

James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director



Working together, restoring the river

- Auburn Hills
- Beverly Hills
- Bingham Farms
- Birmingham
- Bloomfield Hills
- Bloomfield Twp.
- Canton Twp.
- Commerce Twp.
- Dearborn
- Dearborn Heights
- Farmington
- Farmington Hills
- Franklin
- Garden City
- Henry Ford Community College
- 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
- Westland
- Wixom

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
November 21, 2013, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Summit on the Park, Canton

1. Welcome (Kevin Buford, Chair)

a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum - Roll call was taken. The 25 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

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

b. Introduction of ARC guests

Kevin Buford 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 draft agenda.

d. Approval of July 11, 2013 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to approve the July 11, 2013 meeting summary. It was seconded by Karen Mondora, and passed unanimously.

Cooperating Partners:

- Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Friends of the Rouge
- Rouge River Advisory Council
- Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority
- The Henry Ford
- Wayne State University

e. Green Infrastructure Guardian Award Presentation

Charles Markus, PIE Committee Chair, distributed awards for Green Infrastructure Guardians. These were awarded to entities or communities that have maintained their ARC funded grow zone in hopes of promoting continued maintenance. These award recipients will also be offered a tree that has been donated by Wayne County. The awards recipients were: Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Canton Twp., Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Cleveland Elementary, Lawrence Technological University and U of M-Dearborn.

2. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

Ongoing ARC Grant Projects Status

NOAA Habitat Restoration Grant – Oxbow Phase III Design

The ARC completed NOAA contract documents for the grant to design Phase III of the Oxbow at The Henry Ford (Greenfield Village) in Dearborn, which will provide for the final open connection the Oxbow to the channelized portion of the Rouge River. ARC staff have completed the semi-annual reporting for NOAA. Additionally a kick off meeting between ARC Staff, Wayne County and the Henry Ford was conducted to work on site logistics and historical data.

GLRI 1 (Transforming the Rouge)

Project is complete and draft final report was submitted to EPA in August 2013. ARC staff have revised the report based on comments received by EPA and resubmitted in October 2013.

NOAA Fisheries Grant - Wayne Road Dam Removal

This project is complete. Final project and final monitoring reports were submitted to NOAA in September 2013 and approved in October 2013. A final punch list walk was conducted with the contractor and Wayne County at the end of September. The contractor will replace a few trees in November 2013.

MI Water Quality Monitoring Grant

Field efforts have been completed. No illicit connections were found on Pebble Creek. However, high *E. coli* counts were found near a couple homes west of Orchard Lake Rd. indicating that they may have failing septic systems. We are now writing the final report. The end date for this grant is December 31, 2013.

U.S. Forestry/GLRI 2011

The nursery will be delivering a fall planting of trees to the participating ARC communities, who are continuing to plant them. Verification by ARC staff will be conducted. Verification by ARC staff of spring plantings has occurred. There have been some discrepancies that are being worked out with those communities that may have them. ARC staff has applied for a grant extension and budget adjustment with the U.S. Forest Service to extend the grant until June 2014 to allow for another planting by Wayne County and additional verification services.

2012 Public Advisory Council/Great Lakes Commission

The Rouge River Beneficial Use Impairment Report Card was completed by Wayne County, MDEQ, and the RRAC. ARC staff prepared the final progress and financial reports and submitted them to the GLC and MDEQ. Project completed on Oct 30, 2013.

Erb Foundation Capacity Building for the Alliance of Rouge Communities

The scope of work for the Legacy Act proposal has theoretically been approved by EPA. However, there is not an agreement on the appropriate budget. The ARC's original proposed budget (April 2013) was \$1,172,000. However, the EPA's estimated budget (dated September 9, 2013) is \$1,913,000. In September, ARC staff reassessed the budget and scope. This resulted in a revised budget of \$1,572,000. Matching funds have been secured from 3 private partners, the MDEQ, and from this grant that total \$410,000. However, there is a shortfall in matching funds that is between \$140,000 and \$260,000 based on the ARC's revised and EPA's proposed budgets, respectively.

