



Annette DeMaria, P.E., PMP
Executive Director

Auburn Hills
Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms
Birmingham
Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.
Commerce Twp.
Dearborn Heights
Farmington
Farmington Hills
Franklin
Garden City
Henry Ford College
Inkster
Lathrup Village
Livonia
Melvindale
Northville
Northville Twp.
Novi
Oak Park
Oakland County
Orchard Lake
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
Romulus
Schoolcraft College
Southfield
Troy
University of
Michigan-Dearborn
Van Buren Twp.
Walled Lake
Washtenaw County
Wayne
Wayne County
Wayne County Airport
Authority
West Bloomfield Twp.
Westland
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DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

March 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. - Online

- Welcome** – Doug Moore, Chair
- Roll Call of Members**
ECT took roll call of members and others in attendance. A quorum was present.

ARC Executive Committee			Attended Meeting
Officers			
Chair	Doug Moore	Livonia	Y
Vice-Chair	Charles Markus	Bloomfield Twp.	Y
Treasurer	Rebecca Runkel	Novi	Y
Past Chair & Interim Treasurer	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
Counties			
Oakland Co. – Rep.	Jim Nash	OCWRC	N
Oakland Co. – Alt.	Jacy Garrison	OCWRC	Y
Washtenaw Co.- Rep.	Evan Pratt	WCWRC	N
Washtenaw Co.- Alt.	Heather Rice	WCWRC	Y
Wayne Co. - Rep.	Noel Mullett	WCDPS	Y
Wayne Co. - Alt.	Vacant	WCDPS	-
SWAGs			
Main 1 & 2 - Rep.	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
Main 1 & 2 - Alt.	Olivia Olsztyn-Budry	Bloomfield Township	N
Main 3 & 4 - Rep.	Paul Horen	Redford Township	Y
Main 3 & 4 - Alt.	Vacant		-
Upper - Rep.	Karen Mondora	Farmington Hills	Y
Upper - Alt.	Trisha Gabriel	Livonia	Y
Middle 1 - Rep.	Bob Belair	Northville Township	Y
Middle 1 - Alt.	Rebecca Runkel	Novi	Y
Middle 3 - Rep.	Ramzi El-Gharib	Westland	N
Middle 3 - Alt.	Invitation sent Kristina Kramarz	Dearborn Heights	N
Lower 1 - Rep.	John Selmi	Canton Township	Y
Lower 1 - Alt.	Vacant		-
Lower 2 - Rep.	Mike Buiten	Wayne	Y
Lower 2 - Alt.	Jerome Bivins	Inkster	N
Lower 2 - Alt.	Kathy Hood	Romulus	Y

Others Present:

Annette DeMaria, John O'Meara, Chris O'Meara, Tennille Newsome, Emily Levine - ECT Staff,
Nicholas Bayley, OHM Advisors

Cooperating Partners:

Cranbrook Institute of Science
Friends of the Rouge
Great Lakes Water Authority
Rouge River Advisory Council
SEMCOG
Southeastern Oakland
County Water Authority
The Henry Ford

3. Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda

No additions or changes to report.

4. Summary of November 9, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

The motion was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County to accept the November 9, 2021 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Runkel, Novi, and passed unanimously.

5. Executive Director Report (ARC Staff)

a. 2021 Executive Director's Annual Report

Annette DeMaria reported the annual report is available on the ARC's website and a hyperlink is provided in the agenda. There will be a brief presentation at the Full ARC meeting on Thursday, March 24 that will highlight services provided in 2021.

b. MS4 2020-2021 Progress Reports

Annette DeMaria reported that the 2020-2021 progress reports are due to the state for most members. Annette stated the reporting period is for January 1, 2020 through December 2021. Annette mentioned there are two reports due: one for the two year progress report and the second year is for alternative compliance on the post construction standards which covers 2021. Annette stated ECT provided guidance for how to respond on the reports. Annette asked if there were any questions, there were none.

c. ARC Collaborative PPP, PEP and IDEP Progress Reports

Annette DeMaria reminded members that the ARC does the reporting on the collaborative plans. The report links to the PEP and PPP progress reports have been provided previously. The IDEP progress report link will be provided later today or tomorrow. Chris O'Meara will send out the links to the members when available.

d. Rouge Rescue Feedback

Annette DeMaria reported at the last full ARC meeting she was asked to look into the Rouge Rescue. Annette stated she had a meeting with Friends of the Rouge. After the meeting in January, Annette sent an email to the group that outlined the options for Rouge Rescue. Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) is rehabilitating Rouge Rescue to be different than previous years. FOTR is focusing Rouge Rescue more to events they are leading versus supporting community led events. FOTR is still willing to advertise community events to the members at no charge but if the ARC wanted to continue Rouge Rescue with support to communities the cost would be \$15,000 watershed wide or an individual cost of \$500 per community. There were a couple of communities who do not need FOTR support. Annette stated based on feedback received, no action has been taken.

