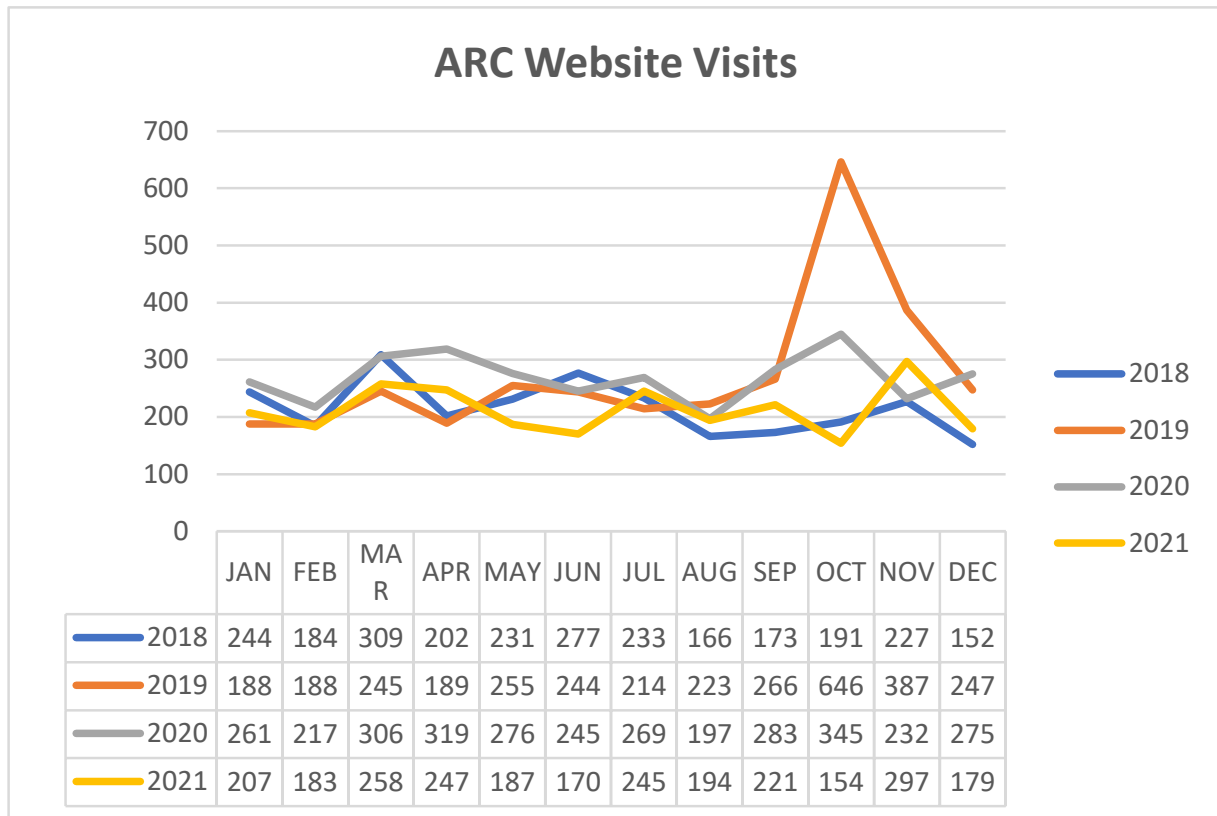


2022 ARC ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPORT

ARC WEBSITE VISITORS

In 2022 visitor information was not available because the website was moved from one hosting company to another so a full year of data was not available. Below is the visit information for 2018-2021.