2013 Area of Concern/Public Advisory Committee Grant

ARC staff facilitated the RRAC meeting held in October. This grant also includes the development of project profile sheets for targeted projects that will aid in removal of the Beneficial Use Impairments. Budget: 28,878. End Date: July 31, 2014

Outstanding Grant Applications

NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Grant

The ARC was notified on July 10, 2013 that it was not awarded this grant. This grant would have funded Area of Concern activities for fish and wildlife habitat related projects over a three-year period.

U.S. Forest Service/GLRI Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer Impacts Grant

The ARC has applied for \$250,000 to replace 1,835 trees in 12 ARC member communities and Wayne County. This is similar to the grant received by the ARC in 2011.

b. Legacy Project Update

The project team hosted a meeting at the offices of Great Lakes Commission on November 5th. Meeting attendees included Great Lakes Commission's CEO Tim Eder, ARC ED Jim Ridgway, ECT Vice President Sanjiv Sinha, SWW's Principal Tim O'Brien, and MDEQ-Office of Great Lakes Director Jon Allan. Mr. Allan has indicated some possibility of seeking additional match from MDEQ's Water Division, and has requested that the Project Team meet with Water Division Director as the next step to verify whether or not it is indeed possible. Mr. Allan has further advised that the project team conclude their negotiations with the EPA and formally make another request to reduce the cost to \$1.57 Million (instead of EPA's proposed cost of \$1.9 Million). Project Team has forwarded that request to USEPA's Legacy Act Division Director, and has sought a meeting with MDEQ's Water Division Director. If the Team is able get another \$100,000 from MDEQ, it believes that it can go back to the private sector co-sponsors for additional match to bridge the gap. If the Team is unable to get additional match from MDEQ, it plans to recommend to ARC's Executive Committee to abandon the effort.

c. Permit Update

Jim Ridgway reported that a meeting is set for December 6, with a small group from the Executive Committee, Jon Allan, Dan Wyant and Bill Rustem with MDEQ to follow up on

the ARC's desire for a watershed-wide permit and to discuss the challenges that the ARC communities are facing.

Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, discussed the ruling in September on the Headlee aspect of the contested case and how it contradicts the ruling on Lansing's and Jackson's stormwater utilities. She said Charlie Dunn filed a motion to have the Supreme Court take it up and we will have to wait to see if they decided to hear the case or not.

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, reminded members that progress reports are due 3/30/14 for work through the end of 2013.

d. ARC 2014 Focus and Benefits

Jim Ridgway reviewed the 2014 ARC Focus and Benefits sheet that was handed out which focus ARC activities on compliance with the MS4 permit. Other activities that have previously been performed by the ARC will only be considered if grants fully fund the activity unless approved by the Executive Committee. Jim Ridgway stated that the officers have had many discussions about where the ARC is going and what we should look like in the future. What kind of services is the ARC going to provide. It is important that the ARC continue to function as the core contact for the Rouge communities and continue to have a voice. The budget and scope for the ARC will be reduced going forward because we are losing the Rouge Project funding. Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, voiced his concern about those communities that are in more than one watershed when it comes to focusing on a watershed-wide permit. Jim Ridgway stated that communities can opt out of a watershed-wide permit if it happens.

e. Great Lakes Restoration Message from Senator Debbie Stabenow

Jim Ridgway reviewed the Great Lakes Restoration event that was hosted by the ARC, at no cost to members, which celebrated the restoration efforts in Southeast Michigan. In support of the event Senator Stabenow prepared a video to share at the event. She was planning on attending in person, but was unable due to the federal shut-down. The video was shown to the Full ARC.

3. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report (Brandy Siedlaczek, Treasurer)

a. 2012 Audit

Brandy Siedlaczek, Southfield, reviewed the 2012 A133 Audit results which showed no instances of noncompliance and no significant deficiencies. The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to acceptance the Audit as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Kathy Hagaman, Bingham Farms and passed unanimously.

b. A/R and A/P Reports

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the accounts receivable and accounts payable reports.

c. 2013 Budget Amendment

NOAA2 Oxbow Phase III

The ARC has received a \$256,272 federal grant to design the final open cut to the Oxbow located on the channelized portion of the Rouge River at The Henry Ford. The 18-month grant was awarded to the ARC by NOAA, which provides financial and technical assistance to remove dams and barriers, construct fish passages, clean up marine debris,

restore coastal wetlands, and remove invasive species in the region. The activities can begin August 1, 2013. No match is required. This amendment adds the NOAA2 - Oxbow Phase III grant budget line to the 2013 ARC Budget with funding anticipated for 2013 activities in the amount of \$65,000. No match is required. The remainder of the grant funds (\$191,272) will be booked in the 2014 budget.

The motion was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, to approve the 2013 Budget Amendment adding the NOAA grant to fund the Oxbow Phase III as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Don Rohraff, Livonia, and passed unanimously.

TC6 IDEP Training 2

As part of a 5 year training plan, in 2013 the ARC offered Illicit Discharge Investigator Training to communities within Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw and St. Clair counties. One hundred and twenty-five (125) people signed up for the training, but, in order to provide the most effective experience, the class size is limited to 60 people. The estimated budget for this initiative is \$5,000. The Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioners Office has offered to pay up to \$2,500 for the training. The rest of the cost will be paid by Wayne County as part of the federal grant.

The motion was made by Roger Moore, Rochester Hills, to approve the 2013 Budget Amendment adding the TC6 IDEP Training 2 as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Laura Gruzowski, Birmingham, and passed unanimously.

d. 2013 Contract Amendments

NOAA Oxbow Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the contract amendment to the scope of services for the Executive Director Services with ECT adding Appendix C which adds the Rouge Oxbow Restoration Project – Phase III Design budget of \$241,272.

The motion was made by Kathy Hagaman Bingham Farms, to approve the 2013 ECT ED Services Contract amendment adding Appendix C as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

IDEP Training 2 Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the contract amendment to the scope of services for the Executive Director Services, Appendix A with ECT to add a second IDEP training. The total compensation for this scope of services is \$1,300. The ARC will be reimbursed 100% of this cost by the Rouge Grant and the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office. This will fund the 2nd IDEP training held in August 2013.

The motion was made by Roger Moore, Rochester Hills, to approve the 2013 ECT ED Services Contract Third Revision Appendix A Amendment as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and passed unanimously.

e. 2014 ARC Budget Recommendations

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the 2014 budget recommendations as follows:

- FC1 – Accounting/Legal Services, \$17,000 - These funds will be used for the preparation of the 2013 taxes, preparation of the financial report and the required A133 audit. These funds would also cover any legal issues that may arise related to the ARC. This line item is the same as the previous year. This budget item will be paid with 100% ARC dues.
- FC2 – ARC Insurance, \$4,000 – These funds will cover the directors and officers insurance that is required by the ARC Bylaws.

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the Executive Director Staff costs which oversees the day-to-day affairs of the Alliance of Rouge Communities, including fiduciary and budgeting services. Additional duties for 2014 include:

- **ARC Meetings (OC1a)** - Staffing and facilitation of the full ARC (3 meetings); the Executive Committee (4 meetings); the Organization Committee (2 meetings); the Finance Committee (3 meetings); the Technical Committee (budget support and 1 meeting); and the PIE Committee (budget support and 1 meeting). This task will also include FOIA requests and activities to meet the Open Meetings Act requirements.
- **Advocate for Rouge River Watershed and Primary Liaison (OC1b)** – The Executive Director will serve as the primary liaison and advocate for the Rouge River Watershed.
- **Quick Books Monthly Tracking and Reporting (OC1c)** – The Executive Director Staff will use Quickbooks for the financial tracking for the ARC including payables and receivables activities.
- **Communication and Administration (OC1d)** - This also includes preparing the 2013 ARC Annual Report along with the 2014 RPO Annual Report for the period January through May of 2014.
- **Pursuing Grant Opportunities (OC1e)** – Executive Director Staff will research and prepare up to 4 grant applications. This represents \$19,874 in non-federal ARC monies to pursue grants in 2014.

