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Executive Director



Working together, restoring the river

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

June 5, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Romulus Athletic Center

- 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.
- Pontiac
- Redford Twp.
- Rochester Hills
- Romulus
- Southfield
- Troy
- University of Michigan-Dearborn
- Van Buren Twp.
- Walled Lake
- Washtenaw County
- Wayne
- Wayne County
- Wayne County Airport Authority
- West Bloomfield Twp.
- Westland
- Wixom

1. Welcome (Doug Moore, Chair)

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
Auburn Hills	N	Oakland County	Y
Beverly Hills	N	Oakland County Road Commission	Y
Bingham Farms	Y	Oak Park	N
Birmingham	Y	Orchard Lake	Y
Bloomfield Hills	N	Plymouth	N
Bloomfield Twp.	Y	Plymouth Twp.	Y
Canton Twp.	N	Redford Twp.	Y
Commerce Twp.	Y	Rochester Hills	Y
Dearborn Heights	N	Romulus	Y
Farmington	Y	Southfield	N
Farmington Hills	Y	Troy	Y
Franklin	N	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Y
Garden City	N	Van Buren Twp.	N
Henry Ford College	Y	Walled Lake	N
Inkster	Y	Washtenaw County	Y
Lathrup Village	Y	Wayne	Y
Livonia	Y	Wayne County	Y
Melvindale	N	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Northville	N	West Bloomfield Twp.	Y
Northville Twp.	N	Westland	Y
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b. Introduction of ARC guests

Doug Moore, Chair, asked all guests in attendance to introduce themselves.

c. Additions or Changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

d. Approval of November 19, 2018 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, to approve the November 19, 2018 meeting summary. It was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

2. Executive Director Report

a. 2018 ARC Year in Review Presentation

Annette DeMaria gave a presentation reviewing the Executive Director's Annual Report of activities completed in 2018. She also presented the results of the 2017 Public

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

Awareness Survey that was summarized through the SAW Grant in 2018. Highlights from the Executive Director's Annual Report included:

- Grant activity in 2018
- New advocacy activities and partners
- MS4 Permit initiatives
- IDEP activities including training
- PIE materials distributed

Highlights from the Public Awareness Survey included:

- Current attitudes/knowledge now compared to surveys done in 1993/1999
- Biggest problem today facing community is Environment
- 41% of respondents did not know if they live in a watershed
- 44% of respondents did not know where the rain drains
- Majority in 2017 rate the water quality of the Rouge River as fair compared to the majority in 1999 rated it as poor
- Summarized results on pollution and water quality observations
- Number 1 education priority was pesticides/herbicide/fertilizer application
- Sources of where people get their information included the internet as number 1
- More people stated that they are taking action to protect water quality as a homeowner
- Results showed that people are willing to pay \$1-\$20 for better water quality

Both presentations will be on the ARC's website under the meeting information tab.

a. Grant Status Report

John O'Meara and Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, gave the grant project status report.

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

- Project complete and final report submitted to MDEQ in November 2018.
- ARC's final Reimbursement request on hold until permits are issued (\$22,294.08).

2019 Michigan Volunteer River, Stream and Creek Cleanup Program (VRSCCP)

- **Rouge Rescue River Cleanup**
 - ARC is acting as fiduciary for a Great Lakes Commission grant in the amount of \$4,500 that will be used by Friends of the Rouge to pay for Rouge Rescue materials including volunteer t-shirts, trash bags and advertising and office supplies.

EPA Wayne County Rouge AOC Habitat Projects

- **Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage**
 - Work continued over the winter and will continue throughout 2019.
- **Oxbow Phase III Implementation**
 - Most of the main construction activities were completed over the winter.
 - Found some buried unknown structures that had to be removed in order to complete the work.
 - Work will finish late fall 2019.

GLRI USDA Forest Service

The ARC was awarded the grant from the USDA Forest Service for trees to “Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Impacts.

