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DRAFT AGENDA
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
Thursday, March 25, 2010
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Shannon Room, Costick Activity Center
28600 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills

- 1. Welcome – Tim Faas, Chair**
 - a. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
 - b. Introductions of ARC guests **Information**
 - c. Additions or changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda
 - d. Approval of October 21, 2009 Meeting Summary **Action**
 - e. Progress update on “The Value of ARC Membership” **Information**

- 2. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report – Wayne Domine – Interim Treasurer**
 - a. 2009 Budget Status Report **Information**
 - b. 2010 Budget Status Report **Information**

- 3. Executive Director Report –Jim Ridgway**
 - a. Watershed Management Plan Update **Information**
 - b. ARC Foundation 501(c)(3) application **Information**
 - c. 2009 Executive Director’s Annual Report **Information**
 - d. Grant Status Report
 - i. GLI USACE – Rouge River Feasibility Study Match **Information**

- 4. Review of MS4 Permit Compliance Evaluation – Jim Ridgway** **Information**

- 5. Standing Committee Reports – Tim Faas**
 - a. Organization Committee (M. Bononi, K. Cave – Co-Chairs) **Information**
 - i. Grants Procedure **Action**
 - b. PIE Committee (B. Siedlaczek, Chair) **Information**
 - i. Progress Report
 - ii. FOTR Program Survey Results (S. Petrella, FOTR) **Information**
 - c. Technical Committee (G. Zorza, Vice Chair) **Information**
 - i. Progress Report
 - d. Nominating Committee – 2011-2012 (T. Biasell, Chair) **Information**
 - i. Progress Report

- 6. Rouge Program Office Report – Kelly Cave** **Information**

- 7. Opportunity for Public Comment – Tim Faas**

- 8. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance – Chris O’Meara** **Information**

9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Information

- Lower 1/Middle 1 SWAG Meeting, March 30, 9:30 a.m., Northville Township Municipal Offices
- Upper/Main 1-2 SWAG meeting, March 30, 1:30 p.m., Longacre House, Farmington Hills
- Middle 3/Lower 2 and Main 3-4 SWAG Meeting, March 31, 1:30 p.m., City of Livonia DPW Office
- PIE Committee meeting, April 14, 1:30 p.m., Wayne County's Commerce Court office in Wayne

10. Other Business

- a. **Rouge 2009 Presentation** – Kelly Cave
- b. **Walled Lake's "Cool City by the Lake" Grant Presentation** – Nina Ignaczak, OC Planning and Lisa McGill, City of Walled Lake

Information

Information

11. Adjourn

Action



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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
October 21, 2009, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Summit on the Park, Canton Township

- 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

- a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 26 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

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

After roll call all guests in attendance introduced themselves.

b. Approval of May 5, 2009 & August 6, 2009 Meeting Summary

A motion was made by Jim Zoumbaris, Livonia, to approve the May 5, 2009 & August 6, 2009 meeting summaries. It was seconded by Tom Biasell, Farmington Hills, 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

a. 2009 Budget Status Report

Jennifer Lawson, Treasurer, reviewed the information that was given on the ARC invoice payments and budget status. J. Lawson informed the ARC members that the cities of Dearborn, Franklin, Pontiac and Superior Township of communities owe their 2009 dues. All have been contacted and have payments being processed. J. Lawson was informed by Superior Township and Ypsilanti Township that they will be withdrawing from the ARC. J. Lawson stated that she is waiting for written notice from Superior Township.

b. 2009 Budget Amendments

J. Lawson reviewed the 2009 budget amendments for FC1 – 501(c)(3) application, OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land Cover Inventory. Gary Zorza briefly discussed with the members the termination of the contract with MTRI and the selection of Sanborn to complete the work. Sanborn was the ARC's second choice from the bids received in combination with the interview process. G. Zorza stated that Sanborn will be using part of a grant with the MDEQ to reduce the cost to the ARC by \$10,000. Eric Witte asked if there was a performance bond and G. Zorza replied that there was not, it was just considered a breach of contract. He also stated that no money was paid to MTRI. A motion was made by Jeff Mueller, Lathrup Village, to approve the 2009 Budget Amendments as presented by the Treasurer and as depicted on the budget documents for FC1-501(c)(3) application, OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land Cover Inventory. It was seconded by E. Witte, Melvindale, and passed unanimously.

c. 2009 Annual review of Executive Director Services

J. Lawson informed the members that the ARC officers met with Jim Ridgway of ECT to discuss the performance evaluation for the Executive Director Services to the ARC. They discussed and rated specific performance measures which could range from good to poor. These were based on the services the ECT provides. The overall rating was good with the ARC staff doing a very good job. Two areas, grants and leadership performance rated fair. Areas needing improvement are grant applications and future funding opportunities and developing partnerships with SEMCOG and others. The officers discussed the importance of having a leader for the ARC. Another suggestion is to include more information on our website calendar such as ARC deadlines and outside activities. T. Faas stated that the ARC continues to evolve for the better. Jim Ridgway thanked the members for allowing ECT to be involved in the ARC. He said all of the ARC staff love the work we do for the ARC.

d. 2010 Budget Requests

J. Lawson reviewed the draft 2010 budget requests totaling \$735,741 as presented in the handouts. J. Lawson stated that the ARC member dues will not change in 2010. The budget items are as follows:

- OC1 – Executive Director Services
- OC2 – ARC Insurance
- OC3 – Accounting/legal Services
- PIE1 – Green Infrastructure Campaign
- PIE2 – Riparian Corridor Mgt. Booklet
- PIE 3 – Pub. Ed. Material
- PIE4 – ARC Website Maintenance
- PIE5 – Friends of the Rouge
- PIE6 – WMP Revisions

- TC1 – Rouge River Watershed Monitoring Activities
- TC2 – Collaborative Storm Water Action Plan Imp.
- TC3 – Pursuing Grant Opportunities
- TC4 – Land Cover Inventory – Gary Zorza informed the committee that this is a continuation of the above discussion regarding the MTRI termination and hiring of Sanborn.

After discussion the motion was made by J. Zoumbaris, Livonia, to approve the ARC 2010 budget totaling \$735,741, as presented by the Treasurer and supported by the budget documents. The motion was seconded by J. Mueller, Lathrup Village and passed unanimously.

T. Faas took a moment to say that the treasurer is the hardest job and gave special thanks to Jennifer Lawson for her work as ARC treasurer.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Watershed Management Plan

J. Ridgway said that ARC staff met with MDEQ to talk about the WMP revisions. MDEQ staff were very receptive and agreed that minor changes would make the WMP acceptable under 319. Communities would have to commit to one activity for each objective (under the goals) and potential projects could be considered “wish list” items rather than become part of their existing SWPPIs. Communities will not be required to undertake wish list items. Priority areas must be created for each subwatershed. He said there is also the potential of having one umbrella SWPPI and possibly one annual report which goes with the web-based annual reporting system that the ARC is preparing. Revisions will be made to the WMP by February, 2010. SWAG meetings will be set up soon to start the revision process.

b. Draft ARC NPDES Permit

J. Ridgway informed the membership that their discussions with the MDEQ also included the contested case permit. They discussed the elective option which is not subject to MDEQ approval. The Alternative option needs to be approved. Executive Director staff talked with MDEQ about the possibility of an alternative (or Rouge only permit) that would require MDEQ approval but would recognize our past work. The MDEQ was very interested in discussing this possibility. J. Ridgway stated that the ARC Staff would incorporate comments from both the Executive Committee and the membership, review it with the lawyers and then present it to the MDEQ (at no additional cost to the ARC). This would, if accepted by the MDEQ, allow the ARC to go after 319 money in subsequent years.