**note that in 2019 the ARC hosted the Great Lakes Restoration Celebration in October and registration for the event was done through the ARC's website which increased the traffic during October and November. If those months were adjusted to an average amount of previous months there was an overall increase to visitors to the ARC's website in 2021.*

ARC FACEBOOK POSTS

- ARC created posts in 2022: 57

ARC FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS 2022: 317





















































































































ARC FACEBOOK LIKES 2022: 266



2022 Posts

12/23/2022 8:46 AM	 Tree and shrub planting is complete at Venoy-Dorsey			77		2 4		Boost post
12/20/2022 3:49 PM	 What does a forest look like before it's a forest? At			115		1 8		Boost post
11/30/2022 3:46 PM	 When it is a windy day for your communities curbside			64		0 1		Boost post
11/04/2022 8:38 AM	 We are thinking spring already!!!			71		2 1		Boost post
11/04/2022 8:30 AM	 Check out this great service to the Rouge River by the			85		3 1		Boost post
11/02/2022 10:09 AM	 Major milestone alert! Permit applications have been			2.8K		188 68	 	Boost post
10/29/2022 12:57 PM	 On October 16, 2022, a wetland filled to the brim			73		5 7		Boost post
10/29/2022 12:46 PM	 As part of the habitat restoration activities at			168		22 17		Boost post
10/28/2022 12:16 PM	 Habitat restoration activities continue at Nankin Lake in			106		7 16		Boost post
10/27/2022 3:36 PM	 Design and permitting efforts are underway for Phoenix			68		5 7		Boost post
10/26/2022 2:49 PM	 Riverbank restoration is complete on a section of the			72		6 5		Boost post
10/25/2022 11:26 AM	 An ARC Cooperating Partner, SEMCOG,			180		1 2		Boost post
10/21/2022 3:42 PM	 What a great weekend for outdoor cleanup! To help			63		0 1		Boost post
10/10/2022 12:24 PM	 Are you interested in helping us move the Rouge River			48		1 0		Boost post

09/27/2022 3:22 PM	 Tamarack Creek maintenance crews were out			94		8 3		Boost post
09/27/2022 12:50 PM	 Seeley Creek in improvements will begin in			77		3 0		Boost post
09/27/2022 11:42 AM	 Construction is underway at Bell Creek Recreation Area			76		7 2		Boost post
09/27/2022 11:37 AM	 LAST CHANCE!!! SURVEY ENDS FRIDAY!!! THE			106		2 1		Boost post
09/14/2022 3:57 PM	 You are the eyes and ears in your community when it			127		2 7		Boost post
09/09/2022 12:13 PM	 Own a business in the Rouge River watershed?			57		1 1		Boost post
09/08/2022 2:22 PM	 The enhanced floodplain, constructed wetlands, and			119		4 6		Boost post
09/08/2022 10:42 AM	 Under an U.S. EPA Region 5 (Great Lakes Region) ,			66		2 2		Boost post
09/07/2022 1:52 PM	 That's a lot of straw! Landscapers spread straw			72		6 7		Boost post
09/07/2022 10:21 AM	 The Alliance of Rouge Communities data collection			142		4 11		Boost post
09/01/2022 1:35 PM	 Construction continues for the Colonial Park and Venoy			103		8 4		Boost post
08/29/2022 4:22 PM	 I know we don't want to think about winter yet, but			79		2 1		Boost post
07/04/2022 1:00 PM	 Data collection has begun at Wilcox Lake, Inkster Park,			720		47 19		Boost post

07/01/2022 3:32 PM	 The design is complete and permits submitted for wildlife			95		7 11		Boost post
07/01/2022 12:46 PM	 Bell Creek Park and Lola Creek projects in Wayne			240		18 29		Boost post
07/01/2022 10:00 AM	 The Sherwood Recreation Area in Wayne County			105		21 9		Boost post
07/01/2022 8:00 AM	 The Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat			80		9 7		Boost post
06/30/2022 3:18 PM	 Are you ready to view the results this summer of the			138		5 10		Boost post
06/30/2022 3:05 PM	 Finishing touches are happening this summer at			75		9 5		Boost post
06/30/2022 10:58 AM	 Alliance of Rouge Communities updated their			59		1 0		Boost post
06/29/2022 8:46 AM	 Learn more about the ARC's Johnson Creek and			73		10 1		Boost post
06/23/2022 3:07 PM	 Wayne County, Michigan's Nankin Lake Restoration			1.9K		210 70		Boost post
06/23/2022 1:41 PM	 Our friends at the U. S. EPA have been busy "bees!" -			65		2 1		Boost post
06/23/2022 11:04 AM	 With all the lakefront property in the Rouge River			122		3 4		Boost post
06/23/2022 8:35 AM	 We look forward to some initial flow to the fishway at			102		6 8		Boost post
06/07/2022 9:57 AM	 The Alliance of Rouge Communities and the City of			91		4 3		Boost post
06/06/2022 2:21 PM	 Thanks to ARC member City of Garden City, Michigan! A			160		1 6		Boost post
06/06/2022 2:14 PM	 Wayne County Parks, an ARC member, is starting the			2.1K		254 125		Boost post