The 2014 PIE budget reflects a substantial decrease (\$37,250) in cost from the 2013 budget due to the fact that accommodations had to be made to find budget to pay for the benthic macroinvertebrate sampling that had been paid for by the GLRI grant and ERB foundation for 2011 and 2012. (The ARC paid for this in previous years) Because of ARC budget constraints, the PIE budget was reduced to pay for the sampling, which is the foundation of the ARC's monitoring program. 2014 PIE Committee highlights are:

- (PIE 1) The *Green Infrastructure Activities* task budget is about \$30,000 lower. The ARC will not be creating new grow zones in 2014, nor will we monitor the existing 31 grow zones created by this program since 2009. We eliminated the budget for rain barrel sales, because the sales this year were not as popular (total of 138 rain barrels at 2 events). Additionally, the PIE Initiatives subtask was removed. This was a line item in previous year's budgets to provide funds for activities not described here that we may want to conduct as the year progresses. This item was cut due to budget constraints. The Collaborative PEP activity which was added last year to develop a Collaborative PEP for ARC members had funds added for this budget in order to draft and finalize a Collaborative PEP for the ARC members.
- (PIE 2) The *Public Education Materials* task remains the same as it was in the 2013 budget but redistributes some of the funds for printed materials and giveaways and

to increase the budget for distribution (Wayne County). This task supports the purchase and distribution of seedlings at local events, such as community events, rain barrel sales and HHW collection days. The printing budget will pay for seedling packaging, bookmarks, and magnetic clips.

- (PIE 3) The *Website Maintenance* task budget has been cut by \$2,250 and supports design, writing and maintenance fees for the ARC website.
- (PIE4) The *Watershed Stewardship and Reporting* task supports Friends of the Rouge presenting (with assistance from the ARC and Wayne County) four hands-on workshops for homeowners to design native plant gardens and a grow zone maintenance workshop for participants in the ARC's grow zone project from previous years (2009-12). Additionally, FOTR is working with ARC staff, Wayne County and PIE Committee members to facilitate a Grow Zone maintenance subcommittee to investigate ways to provide for ongoing maintenance of grow zones installed by the ARC, FOTR and Wayne County. *FYI, FOTR will provide \$2,500 match for the workshops that can be used by the ARC against the grant it receives from Wayne County.*

The 2014 Technical Committee (TC) budget is \$118,000 which is \$84,800 (42%) less than the 2013 budget. A SAW grant is being sought to fund some of the activities that are needed, but were cut due to budget constraints. These activities include development of a collaborative IDEP plan, development of a monitoring plan, and conducting water quality monitoring. The 2013 TC activities are summarized below.

- (TC1) The Rouge River Watershed Monitoring Activities task includes:
 - Development of a summary report of the 2013 monitoring data, and
 - Macroinvertebrate monitoring for the Spring Bug Hunt only.
- (TC2) This task will further the development of the Collaborative IDEP plan with a goal of finalizing it in 2014. The plan will include: a description of BMPs, schedule, responsible parties (counties, communities, and ARC), priority area map, and method for determining effectiveness. Member comments will be sought and addressed, and the plan will be submitted to the MDEQ for review.
- (TC3) The IDEP task continues field investigations in priority areas. TC3 allows the ARC to address illicit discharges on a watershed-wide basis, which is far more productive than working on a community by community basis.

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to approve the 2014 Budget Recommendations as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Lisa McGill, Walled Lake, and passed unanimously.

4. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Organization Committee** (Chris O'Meara and Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, reported on behalf of Kelly Cave, Co-Chair)

Funding White Paper

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, reviewed the white paper that is available to ARC members on the ARC website at:

<http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/PDFs/organization/20131112fundingwhitepaper.pdf>. The white paper describes 1) the ARC's typical budget and a summary of ARC activities 2) the estimated cost to permittee's for complying with the new MS4 permit with and without the ARC's assistance, and 3) the two most practical approaches for securing funding for stormwater management activities: Establishing a Stormwater

Utility and use of the Drain Code. Both approaches will require a shift in thinking for municipalities, elected officials, and the public; stormwater management and compliance is not free. The white paper does not include a recommended approach because the pros and cons of each will vary from community to community.

Revisions to Purchasing Policy

Chris O'Meara, ARC Staff, reviewed the revisions to the Purchasing Policy which incorporated the requirements for the Executive Director and Technical Services Procurement process along with requirements for Vendor Selection Guidelines for Grant Funded Projects when it comes to watershed-wide projects versus area specific projects. These changes allow for more options to the ARC when selecting vendors to complete projects. The motion was made by Amy Sullivan, Village of Franklin, to approve the revised Purchasing. The motion was seconded by Brandy Siedlaczek, Southfield, and passed unanimously.

Revision to Grant Eligibility and Management Requirements Policy

Chris O'Meara, ARC Staff, reviewed the revisions to the Grant Eligibility and Management Requirements Policy which include reorganizing and combining it with the previously approved "Pursuit and Acceptance of Grants Procedure". The most substantive additional change was to add a new section Grant Management which addresses:

- Pursuit and acceptance of grants, including determination of grant match and documentation
- Grant management
- Subgrant eligibility
- Subgrant requirements and management

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to approve the revised Grant Eligibility and Management Requirements Policy. The motion was seconded by Jay James, Commerce Twp., and passed unanimously.

New Vendor Management Policy

Chris O'Meara, ARC Staff, reviewed the new policy for Vendor Management. This policy ensures:

- Each vendor relationship supports the ARC's overall requirements and strategic plans and meets the requirements and policies of the ARC;
- The ARC has sufficient expertise to oversee and manage the relationship;
- The ARC has evaluated prospective providers based on the scope and criticality of the outsourced services;
- The risks associated with the use of vendors for the ARC's critical operations are fully understood; and
- An appropriate oversight program is in place to monitor each vendor's risk management controls, financial condition and contractual performance.

The motion was made by Adam Wayne, Novi, to approve the Vendor Management Policy. The motion was seconded by Brandy Siedlaczek, and passed unanimously.

The Organization Committee was recognized and thanked for their efforts during the year. The various procedures, policies and bylaw changes bring a lot of value when it comes to applying and receiving grant funds. Most of the policies that have been

recently developed are required for receiving federal funds. The ARC has been recognized by the EPA as being well organized.

b. PIE Committee (Charles Markus, Chair)

Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., reported that the PIE Committee held its last meeting in July. The PIE hosted a Grow Zone Maintenance Workshop in September and had 10 participants. Charles Markus reported that the PIE anticipates holding their first 2014 meeting in January to develop a timeline of objectives for the year. The PIE hopes to have a draft Public Education Plan by May. The ARC has 5 workshops planned for 2014 and the possibility of septic system maintenance workshops in 2015.

c. Technical Committee (Karen Mondora, Chair)

Karen Mondora reviewed the ARC's SAW grant application that was provided to the Full ARC. The ARC's application requests \$1,741,667 in grant funds and provides \$358,333 in local match for a total project cost of \$2 million. Effort conducted in 2013 can be used as match or be reimbursed. Approximately \$96,000 in effort has already been incurred or will be incurred as part of the ARC's 2013 and 2014 budget. The application will be submitted by December 2nd.