Roger Moore, Rochester Hills, and Jim Wineka, Oakland County asked what would happen to those communities that are in more than one watershed and expressed their concern for the possibility of two sets of rules. J. Ridgway discussed the permit option that allows a community to name its primary watershed. There was discussion of whether it could be incorporated to be more general and could be shared with other communities not in the Rouge. K. Cave, Wayne County, stated that we still need to work out some of the details but that this is a good step.

The motion was made by J. Rickard, Northville Twp., to have the ARC Executive Director staff continue discussions with MDEQ regarding a watershed permit for the ARC. The motion was seconded by Kevin Buford, Westland, and passed unanimously.

c. Permit Requirements and the ARC 2010 Budget

J. Ridgway gave a brief overview of the powerpoint presentation that will be available on the ARC website for communities to download and show to their councils. The presentation shows the relationship between the permit requirements and the activities being done by the ARC. J. Ridgway stated that an email will go out when the presentation has been uploaded to the ARC website.

d. ARC Foundation 1023 application

J. Ridgway stated that the ARC Foundation Form 1023 is ready to file with the final approval of the ARC on the structure. Due to the quickly declining Rouge funding and the concerns about current members leaving the ARC, the current application package provides for a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation. The ARC Foundation has a separate corporate existence and will have its own 501(c)(3) status. The separate structure will allow the ARC Foundation to continue even if the current ARC someday dissolves. The question was asked if there would be a minimum fundraising amount that the ARC Foundation would have to do. J. Ridgway stated that ARC staff will ask the lawyer about the issue. The motion was made by K. Buford, Westland, to approve the filing of form 1023 to establish a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation. The motion was seconded by J. Mueller, Lathrup Village and passed unanimously.

4. Rouge Program Office Report (K. Cave)

K. Cave announced that there will be a Round X of sub grants available. K. Cave asked that communities forward by the beginning of the year their 2009 success stories for the annual report. K. Cave stated that Wayne County developed updates to the storm water ordinance program and these were emailed to members and are available on Wayne County's website.

K. Cave reported that the Department of Environment is now under the Wayne County Department of Public Services. She stated that there are no major changes on environmental matters.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee (K. Cave/D. Payne, Co-chairs)

K. Cave stated that the Organizational Committee met and discussed the status of the contest case and the alternative permit and the regional financial hardship argument. They also discussed updating the Purchasing Policy to address outside funding requests.

b. PIE Committee (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)

Brandy Siedlaczek reported that the PIE Committee held 3 green infrastructure workshops and bus tours and funded 13 green infrastructure projects. The PIE will be hosting a septic system workshop. The updates to the Detention Pond Maintenance Manual are complete and orders of the manual will be going out to member communities. The next PIE meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

c. Technical Committee (Gary Zorza, Vice Chair)

i. MTRI termination/Sanborn Recommendation

G. Zorza stated that this item was covered during the 2009 budget amendment and 2010 budget discussions.

ii. Payments made by fringe communities for Land Cover Inventory

G. Zorza discussed the change in cost between MTRI and Sanborn's cost to the fringe communities for the additional areas outside the Rouge River watershed. The cost for some is a substantial increase in what MTRI was offering. The Technical Committee with the help of ECT will be sending out letters to those fringe

communities explaining the change and offering the same service at the additional cost or offering a full refund if the fringe communities no longer want to purchase the additional coverage.

d. Grants Committee (Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff)

K. Cave on behalf of the Organizational committee announced that the Grants Committee would be dissolved and that the ARC Staff would provide the service under the Executive Director contract.

A. DeMaria discussed several grants that the ARC Staff is pursuing. The ARC submitted a \$70,000 grant application for *E. coli* TMDL Implementation Plan development and implementation which includes investigative sampling in West Bloomfield Twp. This grant required a 10% match of \$5,000, and the application had to be from a community who was not contesting the permit in this case, West Bloomfield Twp.

A. DeMaria summarized the ARC projects that were added to SEMCOG's GLRI project list. SEMCOG is leading the effort to organize projects in hopes of getting this federal funding. The full details of how much money will be available and when the RFP will be out has not been released yet. SEMCOG is working with each community on a list of what might be funded and grouping projects together to develop a watershed approach. The state would apply for the money and then hand it out. Some sample projects are rain gardens, green infrastructure, measuring success and other restoration projects. The list focuses mainly on projects that are in the Area of Concern (AOC) delisting documents and on projects that have a watershed-wide impact. The EPA has stated that they would like to allocate to large watershed groups.

A grant to the State of the Great Lakes was prepared in the amount of \$1.25 million which is for invasive species inventory and management, and creation of habitat through grow zones along the Main and Middle branches of the Rouge River. The pre-proposal was submitted on Oct 1st. In early November we will find out if the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is interested in a full proposal.

A. DeMaria stated that communities should look into Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants to funding storm water projects. At least 20 ARC members were awarded approximately \$5 million in funding under this grant program. Although some communities may already have plans for the funding, others may still be determining how to spend it. Storm water projects which would be eligible for these grants reducing runoff by installing green infrastructure in CSO areas, replacing pumps (water and wastewater) with more efficient ones, conversion of mowed turf grass into grow zones to reduce water usage. Communities may be able to take advantage of this funding while helping meet their Phase II permit.

6. Public Comment

T. Faas took a moment to thank Jim Zoumbaris, who will be retiring from the City of Livonia, for his commitment over the years to the ARC and PIE Committee. A motion was made by K. Buford, Westland, to recognize J. Zoumbaris for his service to the ARC. The motion was seconded by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and passed unanimously.

K. Buford, citizen, thanked MDEQ for attending the ARC meetings over the years. He hoped that MDEQ will recognize that we are working hard to come to an agreement with the state and the ARC.

Hae-Jin Yoon, MDEQ, stated that they understand that all communities are having financial difficulties, along with the state. She stated that the ARC has many options and that we are all working hard and all want to come to an agreement.

Chuck Hersey of SEMCOG asked that communities forward any GLRI comments or suggestions to them. He also informed the members of an upcoming SEMCOG University involving DTE Energy. The workshop will focus on saving money through energy efficiency actions and will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009.

Friends of the Rouge reported that they had 88 volunteers and 24 sites for their Fall Bug Hunt. They also made available flyers for the upcoming Winter Stonefly Search, Frog and Toad Survey, 2010 Rouge Rescue and a Schoolyard Habitat meeting on November 4.

T. Faas announced that the ARC has representation on the DWSD Clean Water Steering Committee through both himself and Jim Ridgway. The committee will focus on southeast Michigan and beyond and our hope is to promote the ARC and Michigan.