05/31/2022 3:41 PM		THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES WANTS TO			11.3K		628 61		View promotion
05/18/2022 3:00 PM		Awesome work by one of the Alliance of Rouge			101		6 1		Boost post
05/18/2022 3:04 PM		Do you ever wonder how your yard is impacting local			55		0 0		Boost post
05/17/2022 9:30 AM		The ARC is doing its part with several restoration			58		4 2		Boost post
04/21/2022 7:58 AM		Walking the trails in the Rouge River Watershed?			89		6 3		Boost post
04/12/2022 9:40 AM		As part of an EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative			103		18 14		Boost post
03/21/2022 12:54 PM		Get involved with Friends of the Rouge! Join the Benthic			56		1 0		Boost post
03/15/2022 10:30 AM		If you live in Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms,			55		3 0		Boost post
03/01/2022 12:11 PM		Check out all the great work in the Great Lakes funded			60		3 4		Boost post
02/21/2022 8:44 AM		Keep an eye out for those spring Household			54		0 1		Boost post
02/08/2022 10:49 AM		With funding provided through an AOC U.S.EPA			80		5 3		Boost post
02/04/2022 9:20 AM		The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's			113		2 3		Boost post
01/25/2022 12:32 PM		Some great information about the ARC's Tamarack			56		4 3		Boost post
01/13/2022 12:12 PM		Oakland County! Check out some great activities coming			69		1 1		Boost post
01/05/2022 10:31 AM		Get involved! Friends of the Rouge is looking for			489		5 2		Boost post

2022 Facebook Posts

1/5/2022 - Get involved! [Friends of the Rouge](#) is looking for volunteers to help look for sensitive aquatic insects that indicate good water quality in the Rouge River. The Annual Friends of the Rouge Winter Stonefly Search is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 22, 2022, 10:00 am – approx. 3:00 pm. For more info: <https://therouge.org/bug-hunt-events-and-trainings/>

1/13/2022 - Oakland County! Check out some great activities coming up through [Oakland Conservation District](#) this year! Trees, butterflies, farmers market - Oh My! <http://www.oaklandconservationdistrict.org/upcoming...>

1/25/2022 - Some great information about the ARC's Tamarack Creek project in City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government with grant funding provided by the Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

2/4/2022 - The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's office is excited to share that they have launched the: Preserve MI Waters: Stormwater Manhole Cover Art Contest. They are seeking original art submissions to be added to 50 stormwater manhole covers throughout Oakland County. Participants must be students attending high school (9-12 Grade) or actively enrolled in an Oakland County college during the time of the contest. Pure Oakland Water will provide the contest winner with a \$1,000 scholarship. The contest closes on March 11, 2022.

2/8/22 - With funding provided through an AOC [U.S.EPA](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant from [Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy](#) and assistance from [SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments](#), the Rouge River Advisory Council (RRAC) and the ARC began development of an interactive dashboard <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/rrac.html> which visually documents restoration projects in the Rouge River watershed. The initial phase of the dashboard includes Area Of Concern (AOC) projects with future phases planned to incorporate other initiatives in the watershed.

