Changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

There were no additions or changes made to the draft meeting agenda.

d. Approval of April 26, 2011 Meeting Summary

The motion was tabled until the next Full ARC meeting because there was not a quorum.

2. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report (Chris O’Meara reported on behalf of D. Rohraff, Treasurer)

a. Draft 2010 budget vs. actual

The 2010 budget vs. actual report was handed out as information.

Cooperating Partners:

- Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Friends of the Rouge
- Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority
- Wayne State University

b. 2010 Audit and Financial Statement

The 2010 Audit and Financial Statement was handed out as information. C. O'Meara informed the members that original bound copies of the audit/financial statement is available for any member who would like one. The audit and financial statement will also be available on the ARC website.

c. 2011 Budget Status Report

The A/R and A/P report was handed out along with a profit and loss report for the 2011 budget.

d. 2011 Budget Amendment

Zachare Ball reviewed the 2011 budget amendment as follows:

Finance Committee Amendment 2: Add 2011 GLC Grant "SPAC3 Developing a Coordinated Effort to Address Rouge AOC BUIs". This amendment adds the 2011 GLC PAC grant budget line to the 2011 ARC Budget with funding of \$24,989 for these activities. No match is required. The motion to approve this amendment was tabled until the next Full ARC meeting because there was not a quorum.

e. 2012 Budget Preparation Schedule

C. O'Meara reviewed the 2012 Budget Preparation Schedule and informed the Full ARC that the budget planning is on schedule.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Permit Subcommittee

Jim Ridgway informed the ARC that Since April 2011, the MDEQ has held 5 meetings to gain stakeholder input on the next version of the MS4 permit. These are listening sessions; no permit language is being hashed out and very little feedback has been given by the MDEQ. The last 2 meetings are scheduled for September 22 and October 18, 9 am – 12 pm.

b. Contested Case

J. Ridgway reported that he has calls in to the various lawyers for an update but did not receive calls back prior to the Full ARC meeting. Once he talks to them he will prepare a summary and forward that on to the members. He stated that the EPA is expected to have their guidance and new rules out within the next 30 days.

c. Grant Status Report

J. O'Meara gave a presentation showing the status of the various grants that the ARC has been awarded. This presentation is also available on the ARC website.

K. Cave informed the members that the City of Inkster has a grant to do a trail system.

J. Ridgway asked the members to send their project ideas to the ARC staff so we may continue to look for sources to fund them.

d. Revised Rouge River Watershed Management Plan

J. Ridgway reported that the revised Rouge River Watershed Management Plan was submitted to the MDEQ on June 27, 2011. The revisions were made based on MDEQ general comments and 319 comments. The revised WMP along with the response to the MDEQ comments can be found on the ARC website. K. Cave asked if the MDEQ gave any date for when they would be done reviewing the revised WMP. Z. Ball stated that they did not give any estimate but she asked that they meet with ARC staff at the midway point of their review of the document.

e. ARC Public and Member Marketing Flyer

Members present received copies of the 2 new marketing flyers that are available for use. The public piece introduces the ARC and gives an overview of the various projects that the ARC is working on. This is a good handout to have at public events that the ARC is sponsoring. The member piece summarizes the benefits of membership along with showcasing the various projects the ARC is supporting. The member piece reviews membership levels, how to become a member and explains the roles of each committee within the ARC. This is a good piece to share with councils or boards when reviewing your annual membership dues. This will also be used to market nonmember communities. Members were asked to send an email request to comeara@ectinc.com for additional copies of either flyer.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee

Kelly Cave stated that the Organization Committee has not meet to date but will be scheduling a meeting to review the draft revisions to the ARC Bylaws that Meghan Bonfiglio and ARC staff have drafted. She expects to have a draft for the Executive Committee's review at the next meeting.

b. PIE Committee (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)

B. Siedlaczek reported that a total of 1,300 rain barrels were sold in Farmington Hills, Westland and Southfield with 700+ barrels selling out in 3 hours at the Westland event. Two other events are scheduled in Westland on September 17 and in Novi on September 24. The ARC has distributed 800 tree seedlings at two rain barrel events. Additionally, another 200 are being distributed at Southfield this weekend, and to classes participating in the Green Schools Program. Each ARC member community and partners has received 100 bookmarks that were created by the ARC. We have distributed these at rain barrel events and another 2,300 will be distributed at the Cranbrook Water Festival. Additionally, we are sending bookmarks to libraries in ARC member communities. The next PIE Committee meeting is scheduled for October 20 at Wayne County' Commerce Court offices.

c. Technical Committee

Gary Zorza reported that Oakland County will be smoke testing the storm sewer in southeast Farmington Hills. Wayne County will dye test municipal facilities and industries in Priority 1 and 2 areas. The Technical Committee did a dye test survey and only 50% of the membership responded. Dye testing of 40+ facilities was requested. Those in Priority Areas 1 and 2 will be given highest priority.

G. Zorza reported that the web-based reporting system is moving forward. An email was sent out regarding Activity Assignments and as of 8/18 only 10 members responded. Please follow-up on that email or contact Annette DeMaria if you need assistance. G. Zorza reminded members to request that the MDEQ move their annual report period end date to December 31. The current efforts include 1) moving the system over to the ARC's server, 2) making final edits to the system and 3) creating watershed-wide and county-wide reports. The release date for individual community reporting is scheduled for October 1 with a training workshop on the system planned for October/November.