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

- Approval of May 5, 2009 and August 6, 2009 Full ARC Meeting Summary
- Organizational Committee to review the grants procedure and incorporate the Executive Director performing the Grant Committee activities.
- ARC members to review the draft permit and provide comments to ECT.
- Executive Director staff to draft changes to purchasing policy to include outside funding requests and present to the Organizational Committee for review.
- Approval of the 2009 Budget Amendments as presented by the Treasurer and as depicted on the budget documents for FC1-501(c)(3) application, OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land cover Inventory.
- ARC Executive Director staff to continue discussions with MDEQ regarding a watershed permit for the ARC.
- Approval of the filing of Form 1023 to establish a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation.
- ARC Staff to email members when the powerpoint presentation regarding the ARC activities in relation to the permit requirements has been uploaded to the ARC website.
- ARC Staff to contact lawyer regarding the ARC Foundation having a minimum fundraising amount.
- ARC members to forward their 2009 success stories to Wayne County.
- Approval the budget totaling \$735,741, as presented by the Treasurer and as depicted in the attached budget documents for the 2010 Budget of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.
- A motion was made to recognize J. Zoumbaris for his service to the ARC.

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

- PIE Committee, February 11, 2010, location TBD
- Full ARC meeting, first quarter 2010, 1:30 p.m., location TBD

9. Adjourn

The motion was made by K. Buford, Westland, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by T. Faas, Canton Twp., and passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: Oct. 21, 2009

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
Anulewicz James	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ball Zachare	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barnes Jack	Garden City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Barrett Robert	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Belair Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EB
Beyer Lori	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LEB
Biasell Thomas	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Bobrin Janis	Washtenaw County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bonfiglio Meghan	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB
Bononi Michelle	Washtenaw County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB
Bremer Christine	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buford Kevin	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buften Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cave Kelly	Wayne County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KAC
Colaianne Joe	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cousino Brendon	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coyer Bryan	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cravens Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cullen Jim	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cureton Lloyd	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis Paul	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeMaria Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF

Meeting Date: _____

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
Fadoir Ron	OCDC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fannon Richard	Commerce Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RF
Fellrath Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PF
Franzil Jack	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Freeman H. William	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gallogly James	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Garrison Jacy	OCDC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski Laura	Bloomfield Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LG
Gruzowski Laura	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guest Connie	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gushman Kevin	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hagaman Kathryn	Bingham Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KPH
Harvey Dave	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hayes Rob	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heise Kurt	Wayne County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Howell Michael	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Janus Demetria	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JP
Johnson Ron	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keenan Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SK
Keough Shawn	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Knepper Todd	Van Buren Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kuehn Deborah	Superior Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Labadie Marshall	West Bloomfield Twp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lakhani Muzaffar	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LaManes Paul	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lang Rick	Allen Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Meeting Date: _____

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Lawson	Joe	Ypsilanti Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lawson	Jennifer	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maillard	Kevin	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Village of Orchard Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCulloch	John	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McGill	Lisa	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mekjian	Gary	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>JK</i>
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meszler	Tom	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Moore	Roger	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>RM</i>
Mueller	Jeff	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JM</i>
Murray	Jim	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	Paul	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Overholt Green	Janet	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pulker	Eileen	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Puuri	Steve	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff	Donald	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schneck	Allen	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schueller	Derrick	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi	John	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>B.S</i>
Sincock	Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Smith	Paul	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Meeting Date: _____

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Swallow	Dan	Van Buren Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>DS</i>
VanAartsen	Carl	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>CVA</i>
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Weaver	Don	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Jennifer	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wineka	Jim	OCWRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jim</i>
Witte	Eric	Melvindale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Eric</i>
Zorza	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>GRZ</i>
Zoumbaris	Jim	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jim</i>



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ACTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the meeting summary of the October 21, 2009 Full ARC Meeting.

Motion made by:	_____	(_____)
Seconded by:	_____	(_____)

**Alliance of Rouge Communities
Approved 2010 Budget**

Expected Revenues Available for 2010

* 2010 Dues from Communities	\$	274,922
2010 Rouge Project Grant	\$	312,337
Future other Grants (estimated)	\$	45,000
Rollover Dues from 2009 Budget (estimated 3/16/10)	\$	122,231
	\$	754,490

Proposed 2010 Budget Items	Committee Proposal	Funding Source			"Provider" using Budget (3)
		ARC Dues	Rouge Grant	Other Source	
Organization Committee					
(1)OC1	Executive Director Services	\$ 159,771	\$ 79,886	\$ 79,886	Exe.Dir. Serv.
(2)(4) OC2	ARC Insurance	\$ 3,978	\$ 3,978	\$ -	outside purchase
(2)OC3	Accounting/Legal Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	outside purchase
<i>Organization Committee Total</i>		\$ 168,749	\$ 88,864	\$ 79,886	\$ -
Public Education and Involvement Committee					
PIE1	Green Infrastructure Campaign	\$ 94,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	Exe.Dir. Serv./Wayne County
PIE2	Riparian Corridor Management Booklent	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	Exe.Dir. Serv.
PIE3	Pub Ed Materials	\$ 32,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	Exe.Dir. Serv./Wayne County
PIE4	ARC Website Maintenance	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	Exe.Dir. Serv.
PIE5	Friends of the Rouge	\$ 20,886	\$ 10,443	\$ 10,443	Friends of the Rouge
PIE6	WMP Revisions (edit/format only)	\$ 7,600	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	Exe.Dir. Serv.
<i>PIE Committee Total</i>		\$ 170,486	\$ 85,243	\$ 85,243	\$ -
Technical Committee					
TC1	Rouge River Watershed Monitoring Activities	\$ 135,417	\$ 67,709	\$ 67,709	Friends of the Rouge- RPO
TC2	Collaborative Storm Water Action Plan Implementation	\$ 139,000	\$ 69,500	\$ 69,500	Exe. Dir. Serv./Wayne & Oakland Co.
(2)TC3	Pursuring Grant Opportunities	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Exe. Dir. Serv.
	Potential project & Available Match	\$ 90,000	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000
TC4	Land Cover Inventory	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Exe. Dir. Serv./Wayne Co.
<i>Technical Committee Total</i>		\$ 394,417	\$ 202,209	\$ 147,209	\$ 45,000
Total Amount Requested by All Committees		\$ 733,652	\$ 376,315	\$ 312,337	\$ 45,000
Available Unallocated Budget		\$ 65,838	\$ 65,838	\$ -	

Notes

- (1) Includes fiduciary services, advocacy and administration
- (2) Not a Rouge grant eligible item; funded 100% from ARC dues
- (3) Officers and committee members provide assistance to implement most of the ARC tasks. Cost for this assistance is not included in ARC budget.
- * Based on 2009 dues amounts minus Superior Township, Pontiac, Ypsilanti and W. Bloomfield Twp.
- (4) BUDGET CORRECTION: Estimate was \$4,100. Actual insurance cost shows a reduction of \$122 to bring to current \$3,978

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**Alliance of Rouge Communities
A/R Aging Summary
As of March 18, 2010**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bloomfield Township	16,006.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,006.00
Canton Township	25,432.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,432.00
Commerce Township	522.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	522.00
Franklin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,453.00	1,453.00
Livonia	29,013.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,013.00
Melvindale	2,635.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,635.00
Northville Township	9,525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,525.00
Plymouth Township	10,368.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,368.00
Redford Township	12,168.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,168.00
Rouge River National Wet Weather Dem. Pro	42,941.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,941.28
Superior Township	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,359.00	7,359.00
Wayne County Airport Authority	2,266.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,266.00
TOTAL	<u>150,876.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,812.00</u>	<u>159,688.28</u>