2/21/22 - Keep an eye out for those spring Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection dates in the Rouge River Watershed! Use an empty coffee can to store your used batteries until there is a HHW event in your community or check your local hardware or electronics store for battery recycle bins! Learn more on our website: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/rougeHHW.html>

3/1/22 - Check out all the great work in the Great Lakes funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Can you find the projects (kinda like "Where's Waldo!") that the Alliance of Rouge Communities completed with assistance from GLRI-NOAA?

3/15/22 - If you live in Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Village of Franklin, Garden City, Lathrup Village, Novi, Plymouth or Troy and would like to review and comment on the recently approved Stormwater Management Plan please visit: <http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/swplanreview.html>

4/12/22 - As part of an EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant the Alliance of Rouge Communities, with the help of [Friends of the Rouge](#), is planting trees throughout 80 acres of the Lower Rouge River. Learn more from this weekends WXYZ Channel 7 coverage of volunteers planting trees in Inkster and learn about the project by visiting: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../wc...>

4/21/22 - Walking the trails in the Rouge River Watershed? Keep your eyes open for illegal dumping and check out this article from Channel 4 ClickOnDetroit to know the difference from naturally occurring oily sheen on the river and pollution.
<https://www.clickondetroit.com/.../see-an-oily-sheen-in.../>

5/17/22 - The ARC is doing its part with several restoration projects being designed or constructed under this important funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative! Learn more about our projects by visiting <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com>.

5/18/22 - Do you ever wonder how your yard is impacting local water quality? The [Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant](#) has developed a Natural Lawn Care Quiz below to find out!
<https://lawntolakemidwest.org/res.../natural-lawn-care-quiz/>

5/18/22 - Awesome work by one of the Alliance of Rouge Communities member communities! [City of Auburn Hills](#)
Are you wondering what's going on at Riverside Park with all the construction and equipment? The answer is riverbank stabilization!

5/31/22 - THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES WANTS TO GET YOUR OPINION - WHICH COULD GET YOU A \$100 VISA GIFT CARD!
Take our survey on Water Quality Changes in the Rouge River to help direct our future activities! Once your survey is complete you will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card to be distributed in September 2022.
Link to ARC survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/arcsurvey22>

6/6/22 - [Wayne County Parks](#), an ARC member, is starting the exciting [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded Nankin Lake Restoration Project in [Livonia Community](#) and [City of Westland - Administration](#), Michigan (Grant # GL00E0240). Dredging operations (shown here) are beginning and anticipated to go through the summer. When complete, the project will create/restore 4 acres of habitat, remove approximately 30,000 cubic yards of lake sediment, and help control 3 acres of invasive species. For more information visit:
<https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../Nankin...>

6/6/22 - Thanks to ARC member [City of Garden City, Michigan](#)! A good reminder for all of us living in the Rouge River Watershed (and beyond!) Be sure to check your catch basins and clear them! [City of Garden City, Michigan](#)
Because of the risk of heavy rain tonight, please clean off your catch basins/street drains to help alleviate flooding.

6/7/22 - The Alliance of Rouge Communities and the [City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government](#) won the 2022 APWA Michigan Chapter award for Environment \$1-5 million for the Tamarack Creek -Stream and Wetland Restoration Project. This exciting project was funded by a grant from the [U.S. EPA Region 5](#)

[\(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). To learn more visit:
<https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../Tamarack...>

6/23/22 - We look forward to some initial flow to the fishway at the nationally historic Henry Ford Estate Dam this summer. Public cooperation is essential for the successful completion of this natural area restoration fishway project funded by the U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The project is in the establishment phase where vegetation development is instrumental for the project to be a success. We continue to need the public's help on this exciting project. Please do not cut the fences and enter the area. Foot and bicycle traffic will cause damage to the area, slowing the natural growing process. For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../HFE%20Dam...>

6/23/22 - With all the lakefront property in the Rouge River Watershed we can learn some important things from our friends at the Michigan Master Gardener Association and the Michigan State University Extension! [Michigan Master Gardener Association, Inc.](#)

A native Michigan shoreline: We did it, and so can you! Part 2 - Erick Elgin, Michigan State University Extension - June 20, 2022 - Updated from an original article written by Jane Herbert and Mike Gallagher. A lakefront property owner describes the next steps in restoring his typical lakeshore into a native lake scape that protects the lake and provides a home for birds and butterflies.

