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Rouge River Advisory Council (RRAC) Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2026, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

HYBRID: Friends of the Rouge, 650 Church Street, Plymouth

VIRTUAL: [Join Meeting Here](#) or call 352-374-3246, code 764700397#

- I. Introductions of attendees (Ashley)**
- II. Approval of [April 21, 2026, Meeting Summary](#) (Ashley)**
- III. Old Business (Ashley)**
- IV. EGLE Update (Jen)**
- V. EPA Update (Julie)**
- VI. Rouge AOC Grants Update (John)**
 - a. Status of projects
- VII. PAC Business (Ashley)**
 - a. New PAC Support Grant (J. O'Meara)
 - b. SPAC Representative and Alternate (Ashley)
 - c. Update on Outreach Habitat Subcommittee (N. Mullett)
- VIII. SPAC Report**
 - a. SPAC meeting (Lauren)
 - b. SPAC Habitat Subcommittee (John O.)
 - c. SPAC Organizational Development/Community Engagement Subcommittee (Erma)
- IX. Other Related Watershed Projects (Ashley)**
 - a. Northville Downs River Park Daylighting (Ashley)
- X. New Business (Ashley)**
 - a. Upcoming meetings: 12/2/26 (*previously scheduled for 10/20/26*) (hybrid)
 - b. 2027 Meetings: Dates will be available at December meeting
- XI. Comments (Ashley)**
 - a. Members
 - b. General Public
- XII. Review of Action Items (Amy)**

RRAC HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS STATUS – July 2026

Johnson Creek Intercounty Drain Restoration

- EGEL permit discussions between the Intercounty Drain and EGLE have concluded.
- The project is discussing with EPA the cost and timeline required to complete the project.

Wallaceville Restoration Implementation

- Implementation grant is delayed. Potentially project adjustment to North side of the river with more restoration completed.

Firefighter Park – Sprague Drain Restoration

- Project is complete (under warranty period).



Inkster Design

- All design work is completed.
- Section 106 (Cultural Resources) investigation resulted in the finding that the north bridge may be considered a historical structure. SHIPO is requiring consultation process to occur including archival record documentation and a final MOU with EPA.
- Permit for bridge and boardwalks in process.

Perrin Park Restoration

- Additional cultural field investigations requested by SHIPO have been completed, with no findings.
- All filed data collection has now been completed.
- Designs are currently estimated to be completed in fall 2026.
- EGLE permit anticipated to be submitted in August 2026.
- Wayne County is concurrently designing park amenity upgrades to correspond with the habitat restoration.

Inkster Habitat Restoration Implementation

- Construction mobilization occurred in April 2026. Heavy construction through end of year and vegetation installation spring 2027.
- Invasive removal clearing May 2026.
- Initial grading for wetlands on-going.
- Site stream restoration grading initiated.
- New stream culvert for park entrance road to be installed in July
- Invasive species control is planned in the fall



Merriman Hollow Restoration Implementation

- Construction mobilization occurred in June 2026.
- Log jam removed June 2026
- Installation of log edging on north side in July 2026
- Turf treatment is scheduled for July
- Grading anticipated in August
- Vegetation installation anticipated in September
- Invasive species removal scheduled for December
- Main construction activities completed by end of year with restoration in spring 2027.



Patton Park Restoration

- Section 106 Cultural Resources findings report drafted and submitted to EPA (no findings of impact)
- T&E and wetland analysis completed.
- Site survey completed June 2026
- Design estimated fall 2026
- EGLE Permit application estimated September 2026

Rouge River Concrete Channel

- Project is on hold.

Wilcox Lake Restoration

- Vegetation maintenance continues during this 2026 growing season
- Grant/project ends December 2026

Phoenix Lake Restoration

- Vegetation maintenance continues during this 2026 growing season
- Grant/project ends December 2026