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**Alliance of Rouge Communities
A/P Aging Summary
As of March 18, 2010**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Environmental Consulting & Technology, In	17,479.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,479.61
Friends of the Rouge	1,138.60	7,401.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,540.27
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP	45.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.84
TOTAL	<u>18,664.05</u>	<u>7,401.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>26,065.72</u>



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Executive Director 2009 Annual Report



E. L. Johnson Nature Center



Bingham Farms



Carpenter Lake Green Roof








Lawrence Tech University



Parkland Park

WASHTENAW COUNTY

-  Project Locations
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Water Course
-  County Boundary
-  Watershed Boundary

Data Provided by Rouge Project & State of Michigan

2009 ARC Green Infrastructure Projects

Submitted by:



719 Griswold, Suite 1040, Detroit, MI 48226

March 2009



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*James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director*

March 2, 2010

Mr. Tim Faas
Chairman
Alliance of Rouge Communities
c/o ECT
719 Griswold, Suite 1040
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mr. Faas :

I am pleased to submit to you the Executive Director's 2009 Annual Report for the Alliance of Rouge Communities. As you will see when you read this report, the ARC accomplished many goals in 2009.

In addition to documenting some of the more mundane details of the support services to the ARC, this report highlights the major initiatives accomplished by ARC and our member communities and staff. These initiatives are:

Web-based Reporting System: ARC staff developed a web-based Rouge River Storm Water Reporting System in 2009 which will streamline the reporting requirements for the ARC communities. The tool is a web-based template for Phase II permit reporting to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (formerly MDEQ). The system is being tested and refined using actual reporting data from four ARC members. By late 2010 it will be fully functional for community-specific reporting. The watershed-wide reporting feature will be functional in 2011. This tool is being designed to complement the proposed permit and greatly reduce the time required for compliance by ARC communities. ARC staff will conduct a training session in 2010 during SWAG meetings to demonstrate how to use the system.

Rouge River Watershed Land Cover Inventory: The ARC staff and the ARC Technical Committee is assembling a land cover inventory for the Rouge River Watershed that allows for an analysis of aerial photography to determine the extent of pervious (green) and impervious (gray) land cover across the watershed. This information will allow the ARC to better quantify and communicate the economic and environmental benefits of using green infrastructure in the watershed. This will also provide the ARC a method to evaluate the impact of future development using traditional engineering methods versus more "green" engineering methods. This type of land cover analysis will also be used to determine the impact of restoration efforts in the watershed. All ARC members will be given access to the datasets being developed for use in forecasting and/or evaluating the impacts of new development projects. Work began in 2009 and is expected to be completed in 2010.

Allen Park
Auburn Hills
Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms
Birmingham
Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.
Commerce Twp.
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Farmington
Farmington Hills
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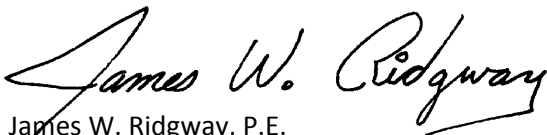
2009 Green Infrastructure Projects: The ARC Public Involvement and Education Committee (PIE) developed an RFP for communities and organizations to submit proposals for the 2009 Green Infrastructure (Grow Zone) Program. The Green Infrastructure Subcommittee received 17 proposals and funded 13 projects. ARC staff provided design and specifications for plant material and signage for the approved projects. The projects, all located on public land, are located in Bloomfield Hills, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Plymouth Township, E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Township. Bingham Farms, Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, Parkland Park in Dearborn Heights, the Canton Public Library in Canton Township, Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Carpenter Lake in Southfield, the City of Melvindale, Miller Elementary School in Canton Township and Lathers Elementary School in Garden City.

The ARC also provided technical support as required including septic system maintenance workshops, green infrastructure workshops and bus tours and continued monitoring of the storm water permit contested case.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the attached report.

Sincerely,

ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Ridgway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

TASK 1: MEETINGS

A. FULL ALLIANCE MEETINGS

Staff support was provided for each meeting, including preparation of the agenda (under the direction of the Chair), distribution of the materials prior to the three (3) full ARC meetings, facilitation of the meetings (including note-taking and tallying of votes at the meeting), and preparation/distribution of meeting summaries to members and other interested parties. Alliance of Rouge Communities meetings were held on:

- ◆ *May 5, 2009 in Troy:* The ARC approved revised bylaws to provide for the ARC creating a 501(c)(3) to accept donations. Funding for Friends of the Rouge in the amount of \$38,600 was approved. Funding of \$12,500 was approved by the ARC to support Detroit Public Televisions MiEarth website. PIE budget amendments 1 and 2 were approved. Technical Committee Budget Amendments 1 and 2 were approved. The Executive Committee Conflict of Interest Policy was adopted. The Contract Approval Procedure was adopted.
- ◆ *August 6, 2009 in Southfield:* The attorneys involved in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (formerly Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) permit contested case gave an update to the ARC.
- ◆ *October 21, 2009 in Canton:* The 2010 ARC budget of \$735,741 was discussed and approved, as were the 2009 Budget Amendments (FC1- 501(c)(3) application; OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land Cover Inventory). Additionally, the following actions were approved:
 - The Organizational Committee will review the grants procedure and will incorporate the Executive Director into performing Grant Committee activities;
 - ARC members are to review the ARC-drafted alternative permit and provide comments to ECT;
 - Executive Director staff is to draft changes to the purchasing policy to include outside funding requests and present to the Organizational Committee for review;
 - ARC Executive Director staff is to continue discussions with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) regarding a watershed permit for the ARC;
 - The filing of Form 1023 to establish a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation;
 - ARC Staff to contact a lawyer regarding the ARC Foundation having a minimum fundraising amount;
 - ARC Members to forward their 2009 success stories to Wayne County;
 - Recognition of Jim Zoumbaris for his service to the ARC upon his retirement from the City of Livonia.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Staff support was provided for four (4) Executive Committee meetings. Staff support for each meeting included (under the direction of the ARC Officers), preparation of the agenda, distribution of the materials prior to the meetings, facilitation of the meetings (including note-taking and documenting recommendations considered and actions taken), and meeting summary preparation and distribution. This subtask also included ongoing support services for the committee outside of the regular meetings.

The Executive Committee discusses and approves items in advance of full ARC meetings. Agendas and meeting summaries are available on www.allianceofrougecommunities.com. ARC Executive Committee Meetings were held on the following dates:

- ◆ March 18, 2009 in Northville
- ◆ April 22, 2009 in Livonia
- ◆ June 10, 2009 in Canton Township
- ◆ October 6, 2009 in Canton Township

C. ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

An Organizational Committee Meeting was held on August 10, 2009 in Bloomfield Township to discuss the contested case and ARC membership.

D. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION (PIE) COMMITTEE

Staff support was provided for four (4) regular meetings, including preparation of the agenda (under the direction of the PIE Committee Chair), distribution of the materials prior to the meetings, facilitation of the meetings (including note-taking and record of actions taken), and preparation/distribution of meeting summaries to members and other interested parties. Staff provided ongoing support services for the committee outside of regular meetings. PIE meetings were held on the following dates:

- ◆ January 15, 2009 in Canton Twp.
- ◆ March 12, 2009 in Northville Twp.
- ◆ July 9, 2009 in Beverly Hills
- ◆ October 15, 2009 at the UM-D EIC in Dearborn

A PIE (2010 Budget) Planning Meeting was held on July 16, 2009 in Southfield.

