



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.
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Oak Park
Oakland County
Orchard Lake
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
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
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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

DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

May 14, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
12973 Farmington Rd., Livonia

1. Welcome – Doug Moore, Chair

2. 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	Jill Rickard	Northville Twp.	Y
Past Chair	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
Counties			
Oakland Co. – Rep.	Jim Nash	OCWRC	N
Oakland Co. – Alt.	Jim Wineka, Jacy Garrison	OCWRC	Y-JG, JW
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.	Olivia Olsztyn-Budry	Bloomfield Township	N
Main 1 & 2 - Alt.	VACANT		
Main 3 & 4 - Rep.	George Bednarski	Redford Township	N
Main 3 & 4 - Alt.	VACANT		
Upper - Rep.	Karen Mondora	Farmington Hills	N
Upper - Alt.	Trisha Gabriel	Livonia	Y
Middle 1 - Rep.	Tom Casari	Northville Township	N
Middle 1 - Alt.	Kate Richardson	Novi	Y
Middle 3 - Rep.	Ramzi El-Gharib	Westland	N
Middle 3 - Alt.	Invitation sent Kristina Kramarz	Dearborn Heights	N
Lower 1 - Rep.	Bob Belair	Canton Township	N
Lower 1 - Alt.	VACANT		
Lower 2 - Rep.	Mike Buiten	Wayne	N
Lower 2 - Alt.	Jerome Bivins	Inkster	Y
Lower 2 - Alt.	Kathy Hood	Romulus	Y

Others Present: Annette DeMaria, John O’Meara, Chris O’Meara, ECT Staff and Aaron Staup, Novi

3. Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda

There were no changes or additions to the draft agenda.

4. Summary of November 13, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

The motion was made by Brandy Siedlaczek, Southfield, to accept the November 13, 2018 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Heather Rice, WashentawCounty, and passed unanimously.

5. Executive Director Report

a. Executive Director's Annual Report

Annette DeMaria highlighted the activities from 2018 that were documented in the Executive Director's Annual Report including ARC Staff and the ARC's Grant Representative participating in EPA's grant training. The ARC also was involved in the planning committee for the One Water campaign with SEMCOG and Cranbrook Institute of Science which is coordinating a holistic approach to public education. ARC Staff also participated in the working group for SEMCOG's Water Resource Management Plan. The ARC also invited both SEMCOG and the Great Lakes Water Authority to become ARC Cooperating Partners. The Technical Committee focused on IDEP investigations and found several illicit connections, trained 91 staff in IDEP and 46 staff in P2/GH. The PIE Committee focused on continuing to distribute public education materials to member communities and displaying the ARC banners throughout the watershed.

The Executive Committee requested that Annette provide a slideshow for the Full ARC summarizing the Executive Director's Annual Report and the Public Awareness Survey that was completed as part of the SAW grant.

b. Education/communication needs of the Members

Annette DeMaria asked the Committee if they felt it was still necessary for the Executive Director's Annual Report to be completed moving forward. The Committee felt that merging of this document with the permit reporting being developed could be sufficient moving forward and done annually. ARC Staff will discuss further and hope to develop a document that can combine the two efforts.

There was some discussion about whether the ARC's Executive Director should be available to ARC members on a regular basis. Annette suggested having open hours at a Panera or similar where communities could just come in, sit down and discuss any issue that may have. The Committee felt this may not be the best use of her time and that ARC Staff could just promote regularly that Annette or any ARC Staff are available to meet with members at their office as needed. Chris O'Meara suggested adding an option on the Member Verification form that is filled out annually by members giving them the option of setting up an onboarding meeting with ARC Staff. ARC Staff will also start bringing a signup form for a meeting with ARC Staff to the Full ARC meetings.

c. Grant Status Report

Annette DeMaria and John O'Meara, ARC Staff, provided an update on the following grants.

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. Most communities have completed their work. There are a few stragglers that ARC staff will be following up with.

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

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.