MDEQ OGL Public Advisory Support

Project is complete. Final reporting/reimbursement request to State was completed in February 2019. Held RRAC meeting in December 2018. Completed additional “grant project descriptions” for 4 more Rouge AOC listed projects. Additionally, a one-page brochure on the economic impact of GLRI restoration in the Rouge was created.

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration Design- Tamarack/Fish Hatchery

The ARC received a grant from EPA for design engineering for the restoration of Tamarack Creek/wetland and habitat restoration on Johnson Creek at Fish Hatchery Park. These two priority projects were considered the next one that would have significant impact on the removal of the BUIs in the Rouge AOC.

- Tamarack Wetland and Creek Restoration – Most of the field work has been completed and design is about 25%.
- Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Restoration – Field work has been completed and the design is 30% complete.

GRANTS SUBMITTED

EPA Rouge River AOC Habitat Restoration Design- Tamarack/Fish Hatchery

Not officially submitted – but ARC Staff have been notified by EPA that Johnson Creek and Tamarack will be receiving Implementation funding with FY20 money.

USDA Forest Service

ARC Staff surveyed members and 15 Communities are interested in participating in the next Forest Service grant. ARC staff will be reviewing the requirements for the grant which is due in June. There is a 20% match for this round. ARC staff feel that differences in tree prices along with community staff time to manage their grant can be used for the match.

MDEQ OGL Public Advisory Support (2019-2020)

Jennifer Tewkesbury (EGLE) informed the ARC staff that the current transition within the state has OGL putting PAC grants on hold for the next round which would fund RRAC activities for the next year.

3. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report

a. 2019 A/R & A/P Reports

Chris O’Meara reviewed the accounts payable and receivable reports.

b. 2018 Audit

C. O’Meara reported that ARC Staff continues to work with the ARC’s auditors on the 2018 Audit.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee

Noel Mullett stated that the Organization Committee has nothing to report.

b. PIE Committee

J. Garrison, Oakland County, reported that we have restocked the pet waste containers, clips, several public ed printed materials, and posters. The ARC banners are making the rounds of the watershed, remember to sign up to have the banners at your facilities as part of your permit activities. J. Garrison reported that the Michigan Water School will be having a training in the Rouge River Watershed September 26 & 27 in Northville for elected officials. There are scholarships available.

c. Technical Committee

K. Mondora reported that the Technical Committee met in January. K. Mondora reminded the communities included in the collaborative plans that they need to adopt their IDEP ordinances and provide a copy to ARC Staff, at this time about ½ of the communities have adopted the ordinance. There will be 2 days of IDEP training in partnership with SEMCOG in October. As part of the pollution prevention training A. DeMaria asked the ARC if they would benefit from a training CD – communities in attendance supported an online and CD video training that they could show staff as needed. She reported that the Collaborative IDEP activities will be starting with dry weather.

5. Report from Cooperating Partners

SEMCOG

Katie Grantham, SEMCOG, reviewed the One Water campaign that is currently running from 6/1 – 6/9 and will include a billboard/bus campaign, social media, website and public education giveaways. This was developed by a partnership with GLWA, Cranbrook Institute of Science and SEMCOG. Items are available to communities so please contact SEMCOG if you would like some of the items that include tip cards, water bottles, bags for fats, oils and grease disposal and pet waste containers. More information can be found on their website at www.mionewater.com.

Friends of the Rouge

Marie McCormick shared that FOTR their 5-year Strategic Plan will be adopted by the end of June. She reported that they are looking for funding to prepare an economic development framework. She informed the Full ARC that the Rouge Rescue results are being prepared and that they had almost 40 sites. FOTR continues to assist residents with designing rain gardens with 30 in the last 3 months. She informed the Full ARC that they are planning an event to celebrate the Rouge burning on October 10, 2019. FOTR continues to offer RainSmart (rain garden design) which is a fee for service.

6. Report from Counties

J. Garrison, Oakland County, stated that their post-construction stormwater standards are progressing with the State and that they are planning meetings with other counties to include regional collaboration. If communities have any questions, they can contact Jim Wineka at the Water Resources Commissioners Office.