Specific PIE activities are listed under Task 3.

E. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Staff support was provided for three (3) regular committee meetings and three (3) subcommittee meetings. Activities included preparation of the agenda (under the direction of the Technical Committee Chair), distribution of the materials prior to the meetings, facilitation of the meetings (including note-taking and record of actions taken), and preparation/distribution of meeting summaries to members and other interested parties. Ongoing committee support services was also provided.

Technical Committee Meetings were held on the following dates:

- ◆ February 19, 2009 Farmington Hills
- ◆ July 15, 2009, Northville Twp.
- ◆ August 20, 2009, Northville Twp.

Additional special subcommittee meetings were held. They were:

- ◆ ARC Permit Subcommittee: February 3, 2009 in Farmington Hills
- ◆ IDEP TMDL Subcommittee: May 29, 2009 in Farmington Hills
- ◆ Grants Subcommittee: September 17, 2009 in Bloomfield Township

Specific Technical Committee activities are listed under Task 4.

F. SUBWATERSHED ADVISORY GROUPS (SWAGS)

Staff support was provided for one (1) meeting each for the three combined SWAGs. Staff support included preparation of the agenda (under direction of each SWAG Chair), distribution of materials prior to the meetings, facilitation of the meetings (including note-taking and record of actions taken), and preparation/distribution of meeting summaries to members and other interested parties. ECT provided technical assistance to members in meeting their Watershed Based Storm Water NPDES permit requirements. Staff also provided ongoing support services for the committee outside of the regular meetings.

SWAG meetings were held on the dates listed below:

- ◆ Lower 1/Middle 1 SWAG: May 19, 2009 in Northville Township
- ◆ Middle 3/Lower 2 and Main 3-4 SWAG: May 19, 2009 in Livonia
- ◆ Main 1-2/Upper SWAG: May 20, 2009 in Farmington Hills

Remaining budget for 2009 SWAG meetings was allocated for Watershed Management Plan Revisions based on MDNRE comment to the 2008 Draft Rouge River Watershed Management Plan.

G. FINANCE COMMITTEE

ECT worked with the Finance Committee to develop and administer the annual budget and work plan. ECT prepared monthly financial reports, mailed dues invoices to members, collected dues and paid the ARC's bills. ECT facilitated four (4) Finance Committee meetings by preparing the agenda, distributing materials prior to the meetings, and preparing/distributing meeting summaries to appropriate parties.

Finance Committee meetings were held at Wayne County's Commerce Court office in Wayne on the following dates except where indicated:

- ◆ February 10, 2009
- ◆ April 22, 2009
- ◆ August 12, 2009
- ◆ September 8, 2009 (Bloomfield Twp.)

H. ONGOING SUPPORT SERVICES

ECT provided ongoing support services to the above committees and SWAGs on an as-needed basis.

TASK 2: ADVOCACY AND ADMINISTRATION

A. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT – STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS

The ARC received three FOIA requests in 2009. They were:

- ◆ A FOIA request from Eastern Michigan University to review proposals for the Land Cover Inventory RFP.
- ◆ Two FOIA requests from Joel Thurtell regarding compensation of employees of the ARC and Rouge River water quality sampling data.

B. ROUTINE DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Materials distributed in 2009 included all meeting materials for the ARC Executive Committee, the ARC, the PIE, Technical, Organizational, and Finance committees and all special meetings. Staff also distributed materials related to permit discussions with MDNRE, watershed management planning documents and flyers for upcoming events.

C. ARC WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

(Please see PIE Committee Tasks, 3.e., below)

D. ADVOCATE FOR ROUGE RIVER WATERSHED & PRIMARY LIAISON

ECT promoted the ARC as the advocate for the Rouge River Watershed, served as the primary spokesperson for the ARC, responded to requests for information and sought opportunities to promote ARC awareness. ECT served as the ARC primary liaison to all members, including both formal and informal interaction with government officials, legislators and staff on a regular basis. The Executive Director participated in the following activities:

St. Clair County

In January, 2009, Executive Director Jim Ridgway met with St. Clair County regarding formation of the ARC.

Funding Opportunities

The Executive Director met with the ARC Chair, Wayne County and US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss possible funding opportunities in February, 2009.

The Executive Director participated in a conference call to discuss the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant on March 23, 2009 and made various phone calls to stakeholders regarding the ARC NOAA grant application.

The Executive Director and staff met with Wayne County in June, 2009 to discuss possible Rouge projects in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Staff met with Wayne County and the University of Michigan on November 13, 2009 to discuss future activities related to the removal of the Henry Ford Estate dam.

More information about 2009 ARC grant submittals is located under Technical Committee Tasks, 4.d., of this report.

Storm Water Permit Contested Case

The Executive Director attended a hearing on the contested case in Lansing on May 20, 2009 and periodically met with attorneys to get updates.

Watershed Management Plan Update

The Executive Director and staff met with MDNRE staff in Warren on August 28, 2009 to discuss issues involving the MDNRE-requested revisions to the WMP and possible alternative approaches to the storm water permit. ARC staff continues to revise the draft 2008 Rouge River Watershed Management Plan for approval by MDNRE.

EPA/NOAA Bus Tour

Staff made arrangements for an ARC-sponsored bus tour to educate EPA and NOAA officials about habitat restoration activities already conducted in the Rouge River Watershed and those planned for the future. The purpose of the tour was showcase areas that would be the basis of grant requests to various federal agencies. Staff also prepared handouts for the bus tour and facilitated the bus tour on November 12, 2009. Tour locations were: the Wayne Road dam; Hines Drive grow zones; Henry Ford Estate dam; the Oxbow at The Henry Ford; Evans Creek and rain gardens at Lawrence Technological University and Valley Woods at the City of Southfield.



ARC Foundation

In 2009 The ARC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was created to accept grants and to further the mission and goals of the ARC.

E. QUICK BOOKS SETUP AND MONTHLY TRACKING

In 2008, ECT created a reporting and tracking system in consultation with Wayne County to use when the ARC took over financial tracking from Wayne County, which had served as the ARC's fiduciary. The ARC ED staff completed the transition of taking over the ARC's financial responsibilities, including dues collection, bill payments, and other financial activities from Wayne County.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT & CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT

ECT provided administrative oversight of the ARC day-to-day activities, staff, consultants and contractors, and external relationships with other agencies, organizations, and individuals to meet the goals of the ARC. Specific activities were discussed in monthly invoice summaries.

G. ARC MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

MiEarth

Staff met with University of Michigan Dearborn and Detroit Public TV on February 20, 2009 to discuss ARC participation in MiEarth website. (Additional information about MiEarth is discussed under PIE Committee Tasks, 3.g)

Erb Foundation

Staff attended a meeting regarding watershed groups and their needs sponsored by the Erb Foundation at the Kresge Foundation offices in Troy on April 23, 2009. The Executive Director attended a follow-up meeting with the Erb Foundation staff in Birmingham on September 29, 2009 to discuss possible funding opportunities.