6/23/22 - Our friends at the U. S. EPA have been busy "bees!" - sorry couldn't help adding my own humor to this really great educational video that applies to all of us in the Rouge River Watershed.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[#PollinatorWeek has us buzzing with excitement!](#) 

[Check out how you can help pollinators in your own backyard.](#)

6/23/22 - [Wayne County, Michigan](#)'s Nankin Lake Restoration project, funded by the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), continues dredging in June with approximately 10,000 cubic yards removed from the lake. [Wayne County Parks](#) and Engineer (ECT) Staff are "Kings/Queens of the Hill" during their inspections.

6/29/22 - Learn more about the ARC's Johnson Creek and Tamarack Creek Restoration project funded by the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) in this GLRI.us story! [City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government](#) , [Northville Township - Government](#) , [Northville City Hall, Michigan](#)

6/30/22 - Finishing touches are happening this summer at the award-winning Tamarack Creek Habitat Restoration project in the [City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government](#) which is funded by a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant. The project has enhanced over 2 acres of wetlands and provided restoration to 1,800 feet of creek resulting in better stream water quality and habitat in this area of the Rouge River. As the project enters the vegetation establishment phase, we need the public's help by not entering the area as foot and bicycle traffic will cause damage, slowing the natural growing process. Check out the exciting article for more information.

6/30/22 - Are you ready to view the results this summer of the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded Johnson Creek Restoration Project at Fish Hatchery Park in [Northville City Hall, Michigan](#)? You can view the naturalized streambank from the top of the slope and see the native vegetation species as they grow in. Please respect the newly planted areas as they are still

becoming established. Specialized maintenance crews will be onsite periodically to conduct work to make sure the site becomes well established.

7/1/22 - The Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat Restoration Project, a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded project, has begun construction. The project will create and enhance wetlands habitat at Colonial Park and Venoy Park in [Wayne County Parks](#). For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../colonial...>

7/1/22 - The Sherwood Recreation Area in [Wayne County Parks](#), funded under a grant from the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has started construction. This project will convert turf areas to native planting areas, improve and create wetland habitat and diversify native plant species at a park along Edward Hines Drive. For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../wc...>

7/1/22 - Bell Creek Park and Lola Creek projects in [Wayne County Parks](#) are starting construction this summer. Both projects are part of a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant through the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#). At Bell Creek we will convert turf areas to native planting areas, improve and create wetland habitat and diversify native plant species. At Lola Creek we will convert turf areas to native planting areas, improve and create wetland habitat and diversify native plant species.

7/1/22 - The design is complete and permits submitted for wildlife habitat improvements and wetland creation on a portion of the Rouge River that runs through the [@Lawrence Technological University](#) (LTU) campus in the [@City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government](#). This work has been funded by a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant to the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC). For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../LTU...>

7/4/22 - Data collection has begun at Wilcox Lake, Inkster Park, and Phoenix Lake. The below concept graphic presents possible habitat improvements at Wilcox Lake. Designs of the habitat improvements at these three sites is funded by a \$785,100 [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant to the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

8/29/22 - Data collection has begun at Wilcox Lake, Inkster Park, and Phoenix Lake. The below concept graphic presents possible habitat improvements at Wilcox Lake. Designs of the habitat improvements at these three sites is funded by a \$785,100 [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant to the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

9/1/22 - Construction continues for the Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat Restoration Project in [Wayne County Parks](#), a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) funded Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) project (Grant # GL - 00E02830). You can see here that earthwork underway to expand existing wetlands at Colonial Park. These wetland areas will be planted with native species to improve habitat for local wildlife and increase opportunities for wildlife viewing! For more information visit <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../colonial...>

9/7/22 - The Alliance of Rouge Communities data collection continues at Wilcox Lake, Inkster Park, and Phoenix Lake as part of the [@U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant funded design project (Grant# GL-00E02997-0) . Shown in the photo are fish community

characterization efforts which will be used in the design of lake restoration at Phoenix Lake in the [Wayne County Parks](#) system in [City of Plymouth](#) .