The deliverables for the grant are listed below. Most of them are required in the next MS4 permit application:

- Collaborative PPP Plan
- Collaborative PEP Plan
- Public Attitude Survey Report
- Collaborative IDEP Plan
- Permittee-specific Assessment of IDEP-related Codes/Ordinances
- Suggested language to modify existing IDEP ordinances
- Stormwater Outfall Map
- Permittee-Specific Municipal Facility Pollution Prevention Plans
- Permittee-Specific Catch Basin Prioritization Maps
- Permittee-Specific Street Sweeping Prioritization Maps
- GH/P2 SOPs
- Employee Training Plan
- Contractor GH/P2 Awareness and Oversight Procedures
- Ecosystem monitoring data for three years
- Preliminary Assessment of Funding Options
- Public Outreach Framework for implementing a stormwater funding option
- Stormwater Funding Recommendations

The motion was made by Kathryn Hagaman, Bingham Farms, to approve the resolution accepting the SAW grant application. The motion was seconded by Amy Sullivan, Village of Franklin, and passed unanimously.

5. Report from Cooperating Partners

Rouge River Advisory Council

Bill Craig, RRAC, gave a presentation on the new Rouge River Watershed Great lakes AOC Beneficial Use Impairment 2013 Report Card. Copies of the report were handed out as

well and can be downloaded from the RRAC website at www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/rrac.html.

Friends of the Rouge

Sally Petrella announced that the Rouge Rescue report is available on their website and that they had over 1,700 volunteers. She announced that they had 26 sites for the fall bug hunt with 52 sites of data. FOTR has also sampled the lower sites looking at fish communities related to restoration sites. She announced to the Full ARC that the Stonefly Search is scheduled for January 25, 2014. She stated that the Rouge Water Trail plans are moving forward. They do not have funding yet, but the trail will go from Canton to the mouth of the river. She invited members to attend the Moo, Cluck, Moo fundraiser along with the FOTR Annual Meeting on December 10 where the Best Friend of the Rouge award will be handed out. She also thanked the ARC for supporting FOTR.

6. Report from WCDPS

Noel Mullett, Wayne County, reported on behalf of Kelly Cave. He asked that members forward any 2013 success stories as they start preparing the Rouge Grant progress report and final report.

7. Opportunity for Public Comment

Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, discussed the ARC dues. ARC staff was asked to research the 2010 Census to see if it has been finalized and whether the ARC dues would go down based on member community population declines.

Kevin Buford, Chair, asked if MDEQ had any items to share. Andrew Bahrou, MDEQ, stated that they had nothing to report.

Tim Faas, Canton, informed the group that Canton will be going through their MS4 permit audit in early December.

Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, asked that members review the recent Senate Bill 677 which addresses sewage backups.

8. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (Chris O'Meara, ARC staff)

- The July 11, 2013 meeting summary was accepted.
- The 2013 Budget Amendment for the NOAA Oxbow Phase III was approved.
- The 2013 Budget Amendment for the TC6-IDEP Training 2 was approved.
- The 2013 ECT Appendix C Contract Amendment adding the NOAA Oxbow Phase III was approved.
- The 2013 ECT Revised Appendix A contract amendment adding a second IDEP training was approved.
- The 2014 ARC Budget Recommendations were approved.
- The Full ARC requested that the ARC Staff determine if the 2010 census data is final and research any adjustments that can be made to the member dues.
- The revised Purchasing Policy was approved.
- The revised Grant Eligibility and Management Requirements Policy was approved.
- The Vendor Management Policy was approved.
- The resolution allowing submittal of the SAW grant application was approved.

- ARC Staff will determine if the 2010 census data is final and research any adjustments that can be made to the member dues.

9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (C. O'Meara)

- There are no upcoming meetings scheduled until 2014.

10. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathryn Hagaman, Bingham Farms, and seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp. The motion passed unanimously.



