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Executive Director



Working together, restoring the river

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES**  
**March 23, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 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** (Jill Rickard, Treasurer, for Brandy Siedlaczek)
  - a. **Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 24 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	Novi	Y
Beverly Hills	N	Oakland County	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.	Y	Redford Twp.	Y
Commerce Twp.	Y	Rochester Hills	Y
Dearborn Heights	N	Romulus	Y
Farmington	Y	Southfield	N
Farmington Hills	Y	Troy	N
Franklin	N	University of Michigan-Dearborn	N
Garden City	N	Van Buren Twp.	N
Henry Ford College	N	Walled Lake	N
Inkster	Y	Washtenaw County	N
Lathrup Village	Y	Wayne	Y
Livonia	Y	Wayne County	Y
Melvindale	N	Wayne County Airport Authority	Y
Northville	N	West Bloomfield Twp.	Y
Northville Twp.	Y	Westland	Y
		Wixom	Y

- b. **Introduction of ARC guests**  
Jill Rickard, Treasurer, 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 November 15, 2016 Meeting Summary**  
The motion was made by Kathryn Hagaman, Bingham Farms, to approve the November 15, 2016 meeting summary. It was seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, 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. Resolution**

Jim Ridgway announced the resolution prepared for Kelly Cave who is retiring from Wayne County. He thanked her for her advocacy and dedication to the ARC and the Rouge River. The Alliance of Rouge Communities extends its gratitude to Kelly and wishes her all the best in retirement.

**2. Executive Director Report**

**a. Grant Status Report**

John O’Meara, ARC Staff, gave the grant project status report.

**ONGOING GRANTS:**

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

Annette DeMaria gave a summary of the SAW activities to date. Communication with MDEQ regarding applications. Revisions to the collaborative plans have been made based on MDEQ comments. Responses to the MDEQ comments have been completed and returned to MDEQ. The development of the monitoring plan has begun. Contracting with USGS for gathering of some of the data was initiated along with securing a Wayne County permit for installation of a monitoring station in Johnson Creek. 3 communities will be piloted for stormwater financing data analysis. Data collection with those communities is under way. She stated that ARC staff hope to have a draft white paper on stormwater financing. ARC staff will also be meeting with the various stakeholder groups. There will be no extension allowed on the SAW grant based on feedback from other grant recipients.

Patrick Fellrath, Plymouth Twp., asked if there was a map of the areas taken off the TMDL list. Andrew Bahrou, MDEQ, said he would see what he can find to show that information.

FOTR-ARC Merger Investigation

The ARC met with the new FOTR Executive Director to bring her up to speed on the background of the merger.

Collaborative Invasive Species Control in Rouge and Detroit River AOC

The project is being led by Wayne County DPS. Grant extension was granted and IAA amendment signed. Kelly Cave, Wayne County, reported that they are looking for more sites for phragmites control like parks and they are looking at treatment in late summer or early fall.

US Forestry Service 2014 Tree Grant

Final report was submitted to USDA-FS and the report was accepted. Project completed.

NOAA GLRI Habitat Restoration: Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage (Design)

ARC hosted a project partners meeting in December. Long-term access was designed and plans were finalized. The MDEQ permit application package was submitted and a site meeting with MDEQ was held in March 2017.

#### 2016 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

FOTR fish study was completed. 3 habitat project descriptions have been flushed out for future funding opportunities. Held RRAC meeting in February.

#### NOAA Regional Partnership

This grant, administered by Friends of the Detroit River, is a partnership for conducting listed habitat projects within the Detroit and Rouge AOCs as determined by EPA and NOAA. There are no activities for the Rouge currently.

#### EPA Wayne County Rouge AOC Habitat Projects

Wayne County has received a grant from EPA to complete three Rouge AOC habitat list projects, for which they are the majority landowner. The IAA between Wayne County and the ARC has been drafted and is proceeding through the county process for execution. Work is anticipated to begin in April.

#### **GRANTS SUBMITTED:**

##### MDEQ OGL Public Advisory Support

The ARC submitted a grant application to the MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes for continued facilitation of RRAC, further development of the habitat project descriptions which will allow for future grant funding of activities and additional sampling to characterize the Rouge fish community and educate the general public about the diversity and distribution of Rouge fish. The grant is for \$29,985.