6. Report from WCDPS

Kelly Cave reported that the current Rouge Grant ends December 2012 and that they are working on having it extended to 2013. K. Cave reported that they just got word that funds for ARC support for 2012 will be at the same level as this year. They will also have roughly \$800,000 for Rouge Round XI Sub-grants which will be out in March with 18 months to do the work.

K. Cave reported that Wayne County received 2011 GLRI funding to implement IDEP and HHW activities under the toxic reduction program. J. Wineka reported that Oakland County submitted four proposals that weren't chosen for funding.

K. Cave reported that she had discussions with Bill Creal regarding the potential for Green Infrastructure funding of \$175,000 for riparian corridor planning in parts of the Rouge and other Wayne County locations.

K. Cave informed the members of a project Wayne County has been working on which affected 20 miles of the Rouge Valley sewer system over a 2 year period. The goal was to reduce the pollution to the river. The project is expected to be completed by December and includes lining interceptors, correcting regulators that are stuck open, 966 manholes were reholed. With all the recent basement backups there were no SSOs.

K. Cave reported that the USACE is still moving forward with the channel removal/restoration. The USACE has finished their report recommending the removal of the concrete channel and has submitted it to the region for approval.

K. Cave informed the members that they are working on the 2011 Progress Report and asked that communities forward to her photos and summaries of what their organizations and communities have done.

K. Cave showed the Rouge Gateway update presentation that she prepared. The presentation will be available on the ARC website.

J. Ridgway took a few minutes to thank Wayne County for the many years of continued funding that they have provided the ARC members.

6. Opportunity for Public Comment

Ralph Williams, resident, suggested that the ARC publish an article regarding the success of the CSO/SSO projects. He felt this would be good public relations and would be an opportunity to discuss why we have had the various flooding problems over the summer.

Lillian Dean thanked the PIE Committee and the ARC for providing the funds for various printed materials that SOCWA uses. She invited the ARC to attend their upcoming professional seminar on native trees and shrubs on September 1. L. Dean also stated that the rain garden tours were a great success with over 120 citizens attending.

Cindy Ross reported for FOTR on their upcoming events including a native planting in Walled Lake on September 10, the Fall Bug Hunt on October 15, Run for the Rouge on September 17, and the Rouge Brew on November 6.

Jen Tewkesbury from MDEQ stated that they will be kicking off the GLRI projects.

Wayne Domine informed the ARC that Dave Payne retired and thanked him for his years of service to the ARC. He was one of the people involved from the ARC's inception. J. Ridgway stated that we will put something together for the next meeting to honor him.

Karen Mondora invited ARC members to attend the upcoming ADW sponsored seminar "What Color is your Infrastructure" on September 23.

7. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (Chris O'Meara, ARC staff)

Because there was not a quorum, no actions were taken.

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (C. O'Meara)

- Finance Committee meeting, September 28, 1:30 p.m., Livonia DPW
- PIE Committee meeting, October 20, 1:30 p.m. at Wayne County Commerce Court
- Executive Committee meeting, October 25, 1:30 p.m., Farmington Hills City Hall, Community Room
- Full ARC meeting, November 1, 1:30 p.m., location TBD

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: 8/24/11

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ball Zachare	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EB
Barnes Jack	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barrett Robert	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Baumgarten Matt	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB
Belair Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RAB
Beyer Lori	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LED
Bobrin Janis	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bonfiglio Meghan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MGB
Borton Cory	HRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brooks Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DBB
Buford Kevin	Westland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K.L.B.
Buiten Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carroll Terry	Van Buren Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cave Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coburn Brian	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Colaianne Joe	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cousino Brendon	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cravens Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cureton Lloyd	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis Paul	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeMaria Annette	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dombrowski Tony	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Domine Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WD
El-Gharib Ramzi	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faas Tim	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gallogly	James	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gigliotti	Allen	Henry Ford Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Greco	Sam	Henry Ford Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Troy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Ang</i>
Gushman	Kevin	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hagaman	Kathryn	Bingham Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>KPH</i>
Harvey	Dave	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Howell	Michael	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Johnson	Ron	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ketai	Don	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LaManes	Paul	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maillard	Kevin	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mandelia	Kitty	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCulloch	John	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCusker	Benny	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McGill	Lisa	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mehalski	Noah	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mekjian	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meszler	Tom	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Moore	Roger	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>RM</i>
Mueller	Jeff	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Murray	Jim	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nowicki	Anthony	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	Paul	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ostling	Eric	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Overmyer	Cortland	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Porman	Chris	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Puuri	Steve	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reaume	Richard	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schueller	Derrick	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schultz	Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi	John	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sincock	Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Smith	Paul	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>PS</i>
St. Henry	Paul	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sullivan	Amy	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Szczygiel	Larry	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Weaver	Don	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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White	Paul	Van Buren Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jim</i>
Yee	Kevin	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zoner	Tom	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zorza	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RALPH Williams		<input type="checkbox"/>	REJH
Cynthia ROSS	FOTR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR
Jon Tewkesbury	DEO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JT
Karen Mondragon	OHM	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lillian Dean	SocWA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LD
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