Karen Mondora asked if there is any requirements for communities to participate in Rouge Rescue. Chris O'Meara stated the ARC is only responsible for promoting volunteer and monitoring FOTR events.

Annette mentioned the ARC should reexamine the 5 year plan and update them and then establish a new 5 year budget to support the plans. Annette stated it will more than likely be up to the PIE Committee.

Noel Mullet stated if the re-application is in April 2023 then EGLE would issue the new permit in October 2023 which would mean alternative plans would be needed by April 1. Annette stated she will confirm the dates. Annette mentioned to FOTR that the ARC would most likely not support the \$15,000.

e. Grant Report

John O'Meara reporting the following grant status report.

EPA Wayne County Rouge AOC Habitat Projects

- **Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage**
 - Contractor is conducting vegetation maintenance. Lowering of the water control will take place over the next two summers. With partial opening this July.
 - Working on social media to get message out about public assistance in helping the site get established by not entering the project area. To facilitate the successful completion of this natural area restoration, the footpaths within the adjacent woods will be closed during this establishment phase.

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration Implementation - Tamarack/Fish Hatchery (\$3,367,559)

- **Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Restoration**
 - Contractor working vegetation maintenance for 2022
- **Tamarack Creek Restoration**
 - Contractor will be performing final work and vegetation maintenance in 2022
 - Received APWA and Michigan Chapter Environmental awards

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

- Coordination with Oakland County for Contract Document Approval and easement development
- Anticipated bidding spring 2022
- Requested no-cost grant extension from EPA to extend grant from October 2021 until September 2023

EGLE Rouge River AOC PAC Support (\$95,000)

- Development an electronic project mapping AOC projects
- RRAC meetings held November 2, 2021, and January 11, 2022
- EGLE extended the grant until March 31, 2022

Wayne County EPA Rouge River AOC Wayne County Parks (5) Habitat Restoration Design (\$731,000)

All work required by the ARC has been completed. Wayne County is writing their final report on the grant.

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat - Colonial & Venoy Restoration (\$1,834,000)

- Bidding completed
- Construction to begin spring 2022

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration Implementation- Wayne County Parkland (\$4,222,090)

Restoration at the 5 Wayne County parkland sites (Lower Rouge River, Riverview, Bell Creek, Lola, and Sherwood)

- Lower Rouge Reforestation: construction to begin later this week
- Lower Rouge Log Jams: construction underway
- Sherwood: bidding complete; construction to begin spring 2022
- Bell and Lola: bidding complete; construction to begin spring 2022
- Riverview: bidding anticipated fall 2022

GLRI USDA Forest Service – Reducing Runoff in the Rouge River AOC (\$261,780)

Project will intercept a total of 1.3 million gallons annual runoff by planting of 895 trees and installation of 2.9 acres of green infrastructure, in 17 ARC communities and 3 counties.

- Communities in process of acquiring trees for planting
- Green Infrastructure design and implementation underway

Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration – LTU Wetland Habitat Design (\$125,000)

GLRI grant to design a wetland system on Lawrence Technological University's campus. The design is being developed in collaboration with LTU.

- Design underway

GRANTS AWARDED

John O'Meara stated the Wilcox/Phoenix/Inkster grant have now be moved to ongoing above and reported that on the following:

Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration – Wilcox/ Phoenix/ Inkster Habitat Design (\$785,100)

EPA has awarded a GLRI grant to the ARC to provide restoration designs for habitat at Wilcox Lake, Phoenix Lake and Inkster Park. These activities when implemented will result in restoration/enhancements to 16.5 acres of habitat, which includes lake, wetland/wet meadow, and riparian areas.

- Field work has begun
- Design is underway

Annette DeMaria stated that the grant below and can be moved up to ongoing grants above. Annette reported that on the following:

Regional Investigational Monitoring Work Plan for Southeast Michigan (\$40,000) - The GLWA was awarded funding in Summer 2021 and GLWA has asked ARC to complete the development of a work plan framework to conduct investigational monitoring in the GLWA wastewater service area to identify stream segments that are being impacted by sewage sources. This includes Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties. The ARC developed a work plan and budget which his approximately \$2M across the region over 5 years. Annette indicated that the ARC has started to attend meetings that are held with County officials and sanitary sewer drainage districts in local municipalities to discuss their interest in pursuing the program and figure out where the funding comes from. The ARC has met with Oakland County's Public Works Commissioner, Candace Miller and they will pursue whether there is a regional program or not. There is also support from Oakland County WRC. Over the next month, the ARC plans on meeting with three sewer districts (GWK, Evergreen Farmington and Clinton Oakland).