##### GLRI USDA Forest Service

The ARC is submitting a grant application to the USDA Forest Service for trees to “Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Impacts – Acres treated for tree canopy restoration with non-host species in urban EAB quarantine areas to enhance and restore biodiversity and water quality”. 19 members are participating and the grant is for \$100,000.

#### **b. 2016 Executive Director’s Annual Report**

The Executive Director’s Annual Report for 2016 was distributed and is available on the ARC’s website.

#### **c. Call for Projects**

John O’Meara asked members to forward any projects they may have in mind that ARC Staff can begin to research funding mechanisms.

### **3. Rouge River Fish Survey Results – Sally Petrella, FOTR**

Sally Petrella gave a presentation of the results from the SPAC funded fish survey to the Full ARC.

### **4. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report (Jill Rickard, Treasurer)**

#### **a. 2017 Membership Dues**

Chris O’Meara reported that the first round of invoices went out in February.

Chris O’Meara reported that the ARC’s 2016 audit and taxes have begun. ARC Staff will be providing all information to the accountants for review. The accountants have recommended that the ARC go through a Yellow Book Audit. This is because in 2015 and again in this 2016 audit the ARC was not required to do an A133 audit because we did

not receive over \$750,000 in federal funds. The Yellow Book Audit will look at our processes in a similar way to the A133 but is not as in-depth but shows the government that we are still operating as expected. This will also still be within our budgeted amount for the audit.

**b. 2017 A/R & A/P Reports**

Chris O'Meara reviewed the accounts receivable and payables reports.

**c. 2016 Budget Amendment**

FC1-SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project

John O'Meara reviewed the grant application to the MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes for continued facilitation of RRAC, further development of the habitat project descriptions which will allow for future grant funding of activities and additional sampling to characterize the Rouge fish community and educate the general public about the diversity and distribution of Rouge fish. The grant is for \$29,985. It was requested that this grant be added to the 2017 budget, upon award, as it is expected to be awarded before the next round of ARC meetings. The motion was made by John Beisel, Farmington Hills, to add FC1 adding the SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project to the 2017 budget upon grant award to the 2017 budget. The motion was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

**d. 2013 ECT Contract Amendment**

Appendix O – SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project

John O'Meara reviewed the contract amendment which would add \$15,001 for the SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project upon grant award. It was requested that this contract amendment be added to the 2013 ECT contract, upon award, as it is expected to be awarded before the next round of ARC meetings. The motion was made by Bob Belair, Canton Twp., to add Appendix O to the ECT 2013 contract for the Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project upon grant award. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Hagaman, Bingham Farms, and passed unanimously.

**5. The Value of Trees – Patrick Judd, ARC Staff**

Patrick Judd gave a presentation regarding the benefits of communities planting trees along with improvements to how trees should be planted to increase their survival.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Organization Committee (Kelly Cave, Chair)**

Kelly Cave reported that the Organization Committee has nothing to report.

**b. PIE Committee**

Charles Markus reported that the PIE Committee will be working to fill the native plant seed requests. He reported that ARC staff will also be doing the tree seedlings in the fall.

ARC staff will be drafting a native seed information card in addition to designing the kneeling pad. ARC Staff are also going to be replenishing some of the public education materials including the pet waste containers, fertilizer clips and the FOG brochure.

ARC Staff will be following up to get communities to volunteer to host Septic System workshops in Wayne and Oakland County in addition to a stewardship workshop. These are planned for the fall.

Wayne County requested to re-scope their budget for the Green Schools portion of their 2017 activities which was budgeted to buy trees for Green Schools. A 2/6/17 email vote of the PIE committee supported this change in scope, there is no increase to the budget. This will bring the Stream Table to 3 ARC Green Schools instead. This is a partnership with the U of M Museum of Natural History to present the River Residency Workshop to Elementary and Middle schools. There are 3 different programs the schools can choose from: 1) Water, Weather and a River Community; 2) How Water Shapes the Land; and 3) Protecting Our Wetlands. While ½ the class is at the table the other half is learning about erosion, water tables, water treatment, etc.

### **c. Technical Committee**

Annette DeMaria reported on behalf of Karen Mondora and stated that a Technical Committee meeting was held on March 13 and prior to the meeting several ARC members had lunch with the new FOTR Executive Director Marie McCormick. At the Technical Committee meeting, the 2016 IDEP final reports from Wayne and Oakland counties were reviewed, the 2017 IDEP work plans for both counties were approved which included \$35k for Wayne County work and \$3k for IDEP training which will be hosted by Macomb County and \$35K for Oakland County IDEP work. In addition, the draft response to MDEQ's comments on the Collaborative TMDL plan was reviewed.