ARCommunications newsletter

The ARCommunications newsletter was written and sent to members in March, 2009 and June, 2009.

H. ANNUAL REPORT

The 2008 ARC annual report was completed and submitted to the ARC in March, 2009.

TASK 3: PIE COMMITTEE TASKS

A. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CAMPAIGN

Grow Zone Projects

The ARC PIE Committee developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) for communities and organizations to submit project sites for the 2009 Green Infrastructure (Grow Zone) projects. ARC staff provided design, plant material and signage for the approved projects. The Grow Zone Subcommittee received 17 proposals and funded 13 projects. They are:

1. Bloomfield Hills: Three rain gardens were installed in place of existing asphalt in subdivision near a school with mix of native and non-native species.
2. U-M Dearborn: Native plant area to replace existing turf and collect water from downspouts.
3. Plymouth Township: Native plants/rain garden located adjacent to DPW storage yard.



4. EL Johnson Nature Center -Bloomfield Schools/Bloomfield Twp: Native plants to replace turf grass adjacent to nature center to slow runoff to pond.



5. Bingham Farms: Native plants for road median.

6. Farmington Hills: Native plants at Heritage Nature Center entrance and native prairie seeding in large lawn area adjacent to Nature Center.

7. Dearborn Heights: Native plants installed adjacent to drain outfall to the Rouge River in Parkland Park.

8. Canton Township: Riparian buffer and detention basin edge native planting at Canton Public Library.

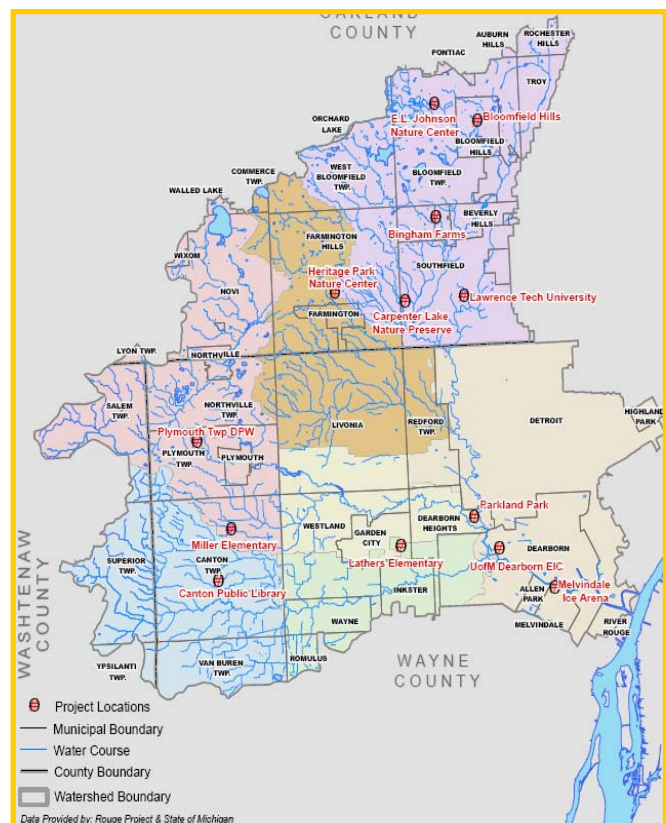
9. Lawrence Technological University, Southfield: Riparian Buffer at Evan's Drain to replace turf grass.

10. Melvindale Boat Ramp: Riparian buffer/native plants behind ice arena and adjacent to the Rouge River.

11. Miller Elementary, Canton (Plymouth/Canton Schools): Native plant restoration for schoolyard habitat.

12. Lathers Elementary School, Garden City: Schoolyard habitat/native plants and tree planting to replace mowed turf near school.

13. City of Southfield: Green Roof for boat storage facility at Carpenter Lake nature preserve.



Green Infrastructure Workshops and Bus Tours

The PIE Committee and ARC staff planned three workshops and corresponding bus tours spotlighting three areas of the Rouge River Watershed.

The workshops were:

- ◆ Lower 1/Middle 1: August 11, 2009 in Canton Township
- ◆ Middle 3/Lower 2/Main3-4: August 20, 2009 at the University of Michigan - Dearborn (UM-D)
- ◆ Main 1-2/Upper: August 25, 2009 in Southfield.

To access agendas, presentations and handouts, please go to the ARC website at: <http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/contact/growinggreen.html>.

The bus tours were:

- ◆ Lower 1/Middle 1: August 15, 2009, left from Canton Township.
- ◆ Middle 3/Lower 2/Main 3-4: August 22, 2009, left from UM-D EIC
- ◆ Main 1-2/Upper: August 29, 2009, left from the Lathrup Village offices



To access tour maps and site information, please go to the ARC website at:

<http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/contact/growinggreen.html>.

Septic System Maintenance Workshops

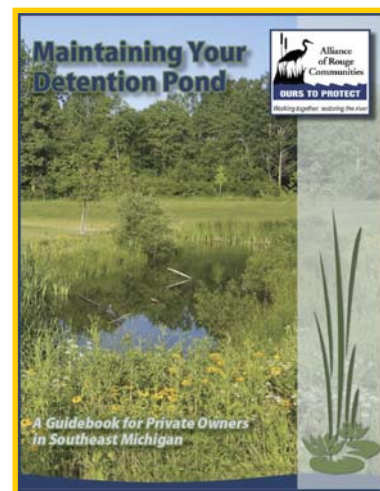
The ARC sponsored septic system maintenance workshops on May 13, 2009 in Southfield and May 20, 2009 in Livonia.

B. DETENTION POND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

The existing Detention Pond Maintenance Manual for homeowners was revised in 2009. This manual was distributed to communities and can be accessed at: <http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/PDFs/PI/detention%20pond%20manual%2081-2%20x%2011.pdf>.

C. PUBLIC ED MATERIALS

Staff ordered 16 CDs/VHS Tapes on Municipal Storm Water BMP Training at a reduced rate from SEMCOG.



Staff mailed the Rouge Watershed video developed by the City of Farmington Hills in 2008 to all ARC members for presentation on local cable stations.

The Detention Pond Maintenance Manual was printed (4,000 copies) for distribution to ARC members.

D. COLLABORATIVE PEP

The task was not completed due to the storm water permit contested case activities. Budget was re-allocated to pay for MiEarth activities.

E. WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Staff performed design, writing, editing and general maintenance of the ARC website (www.allianceofrougecommunities.com)

F. ROUGE 2009

Staff assisted with a Rouge 2009 presentation that was made to the Friends of the Rouge Annual Meeting in December, 2009. This presentation will be updated for presentation to the full ARC in 2010.

G. MIEARTH

Staff researched and transmitted Rouge River photos to MiEarth staff for the cover of Signal magazine. In March, 2009, staff developed an ARC print ad for Channel 56 (WTVS) Signal Magazine which is sent to 90,000 contributors to local public television. Additionally, staff compiled and sent various ARC, Rouge Project and local community video to Channel 56 (WTVS) for use on the MiEarth website.

Staff also developed an ARC promotional ad that was run after regular Channel 56 programs to publicize the ARC.