2014 ARC FOCUS AND BENEFITS

2014 FOCUS

We are recommending that the focus of the ARC be limited to compliance with the MS4 permit. Other activities that have previously been performed by the ARC will only be considered if grants fully fund the activity unless approved by the Executive Committee. The ARC primary activities over 2014 should target:

- 1) Implementation of a cost-effective watershed-wide permit.
- 2) Completion and MDEQ acceptance of a watershed-wide collaborative Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP).
- 3) Completion and MDEQ acceptance of a watershed-wide collaborative Public Education Program (PEP).
- 4) Completion and successful acceptance of a Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant in December 2013 (and the two subsequent years) to support the cost of MS4 Permit compliance.
- 5) Review 2014 TC and PIE recommended budgets for consistency with above.
- 6) Monitor and harvest applicable grants as they become available.

2014 BENEFITS

Specific benefits to members from the PIE Committee and Technical Committee include:

2014 PIE Committee Benefits

- Comprehensive PEP – will clarify and reduce individual community responsibilities
- Over 15 different public education materials available for distribution
- Trees for the Green Schools program
- Up to 5 workshops on green infrastructure
 - 1 Maintenance Update workshop for stakeholders, and
 - 4 Native Landscaping for Homeowners workshops
- Information on public education activities conducted in the watershed
- Website availability and maintenance

2014 Technical Committee Benefits

- Comprehensive IDEP-- will clarify and reduce individual community responsibilities
- Water Quality Report on conditions of the watershed
- IDEP investigations in priority areas
- Macroinvertebrate monitoring (Fall)
- SAW grant application for Collaborative Stormwater Planning - complete and respond to MDEQ inquiries.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: 11/21/13

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Appel Lisa	Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Balint John	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ball Zachare	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ballnik Dan	RRAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DB
Baumgarten Matt	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Belair Bob	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Beri Jim	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Beyer Lori	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Borton Cory	HRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bradley Cassie	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buford Kevin	Westland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cew
Buiten Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Byrd Jim	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Casari Tom	Northville Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TAC
Cave Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig Bill	RRAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHE
Cravens Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis Paul	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dean Lillian	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeMaria Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
Domine Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Drabczyk Laura	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib Ramzi	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eudy Chuck	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Meeting Date: 11/21/13

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
Faas Tim	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Fellrath Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PF
Fortura Rocco	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gallogly James	Northville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GG
Garrison Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JG
Greco Sam	Henry Ford Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski Laura	Birmingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LG
Gruzowski Laura	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski Laura ^{Boston} Cory	Bloomfield Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CG
Gruzowski Laura ^{Hanna} Suzan	Village of Beverly Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SH
Hagaman Kathryn	Bingham Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KPH
Hanna Karen	Friends of the Rouge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kh
Howell Michael	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
James Jay	Commerce Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JJ
Keenan Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SK
Ketai Don	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Markus Charles	Bloomfield Twp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CM
Marshall Ellen	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McClary Darwin	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCusker Benny	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McGill Lisa	Walled Lake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ML
Mekjian Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GM
Melchert Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meszler Tom	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora Karen	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KM

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Moore Roger	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	kn
Mullen Arthur	Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mullett Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NMS
Murray Jim	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nash Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Olsztyn Olivia	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara Paul	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Owens Joe	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paletko Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Petrella Sally	FOTR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sp
Pratt Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Putala Vicki	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Puuri Steve	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Radtke Jana	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rice Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HR
Rickard Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway Jim	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ee
Rohraff Don	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DR
Roney Kevin	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ross Cyndi	FOTR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR
Saif <u>Fuller</u> Sermed <u>Fred</u>	Orchard Lake Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SA
Scappaticci Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schultz Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi John	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shermetaro Gary	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BS
Sincock Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Snapp	Robert	Cranbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>	
St. Henry	Paul	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup Wayne	Aaron Adam	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AW
Sullivan	Amy	Village of Franklin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Taylor	Jim	Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tuomari	Dean	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SV
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wayne	Adam	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Whitt	L. Dennis	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Witte	Eric	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zoner	Tom	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	