SUBMITTED GRANTS

EGLE NPS Middle Rouge River Daylighting Design (\$40,000) - NOT AWARDED

EGLE NPS Johnson Creek Subwatershed Action Plan (\$60,000 - \$54,000 Grant/\$6,000 match) - NOT AWARDED

John O'Meara reported in the beginning of January, the Rouge and the ARC as the partner submitted a grant with Friends of the Detroit River to NOAA for their regional partnership. This would also allow work on non-AOC areas. This will potentially be awarded in June.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee (R. Runkel, Treasurer/C. O'Meara)

Rebecca Runkel reported the following.

A/P, A/R Report & Profit/Loss Report

Rebecca Runkel reviewed the A/R, A/P and profit/loss reports.

2021 Audit

Chris O'Meara reported the process for the 2021 Single Audit has begun and that she dropped off the files to the accountant.

Chris also reported the first round of dues went out in February and the second round of dues will go out in the beginning of May.

2023 Estimated Dues with Census Data

Rebecca Runkel reported that Chris O'Meara provided a spreadsheet regarding the census data and how the dues were calculated. Chris stated there are some communities that are highlighted that their population data was not listed on the census site. Chris stated she used the estimated 2019 data for the calculations and their will be listed as information and once the census data is final she will send out. Chris O. shared the spreadsheet detailing the information.

Ratify E-mail Votes

Rebecca Runkel reported on the following email votes to ratify:

3/7/22: 9 yay and 0 nay votes, passed

Rouge River AOC - Sherwood Habitat Restoration Project GLRI Grant No. GL-00E02896

This vote approved the 2022 contract award to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$537,184.63 for work under the GLRI Grant Sherwood Park Habitat Restoration Project (GLRI Grant Number GL-00E02896).

3/14/22: 12 yay 0 nay votes, passed

Tamarack/Johnson Creek Implementation

This vote approved ECT's 2019 Contract Work Order No. 2019-4 EPA TAM/JC2 of \$78,421 to a not to exceed upper limit of \$520,780 (GL-00E02478)

The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Bob Belair, Northville Township, and passed unanimously.

2022 Contract Award – Bell and Lola Parks

Rebecca Runkel sought approval for the 2022 contract award to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$1,288,500.75 for work under the GLRI Grant – Bell and Lola Parks Habitat Restoration Project.

The motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills for the approval of the 2022 contract award to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$1,288,500.75 for work under the GLRI Grant: Bell and Lola Parks Habitat Restoration Project (GLRI Grant Number: GL-00E02896). The motion was seconded by Bob Belair, Northville Twp., and passed unanimously.

ECT 2013 Contract Amendment

Rebecca Runkel sought approval for the ECT 2013 contract amendment for Revision 2 to Appendix M adding no-cost, time extension.

The motion was made by Bob Belair, Northville Twp. to approve the ECT 2013 Contract Amendment to Appendix M adding a no-cost, time extension until October 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

b. Organization Committee (N. Mullett/C. O'Meara)

Nothing to report.

c. PIE Committee (J. Garrison)

Jacy Garrison reported the following:

- 2020-2021 PEP and PPP Collaborative Plan Progress Reports are on ARC website
- New giveaway: jar opener made of recycled tires has been sent to all members (100 for each community) – these include tips of protecting water quality
- Fleet vehicle magnets going to those communities that allow them; magnets will be sent out to those communities who requested at a later date.
- Pet waste containers and fertilizer clips have been restocked
- This year we will:
 - Prepare a brochure educating commercial/industrial/educational/institutional entities (permit requirement)

- Ad graphic that will support the new brochure
- New static display (banner) to support the new brochure and displayed in those facilities
- Rouge River Watershed Signage: determine maintenance needs and high priority new sign locations
- The ARC supports the following FOTR events:
 - FOTR Stonefly search
 - FOTR Master Rain Gardener Series (5 workshops)
 - FOTR will conduct 1 workday at ARC community GI site
 - FOTR will host 1-2 rain barrel sales events in ARC communities. One sale will be held May 22 at Southfield Beechwood Park from 1pm-4pm.