N. Mullett reported that they continue to work on their permit with a deadline of 10/1 and are hoping to get their stormwater standards to the State within the next week. N. Mullett announced dates for Household Hazardous Waste events for June 29 in Detroit, August 10 in Westland and October 19 in Taylor.

H. Rice informed the ARC that they will be hosting a rain garden classes and master rain garden classes in July and August. Registration can be found on their website.

7. Report from EGLE

There was no report from EGLE.

8. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (Chris O’Meara, ARC staff)

- The November 19, 2018 meeting summary was approved.

10. Other Business

J. O’Meara announced that the Great Lakes Restoration Celebration hosted by the ARC will be held on October 18, 2019 at The Henry Ford. The Henry Ford has donated the space, ECT is sponsoring the continental breakfast and SEMCOG is sponsoring the printing of the restoration project book that is distributed at the event. All ARC members are invited to this free event which promotes and celebrates the grant funded restoration activities in Southeast Michigan and is attended by federal, state and local units of government along with those watershed groups (including the ARC) conducting the restoration activities.

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Sheryl Mitchell, Lathrup Village, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

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Name	Community	Attended	Initials	
Akers	Ron	Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Allen	Ashley	Village of Beverly Hills (HRC) ^{Bingham Farms}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AA
Allen	Ashley	Birmingham (HRC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AA
Allen	Ashley	Village of Franklin (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Allen	Ashley	Troy (HRC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AA
Arquette-Palermo	Michele	Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ballnik	Dan	RRAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bayley	Nicholas	Westland (OHM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NJB
Bednarski	George	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Beisel	John	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Belair	Bob	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Best	Matthew	Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bivins	Jerome	Inkster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Boote	Marty	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Borton	Cory	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CB
Buiten	Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Byrd	Jim	Wixom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J.B.
Casari	Tom	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cassady	Erin	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig	Bill	RRAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHE
Creech	James	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cureton	Loyd	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis	Paul	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dean	Lillian	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
Dennis	Mike	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Deslippe	John	Farmington (OHM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Domine	Mike	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eudy	Chuck	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>E</i>
Faas	Tim	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>PF</i>
Finlay	Scott	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fletcher	Austin	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Gabriel	Trisha	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>TG</i>
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JG</i>
Gee	Sherri	Great Lakes Water Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>SG</i>
Gerlach	Adam	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	West Bloomfield Township (JA En	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hammond	Bruce	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hanna	Karen	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hendrickson	Dave	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hood	Kathy	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hysinger	Angela	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
James	Jay	Commerce Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JA</i>
Kahle	Chris	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>ck</i>
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lear	Brad	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MacDonell	Matt	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Markus	Charles	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Marten	Ken	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCormick	Marie	Friends of the Rouge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>MM</i>
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Michalak	Steve	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mitchell	Sheryl	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>SM</i>
Mlynczyk	Ed	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>KM</i>
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>DM</i>
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>NM</i>
Mullin	Christopher	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nash	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Neary	Amy	West Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ohman	Brad	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Olsztyn	Olivia	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JO</i>
Ordus	Larrie	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ortiz	Richard	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paletko	Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perez	Thomas	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pesta	Chelsea	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Petrella	Sally	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollizzi	Tim	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Porman	Chris	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Price	Meghan	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Queen	Ed	Wayne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>EQ</i>

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Richardson	Kate	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>KR</i>
Richert	Andery	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ross	Cyndi	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Runkel	Rebecca	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>RR</i>
Rutkowski	Kristin	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saif	Sermed	Orchard Lake Village (Tri-Co. Eng.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>SS</i>
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schultz	Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scott	David	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seymour	Lynne	Birmingham (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siddall	Sheryl	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sikma	Tim	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spivy	Jamie	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stec	Susie	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surles	Gerrajh	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tucker	Eric	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visel	Sarah	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Whitt	L. Dennis	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wieczorek	Mike	Henry Ford College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>MW</i>
Wilson	Tom	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zdrodowski	Michelle	Great Lakes Water Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Kelley Junco	OC Road Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>KJ</u>
Kim Siegel	OC Road Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>KS</u>
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