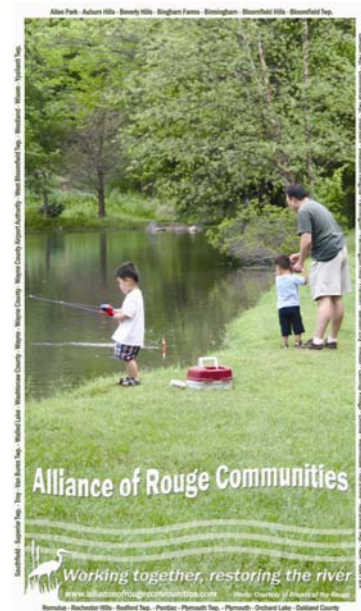
H. FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE

Local & Regional Outreach

In the course of its work, FOTR promotes activities and attends a variety of local and regional meetings to build partnerships and promote Rouge River activities. FOTR staff attended the following meetings and conferences to provide FOTR and ARC information to establish and enhance local & regional outreach with communities, other non-profits and governmental agencies:

Display at Eco Village at DTE Music Theatre (7/28)

- ◆ Soil and Water Conservation Conference, Dearborn (7/12-14)
- ◆ Canoe Trip down the Lower 2 Rouge (9/19)
- ◆ Kayak Trip from Melvindale to River Rouge (9/26)
- ◆ Blue Water Economy conference, Dearborn (11/10)
- ◆ Rouge Green Corridor meetings
- ◆ Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy collaboration meetings
- ◆ Fordson Island restoration project meetings
- ◆ SEMCOG Partners for Clean Water meetings



Annual Report

The Friends of the Rouge developed and generated an annual report of the activities it conducted in 2009 that help ARC members fulfill the requirements of the storm water permit. The report includes the Frog and Toad Survey, Benthics Monitoring, Schoolyard Habitat, Rouge Education Project (REP), River Restoration, and Rouge Rescue. Information includes meeting or event dates; workshop dates; number of volunteers attending each event; Residency of volunteers, Rouge Rescue locations and number of volunteers; REP Schools, number of students per school, number of teachers per school, monitoring locations for each school; a list of dates, locations for REP workshops and a list of schools that participated. This report is attached as Appendix A.

Program Reviews

The Friends of the Rouge performed program reviews, including a survey of ARC members, of the REP, River Restoration, Volunteer Monitoring, and Rouge Rescue to ensure each program is aligned with community needs/desires and is providing information valuable to the communities it serves. Upon the outcome of the reviews, Friends of the Rouge developed a 2009/2010 combined Calendar of Events which is posted on the FOTR website (www.therouge.org) so it is available to the public. This review will assist in ensuring viability of each program and appropriate event coverage throughout the watershed communities. The program review survey is attached as Appendix B.

TASK 4: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TASKS

A. ROUGE RIVER WATERSHED MONITORING ACTIVITIES

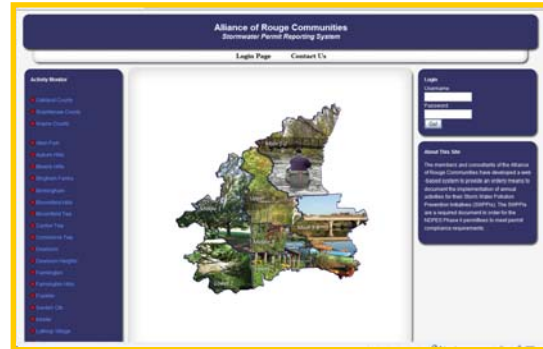
Friends of the Rouge coordinated volunteers in monitoring wadeable Rouge streams for benthic macroinvertebrates from January-December, 2009. Activities include training team leaders and organizing sampling events twice a year (spring and fall) and an additional sampling event for winter stoneflies only in January, 2009. A minimum of 20-24 sites at each event were sampled with the potential for additional sites dependent on available team leaders. The spring and fall events include a habitat survey and identification of any outfalls. Each event included field identification backed by specimen collection at each site, verification in the lab, and a data report covering number of volunteers involved, sites sampled and monitoring results. Reports for the 2009 Winter Stonefly Search, the 2009 Spring Bug Hunt and the 2009 Fall Bug hunt are available at www.allianceofrougecommunities and www.therouge.org.

B. ARC COLLABORATIVE IDEP AND E. COLI TMDL PLAN

ARC staff developed a draft web-based Rouge River Storm Water Reporting System in 2009 which will offer ARC members a web-based template for Phase II permit reporting to the MDNRE. Prior to the development of the web-based interface, the ARC developed a reporting template upon which the reporting system would be based. Various annual reports were reviewed to develop a template that could be used by all ARC members. The ARC selected the minimum number of activities that we believe, the MDNRE will accept in an annual report and the associated reporting measures (ex: tons of street sweeping debris, number of illicit

connections identified, etc.) for each activity. Multiple reporting measures were listed (ex: tons or cubic yards of debris removed from catch basins or number of catch basins cleaned) for some activities to allow members flexibility in how they report. A draft reporting template was distributed to the Technical Committee and to the full ARC and comments were incorporated before the template was forwarded to the computer programmers/web designers.

The reporting system allows for comments on each entry and for back-up files to the uploaded report, which will be beneficial during an audit. Reporting will be available on an individual member basis and on a watershed-wide basis. However, before the watershed-wide reporting option can be functional, ARC members need to potentially revise their SWPPIs so they are consistent with the template and their reporting dates so all members have the same reporting dates. The system will be tested and refined in early 2010 using actual reporting data from four ARC members (two counties, a township and a city) with the goal that it will be operational for member-specific reporting by late 2010. The watershed-wide reporting feature will be functional by the end of 2011 based on the settlement of the contested case and MDNRE approval. ARC staff will conduct a training session during at each SWAG meeting to demonstrate how to use the system in 2010. The draft reporting system can be found at <http://www.arcswpqi.com>.



C. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPERVIOUS COVER MAPPING

Work began in 2009 to create a land cover inventory for the Rouge River Watershed. A land cover inventory allows for an analysis of aerial photography to determine the extent of pervious (green) and impervious (gray) land cover across the watershed. This information will allow the ARC to better quantify and communicate the economic and environmental benefits of using green infrastructure in the watershed. This will also provide the ARC a method to evaluate the impact of future development using traditional engineering methods versus more “green” engineering methods. This type of land cover analysis will also be used to determine the impact of restoration efforts in the watershed. All ARC members will be given access to the datasets being developed for use in forecasting and/or evaluating the impacts of new development projects.

An Request for Proposal (RFP) was developed and contractor was selected to perform the analysis. The first contractor selected to perform this work was terminated once it was determined that they were not able to perform the work. The second highest ranked



contractor was hired in late 2009 and a land cover classification was complete in a pilot area to the ARC's satisfaction. Draft datasets are being delivered in early 2010 and the work will be complete by mid-2010.

The ARC's role for this activity included RFP development, bidder ranking, bidder interviews, contract development and negotiation, and contract administration. Technical oversight was provided by Wayne County.