Andrew Bahrou, MDEQ, added that they are reviewing the ARC's comments on the TMDL and we hope to come to an agreement. Some of their concerns were with the record keeping and documenting.

## **7. Report from Cooperating Partners**

### Cranbrook Institute of Science

Michele Arquette Palermo said to forward any items you would like to advertise for April.

### Friends of the Rouge

FOTR reported that Rouge Rescue is coming up on May 20 and on April 22 is the bug hunt.

## **8. Report from Counties**

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, reported that they hope to have a draft of the stormwater standard available by May, 2017 with the final in November. She also reported that Phil Sanzica will be retiring and Anne Varra has been hired as the new Deputy Director.

Kelly Cave, Wayne County, reported that they have a household hazardous waste events are scheduled with one coming up on April 22 in Romulus.

Kelly Cave, Wayne County, stated that they also hope to have their updated stormwater ordinance in November.

**9. Report from MDEQ**

Andrew Bahrou reported that the MDEQ appreciates the preparation of the IDEP and PEP comments that the ARC is providing. He reported that the PEP has been approved and they continue to discuss the Collaborative IDEP. He is focusing now on reviewing the comments received by the ARD on the Collaborative TMDL. He expressed that he is open to meeting to review and discuss any of the comments on the collaborative plans.

**10. Opportunity for Public Comment**

John O’Meara, ARC Staff, informed the Full ARC that ARC staff and Kelly Cave will be attending the International Association of Great Lakes Research and doing presentations on the Rouge River.

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

- The November 16, 2016 meeting summary was approved.
- The 2016 budget amendment FC1-SPAC9 Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project was approved upon grant award.
- The 2013 ECT contract amendment adding Appendix O Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project was approved upon grant award.

**12. Other Business**

Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, asked for a brief update on the Stormwater Funding Bill.

**13. Adjourn**

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

# Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: 3/23/17

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Akers	Ron	Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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
Belair	Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RAB
Best	Matthew	Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bivins	Jerome	Inkster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JB
Boote	Marty	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borton	Cory	Birmingham (HRC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CB
Borton	Cory	Bloomfield Hills (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borton	Cory	Village of Beverly Hills (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buiten	Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>
Byrd	Jim	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casari	Tom	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cassady	Erin	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cave	Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig	Bill	RRAC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cravens	Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creech	James	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Davis	Paul	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PMD
Dean	Lillian	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domine	Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dotson	Trisha	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JD

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<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Douville	Jeff	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Westland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RGE
Eudy <i>CRH</i>	Chuck <i>JCSH</i>	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCR
Faas	Tim	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAK
Fletcher	Austin	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fortura	Rocco	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gallogly	James	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	jo
Greco	Sam	Henry Ford College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hagaman	Kathryn	Bingham Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KPH
Hammond	Bruce	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hanna	Souzan	Troy (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hanna	Karen	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
James	Jay	Commerce Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(JC)
Kahle	Chris	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kaplan	Steven	West Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelley	Harold	Henry Ford College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kern	Ryan	Garden City (Hennessey Engineer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kurleto	James	Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Labadie	Marshall	West Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Leach	Josh	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MacDonell	Matt	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Markus	Charles	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CJM
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Marten	Ken	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KM
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mekjian	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Melistas	George	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mullin	Christopher	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nash	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Olsztyn	Olivia	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ordus	Larrie	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ortiz	Richard	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paletko	Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pasciolla	Angela	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perez	Thomas	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Petrella	Sally	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollizzi	Tim	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Porman	Chris	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Potter	Andrew	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Price	Meghan	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MP
Radtke	Jana	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JR

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<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Ritter	Kathy	Romulus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KR
Rodgers	Chelsea	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Roney	Kevin	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ross	Cyndi	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saif	Sermed	Orchard Lake Village (Tri-Co. Eng.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SS
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schultz	Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scott	David	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi	John	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Siddall	Sheryl	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sikma	Tim	Wixom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sincock	Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tucker	Eric	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BOW
Whitt	L. Dennis	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wren	Elizabeth	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yee	Kevin	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	