9/7/22 - That's a lot of straw! Landscapers spread straw mulch and installed erosion control blankets to protect native seed from washout and wildlife at Colonial Park as part of the Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat Restoration Project, a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded project (Grant [#GL-00E02830](#)). Colonial Park is located in the Lower Rouge River in the [City of Inkster - City Hall](#). Existing wetland areas were expanded in an effort to better manage stormwater and improve habitat for wildlife.

9/8/22 - Under an [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) , Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant (Grant [GL-00E02700](#)) the Alliance of Rouge Communities will soon solicit construction bids for the habitat improvements at Seeley Creek in [City of Farmington Hills, Michigan - Municipal Government](#). This habitat project will enhance 5 acres of riparian wetland and 1,600 feet of Seeley Creek between 12 and 13 Mile Roads, upstream of the Rouge River. The project will improve the riparian vegetation buffer adjacent to the creek, stabilize several erosive gullies that flow into the creek, and create several fish and wildlife habitat structures within the creek. For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../Seeley...>

9/8/22 - The enhanced floodplain, constructed wetlands, and riparian buffer shown here are part of the award-winning Tamarack Creek Habitat Restoration project in the [City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government](#). The Alliance of Rouge Communities' restoration project is funded by an [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant and recently won the [American Public Works Association Michigan Chapter](#) Project of the Year in the category of Environment 1\$ million to \$5 million. The project has enhanced over 2 acres of wetlands and provided restoration to 1,800 feet of creek along this headwater of the Rouge River. Maintenance crews will be out in the coming weeks to help establish the new meandering stream and vegetated buffer, which contain new habitat structures, constructed wetlands, and an array of native forb, shrub, and tree plantings. For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../Tamarack...>

9/9/22 - Own a business in the Rouge River watershed? Practicing healthy habits in your business not only protects water quality, it brings personal satisfaction whether you are the owner, an employee or a patron of a business. Healthy habits, like storing wastes using secondary containment and recycling or disposing of them properly, promotes a safe and healthy environment for employees, customers and the Rouge River. Healthy habits make it easier and less costly to prevent pollution than to endure the expense of cleaning up a spill. For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/business.html>

9/14/22 - You are the eyes and ears in your community when it comes to illegal dumping! Things that should be reported include: dumping to lakes, rivers or streams; unusual discharges from pipes; foul odors; or even a large number of dead fish in waterways. If you answer "yes" to the below questions you should report it to your local municipality so they can investigate.

~Is it unusual? Does it smell? Does it look bad? Does it seem secretive?

Pollution hotlines: Michigan's Pollution Alert System - 800-292-4706

Wayne County - 888-223-2363

Oakland County - 248-858-0931

Washtenaw County - 734-222-3800

For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/illdump.html>

9/27/22 - LAST CHANCE!!! SURVEY ENDS FRIDAY!!!

THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES WANTS TO GET YOUR OPINION - WHICH COULD GET YOU A \$100 VISA GIFT CARD!

Take our survey on Water Quality Changes in the Rouge River to help direct our future activities! Once your survey is complete you will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card to be distributed in September 2022.