D. PURSUING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

In 2009, ARC staff prepared the following grants:

- ◆ Clean Michigan Initiative: A state CMI grant application for \$50,000 to conduct monitoring in the Rouge. The monitoring would aid IDEP investigations in previously determined priority areas.
- ◆ National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): A NOAA grant application for \$2,526,812 was submitted to complete multiple habitat projects identified in the Rouge AOC delisting document in partnership with the Great Lakes Commission. The projects included in the submittal were Danvers Pond, Evans Creek and Green Corridors (Wayne County Parks and Beechwood Park in Southfield).
- ◆ MDEQ Water Bureau TMDL: The Rouge River E. coli TMDL Plan Implementation grant application for \$71,222 was submitted. The goal of this project was to develop and implement a framework for reducing *E. coli* associated with municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s).
- ◆ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship Grants: The ARC submitted a habitat restoration grant pre-proposal for \$1,250,000 to restore habitat in the Rouge Green Corridor Communities of Birmingham, Beverly Hills and Southfield, the City of Detroit Eliza Howell and Rouge parks and Wayne County Parks.

E. NPDES PHASE II WORK GROUP

The purpose of this task was to develop watershed-wide strategies that could be used by members to fulfill their increased obligations under the new permit. However, since the contested case was not resolved in 2009, this work was put on hold. The only effort accomplished under this task was that ARC staff attended and prepared for a conference call in early 2009 hosted by members' attorneys. The ARC created an agenda for the meeting and distributed a meeting summary to members.

The remainder of budget associated with this scope of work was transferred to the Land Cover Inventory task to provide contractor administration services as described in item c above.



James W. Ridgway, P.E.

MEMORANDUM

To: ARC Executive Committee

From: Kelly Cave *Kelly A. Cave* and Michelle Bononi, Co-Chairs, Organizational Committee

Re: Organizational Committee

Date: 19 March 2010

The Organizational Committee of the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) met on 11 March 2010. At the 2 February 2010 meeting of the ARC Executive Committee, there were three items referred to the Organizational Committee for discussion; our response to those items is presented below.

1. **Amend bylaws to address officer vacancies.** The Organizational Committee recommends that the ARC Bylaws be amended by including the following statement at the end of Article II.C.1:

“Appointments for any officer vacancies shall be made by the ARC Chair and approved by the ARC Executive Committee; the duration of the appointment is until the regular election of officers as provided in these Bylaws.”

The Organizational Committee recommends that this proposed amendment be issued as an ARC Policy until such time as the Bylaws are amended pursuant to Article VIII.

2. **Should formula for calculating member dues be revisited?** It is the opinion of the Organizational Committee that the formula should not be changed at this time. Assessment of costs to members is defined in Article III of the ARC Bylaws. It should be noted that the bylaws provide for revisions to the formula upon publication of new United States census data, which will be available in 2011.
3. **Is ARC membership affected if a member obtains coverage under the jurisdictional General Storm Water Permit instead of under the watershed-based General Storm Water Permit?** ARC membership is defined in Article II.B of the ARC Bylaws. Appendix B of the Bylaws provides a listing of eligible Primary Members. Therefore, if an existing ARC member has or changes to coverage under the jurisdictional General Storm Water Permit, it appears that their status as an ARC Primary Member is unchanged. Article II.B.1.b of the bylaws provides that public agencies not shown in

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
Pontiac
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
Romulus
Southfield
Troy
Van Buren Twp.
Walled Lake
Washtenaw County
Washtenaw County
Road Commission
Wayne
Wayne County
Wayne County Airport
Authority
Westland
Wixom

Cooperating Partners
Friends of the Rouge
Southeastern Oakland County
Water Authority
Wayne State University

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Appendix B that have coverage under the jurisdictional General Storm Water Permit may become Associate members, provided that the agency is otherwise eligible for ARC membership as defined in the Bylaws.

Other agenda items addressed at the 11 March 2010 Organizational Committee meeting included discussion of a proposed procedure regarding requests from outside agencies to the ARC for funding, proposed revisions to the ARC Strategic Plan, and a proposed outreach plan to potential Cooperating Partners. In addition, revisions to the ARC "Procedures for the Pursuit and Acceptance of Grants" were finalized and will be submitted to the Executive Committee at the 23 March 2010 meeting.



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Draft Procedures for the Pursuit and Acceptance of Grants

Objectives:

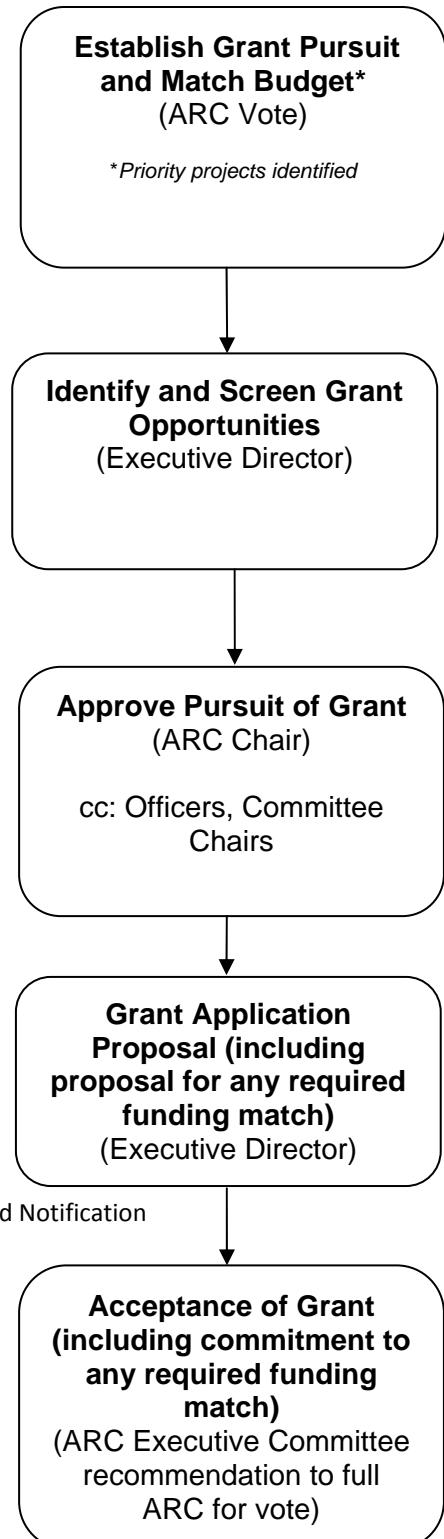
- Take a proactive approach to the pursuit of grant opportunities to support ongoing ARC activities
- Develop a policy that maximizes probability of success and includes proper authorization to commit grant pursuit and match funds

Application Criteria:

- The ARC will apply for grants that offer watershed-wide benefits. Application for grants that provide only local benefits may be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- ARC grant applications shall focus on ARC core priorities such as:
 - Watershed management planning and implementation
 - Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan investigations
 - Public involvement and education
 - Studies and collection of data
 - Data management and analysis
 - Annual reporting
 - Staff support

Policies:

- Consistent with ARC procurement policy, the ARC may accept assistance from ARC members, consultants and other interested parties to help prepare grant applications.
- The ARC may choose to provide letters of support and/or commitment for grant applications submitted by ARC members, cooperating partners, or other appropriate organizations. Letters of support/commitment from the ARC will be issued at the discretion of and by the ARC Chair upon receipt of requests submitted directly to the Chair.





ACTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the amended Grants Procedure as submitted.

Motion made by:	_____	(_____)
Seconded by:	_____	(_____)



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ACTION REQUESTED:

I move to adjourn the 3/25/10 Full ARC Meeting.

Motion made by:	_____	(_____)
Seconded by:	_____	(_____)