John O’Meara informed the Committee that ARC Staff feel that it might be a benefit if the ARC acted as the contracting owner on some of the construction grants moving forward – in the past the community acted as the owner. The community would still be involved in reviewing requests and there will be language in the ARC contract with the contractor regarding the individual community. Maintenance would remain with the individual community.

d. Great Lakes Restoration Celebration

John O'Meara reported that the date of the Great Lakes Restoration Celebration has been scheduled for October 18 and will be held at The Henry Ford as in previous years. The space is being donated by The Henry Ford, ECT will be sponsoring the continental breakfast and SEMCOG will be donating the printing of the book detailing the restoration projects being completed by watershed groups in southeast Michigan.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

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

C. O'Meara reported that all dues invoices have been sent out and checks are being received. She reported that payables are being paid and receivables are coming in which include dues payments and grant reimbursements.

2018 Audit

C. O'Meara reported that the audit is ongoing with ARC Staff providing information to the auditors as needed.

b. PIE (Public Involvement and Education) 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. J. Rickard suggested developing a contractor training brochure that could be handed out to all engineering groups (and building) so that new contractors/developers/builders would all be educated in protecting water quality when working in the Rouge River.

c. Technical Committee

A. DeMaria reported on behalf of Karen Mondora that the Technical Committee has been reviewing the MDEQs comments on the permit applications and providing responses. Both Wayne and Oakland counties are in the process on conducting IDEP work in the priority areas. She reported that ARC Staff have developed a permit metric reporting system that will be used by ARC members participating in the Collaborative Plans which was presented to the Technical Committee at their meeting in March. ARC Staff will continue to design the reporting system which will be ready for use later this year.

A. DeMaria informed the Committee that the ARC and SEMCOG will be hosting IDEP training in October including investigator and good housekeeping over 2 days.

7. Report from Counties

Both N. Mullett, Wayne County and J. Wineka, Oakland County, stated that the updates to their stormwater standards are progressing with focus on regional collaboration with Livingston and Macomb counties. J. Wineka reviewed a presentation that summarized their draft stormwater standards which are still pending EGLE approval. If communities have any questions, they can contact Jim Wineka at the Water Resources Commissioners Office. .

A recent presentation from Wayne County was also reviewed that included the following details:

- Water Quality criteria:
 - Treat first 1" to control 80% suspended solids with a maximum of 80 mg/l.
- Channel Protection Volume criteria:
 - Infiltrate the first 1" (applies to development and redevelopment) to the maximum extent practical (MEP).

- Channel Protection Rate criteria:
 - Provide extended detention for 1.9" (pending EGLE approval)
- Flood Control criteria:
 - Store and gradually release the 100-yr event (5.2")
 - Variable release rate depending on site size ranging from 0.15 to 1.0 cfs/acre
- MEP defined:
 - Cannot infiltrate if
 - Widespread soil contamination is known
 - Groundwater within 2' of bottom of stormwater practice
 - Infiltration is < 0.24"/hr.

When these have been finalized, they will be presented at a Technical Committee meeting along with presenting the standards in detail at a forum. The goal is that the standards will be the same in Wayne County and Oakland County.

8. Other Business

There was nothing to report.

9. Summary of Executive Committee Actions

- The motion was approved to accept the November 13, 2018 meeting summary.

10. Upcoming Meeting(s)

- Full ARC meeting, June 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Romulus Athletic Center.

11. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and seconded by B. Siedlaczek, Southfield. The motion passed.

ARC Executive Committee Attendance List

Meeting Date: 5/14/19

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Bednarski	George	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Belair	Bob	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Bivins	Jerome	Inkster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JIB
Buiten	Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Casari	Tom	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Gabriel	Trisha	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TR
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JG
Hood	Kathy	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	KH
Hysinger	Angela	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Markus	Charles	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CTM
Melistas	George	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DM
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NM

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Nash	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Olsztyn	Olivia	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	—
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>HR</i>
Richardson	Kate	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>KMR</i>
Richert	Andery	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>JR</i>
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>BS</i>
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>AS</i>
Wilson	Tom	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>WJ</i>

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