Link to ARC survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/arcsurvey22>

9/27/22 - Construction is underway at Bell Creek Recreation Area in [Wayne County Parks](#) in [Charter Township of Redford](#). Removal of invasive species is nearly complete and wetland areas are being graded in preparation for planting. The habitat restoration project, being conducted by the Alliance of Rouge Communities, is funded under a grant from the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) (GL-00E02896-0). For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/bell.html>

9/27/22 - Seeley Creek in improvements will begin in just a few weeks! The ARC received bids from prospective contractors and a contract will be awarded soon. This [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded project will improve 5 acres of riparian wetland and 1,600 feet of Seeley Creek in the [City of Farmington Hills, Michigan - Municipal Government](#). This project will improve and diversify the habitat within the stream corridor for fish and wildlife. For more information: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../Seeley...>

9/27/22 - Tamarack Creek maintenance crews were out recently to help make sure the stream reconstruction and riparian buffer plantings become well established. This [@U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant funded project, located in the [City of Southfield, Michigan USA - Government](#), has enhanced over 2 acres of wetlands and restored 1,800 feet of creek and riparian vegetation along this tributary of the Rouge River. For more information visit <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/tamarack.html>

10/10/22 - Are you interested in helping us move the Rouge River forward? Feel free to join us for the next Rouge River Advisory Council (RRAC) virtual meeting on October 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Learn more about RRAC at www.allianceofrougecommunities/rrac.html

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWY1M2Y4YmMtMzA4My00NzU0LWJlMmUtNjg4OTQ5YTAzM2M4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22911eb1cc-54d3-4d8c-a577-3bf3ccc8105c%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%229987047c-3db7-4fe9-bc17-0f7d917f199d%22%7d

10/21/22 - What a great weekend for outdoor cleanup! To help protect the water quality of the Rouge River collect or mulch leaves soon after they fall so they don't get carried into lakes and streams through storm drains or with the wind where they can add excess nutrients. Rather than raking and bagging your leaves, mulch them into your lawn which acts as a natural fertilizer and adds organic matter to the soil. For more information visit: <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/steward.html>

10/25/22 - An ARC Cooperating Partner, [SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments](#), is launching "Pulse of the Region" - a survey to gain public perspectives on green infrastructure in Southeast Michigan. Please take a few minutes to provide your input!

<https://www.cobaltcommunityresearch.org/green.html>

10/26/22 - Riverbank restoration is complete on a section of the Lower Rouge River which runs through Venoy-Dorsey Park in the City of [Wayne, Michigan Administration Community Updates](#). Before (first photo below), failed sheet piling provided little erosion protection or habitat value. Now (second photo below), riprap stabilizes the banks. Live stakes will be planted to vegetate the banks and provide additional long-term stability. This work is part of the Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat Restoration Project, a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded project (Grant GL-00E02830). For more information visit <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../colonial...>

10/27/22 - Design and permitting efforts are underway for Phoenix Lake in [Northville Township - Government](#) and Plymouth Township. Proposed activities include installation of sand spawning habitat, emergent plantings, and invasive species treatment around Phoenix Lake. This effort is part of the Wilcox, Inkster, Phoenix Habitat Design grant funded by the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (Grant# GL-00E02997-0).

10/28/22 - Habitat restoration activities continue at Nankin Lake in [Livonia Community](#) and [City of Westland - Administration](#)! The dredged sediment from the lake has been dewatered and removal from the site has begun. The removal of the sediment bags will take a few months to complete. The project, being done by [Wayne County Parks](#), an ARC member, is funded through a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) (Grant # GL00E0240). For more information visit <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/nankinlake.html>

10/29/22 - As part of the habitat restoration activities at Nankin Lake in [Livonia Community](#) and [City of Westland - Administration](#) native plants were installed during the summer and they like their new home! Invasive plants were treated and/or removed to make room for these beauties. This project is being done by [Wayne County Parks](#), an ARC member, and is funded through a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) (Grant # GL00E0240). For more information visit <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/nankinlake.html>

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11/2/22 - Major milestone alert! Permit applications have been submitted to the State for the restoration projects at Wilcox Lake in [City of Plymouth](#) (shown below) and Phoenix Lake in Plymouth Township and [Northville Township - Government](#). These projects in [Wayne County Parks](#) will create and enhance habitat in and around each lake through placement of substrate used for fish spawning, treatment and removal of invasive species, and native plantings. This effort is part of the ARC's Wilcox, Inkster, Phoenix Habitat Design grant funded by the [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (Grant# GL-00E02997-0).