d. Technical Committee

Karen Mondora reported the following:

- 2021 final IDEP reports were completed by Wayne County and ARC staff. Those reports were provided to the Technical Committee.
- Last month, the ARC approved the 2022 IDEP investigation work plans that was done by Wayne County and the ARC.
- The collaborative IDEP plan progress report is being completed today and will be posted on the ARC's website. Chris O'Meara will send out the link for communities to include in their report due to EGLE.
- Wayne County and ARC staff met with the City of Plymouth to discuss IDEP investigation plans for 2022. Wayne County will schedule a meeting with the City of Livonia.
- Dry and wet weather sampling efforts will be included this year to support the collaborative TMDL plan.

7. Report from Counties

Oakland County

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County reported the County's MS4 biennial progress report is available on their website. Jacy also provided a summary for community use to supplement community reporting. Jacy provided the links to Chris O'Meara for the ARC's website. Chris O'Meara stated they were added before the meeting.

Jacy also mentioned there is an upcoming meeting for the workgroup for the Oakland County Stormwater Standards and if anyone is interested it will be held virtually Friday, April 8 at 9:00am. Jacy advised to let her know and she will send out the invitation.

Annette DeMaria asked Jacy what the County's reporting period is. Jacy stated she decided to keep it on their fiscal year which is October 1 through September 30. Jacy has not heard that it is an issue and the report is due April 1, 2022.

Washtenaw County

Heather Rice reported the following:

- There is a master rain gardener workshop going on. Susan Bryan from Washtenaw County Water Resources office is one of the trainers. Heather heard great things about the classes.
- There is a free online master rain gardener self-pace class going on now as well.
- Washtenaw Conservation District is doing pre-orders for rain barrels for those who cannot attend a FOTR event. Information for that can be found at www.washtenawcd.org
- The native plant expo and marketplace will be held Saturday, June 5th 9:00am-1:00pm at the Chelsea Fairgrounds. This event will bring various Michigan native plants vendors throughout the State. This event will also promote native landscapes, planting more plants in the ground to absorb stormwater along with non-profits in attendance. Information for the event can also be found at www.washtenawcd.org

Wayne County

Noel Mullett reported Wayne County is getting back on schedule of Household Hazardous waste collection events beginning in April. There will be two other events scheduled later. Wayne County is offering a drop off available at their contractors location in Livonia via voucher.

Noel reported the Nankin Lake restoration project will begin dredging in April with heavy construction going through June with vegetation restoration next year. John O'Meara mentioned to Doug that Livonia may receive phone calls on the project due to the geo textile bags with the dredging material. John O. and Noel will send Doug the information needed to assist in answering questions when calls are received.

Noel also reported Wayne County's Biennial report is currently in process.

Annette DeMaria asked Noel when the County's reporting period is. Noel mentioned April 1, 2022 with calendar years for 2020 and 2021.

Annette also asked Heather with Washtenaw County what their reporting period is. Heather confirmed is also April 1, 2022 with calendar years for 2020 and 2021.

7. Other Business

Annette DeMaria stated while on vacation, she received a memo from EGLE regarding post construction standards reporting requirements to clarify expectations for those reports and how they are applied to road projects. Annette asked if there were any question on the memo. There were none. Annette indicated she was talking to different entities on information. Jacy stated at the next Oakland County workgroup they plan to discuss tracking and believes there is interest in it be done regionally. Rebecca stated that Novi would be interested in ideas for how to handle them.

8. Summary of Executive Committee Actions

- The November 9, 2021 meeting summary was approved.
- The motion was approved to ratify the email vote of 3/7/22 awarding 2022 contract to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$537,184.63 for work under the GLRI Grant Sherwood Park Habitat Restoration Project and the email vote of 3/14/22 for ECT 2019 Contract Work Order No. 2019-4 EPA TAM/JC2 of \$78,421 to a not to exceed upper limit of \$520,780.
- The motion was approved for awarding the 2022 contract to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$1,288,500.75 for work under the GLRI Grant Bell and Lola Parks Habitat Restoration Project (GLRI Grant Number GL-00E02896)
- The motion was approved for ECT's 2013 Contract Amendment to Appendix M adding a no-cost, time extension until October 31, 2023.

9. Upcoming Meeting(s)

Chris O'Meara reported there is a Full ARC meeting on March 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Annette DeMaria asked about the possibility of polling the committee to begin future meetings in person. No one was opposed to it. Chris O'Meara will send out a poll with the next round of meetings.

10. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne and seconded by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County. The motion passed.