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11/30/22 - When it is a windy day for your communities curbside recycling, consider skipping a week with your recycle bin to reduce the risk of it tipping over and the items blowing away or going into the storm drain.

12/20/22 - What does a forest look like before it's a forest? At Colonial Park, over 5 acres of mowed turf is on its way to being "reforested" through the planting of approximately 2,000 native trees and 800 native shrubs varying in size and specie. This effort is occurring as part of the Alliance of Rouge Communities' Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat Restoration Project in partnership with [Wayne County Parks](#), and is funded through a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant (GL-00E02830). For more information visit <https://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/.../colonial...>

12/23/22 - Tree and shrub planting is complete at Venoy-Dorsey Park in the [City of Wayne-Administration](#). Water-loving native species were chosen to thrive in and around the created and restored wetlands. (Check out our species list below!) This work is part of the Colonial Park and Venoy Park Habitat Restoration Project, a [U.S. EPA Region 5 \(Great Lakes Region\)](#), Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded project (Grant GL-00E02830) to the Alliance of Rouge Communities in partnership with [Wayne County Parks](#).

2022 Facebook Reposts/Shares

1/5/22 - Get involved! [Friends of the Rouge](#) is looking for volunteers to help look for sensitive aquatic insects that indicate good water quality in the Rouge River. The Annual Friends of the Rouge Winter Stonefly Search is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 22, 2022, 10:00 am – approx. 3:00 pm. For more info: <https://therouge.org/bug-hunt-events-and-trainings/>

1/13/22 - Oakland County! Check out some great activities coming up through [Oakland Conservation District](#) this year! Trees, butterflies, farmers market - Oh My! <http://www.oaklandconservationdistrict.org/upcoming...>

2/4/22 - The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's office is excited to share that they have launched the: Preserve MI Waters: Stormwater Manhole Cover Art Contest. They are seeking original art submissions to be added to 50 stormwater manhole covers throughout Oakland County. Participants must be students attending high school (9-12 Grade) or actively enrolled in an Oakland County college during the time of the contest. Pure Oakland Water will provide the contest winner with a \$1,000 scholarship. The contest closes on March 11, 2022.

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5/18/22 - Awesome work by one of the Alliance of Rouge Communities member communities! [City of Auburn Hills](#)
Are you wondering what's going on at Riverside Park with all the construction and equipment? The answer is riverbank stabilization!

6/6/22 - Thanks to ARC member [City of Garden City, Michigan](#)! A good reminder for all of us living in the Rouge River Watershed (and beyond!) Be sure to check your catch basins and clear them! [City of Garden City, Michigan](#) ·
Because of the risk of heavy rain tonight, please clean off your catch basins/street drains to help alleviate flooding.

6/23/22 - With all the lakefront property in the Rouge River Watershed we can learn some important things from our friends at the Michigan Master Gardener Association and the Michigan State University Extension! [Michigan Master Gardener Association, Inc.](#)
A native Michigan shoreline: We did it, and so can you! Part 2 - Erick Elgin, Michigan State University Extension - June 20, 2022 - Updated from an original article written by Jane Herbert and Mike Gallagher. A lakefront property owner describes the next steps in restoring his typical lakeshore into a native lake scape that protects the lake and provides a home for birds and butterflies.

6/23/22 - Our friends at the U. S. EPA have been busy "bees!" - sorry couldn't help adding my own humor to this really great educational video that applies to all of us in the Rouge River Watershed.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[#PollinatorWeek has us buzzing with excitement!](#) 

[Check out how you can help pollinators in your own backyard.](#)

10/25/22 - An ARC Cooperating Partner, [SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments](#), is launching "Pulse of the Region" - a survey to gain public perspectives on green infrastructure in Southeast Michigan. Please take a few minutes to provide your input!

<https://www.cobaltcommunityresearch.org/green.html>

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