

James W. Ridgway, P.E. Executive Director

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.

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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 County

Wayne County Airport

Authority

Westland

Wixom

Cooperating Partners:

Cranbrook Institute of Science Friends of the Rouge Southeastern Oakland

Rouge River Advisory Council

County Water Authority Wayne State University

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

July 11, 2013, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Fairlane Center, Dearborn

- 1. Welcome (Kevin Buford, Chair)
 - Roll Call /Determination of Quorum Roll call was taken. The 23 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

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

Introduction of ARC guests

Kevin Buford asked all guests in attendance to introduce themselves.

Additions or Changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda c.

There were no additions or changes to the draft agenda.

d. Approval of March 28, 2013 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to approve the March 28, 2013 meeting summary. It was seconded by Kathy Hagaman, Bingham Farms, and passed unanimously.

e. Kevin Buford announced the resolutions prepared for Jack Barnes and Zachare Ball as they retires. He thanked them for their advocacy which has assisted the ARC in accomplishing its objectives. The Alliance of Rouge Communities extends its

gratitude to Jack Barnes and Zachare Ball and wishes them all the best in retirement.

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

a. 2013 A/R and A/P Reports

Brandy Siedlaczek, Southfield, reviewed the A/R and A/P reports. The receivables report shows that all dues invoices have been mailed. She stated that the payables are all in the review process and are being scheduled for payment.

b. 2013 Budget Amendment

GLC Budget Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek, Southfield, reviewed the Finance Committee Amendment 1 adding the SPAC5 line item to the 2013 budget. The ARC has received a 12-month \$28,878 grant from the Great Lakes Commission to facilitate the Rouge River Advisory Council. The ARC was awarded the funding in May, 2013, with activities beginning on July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. This amendment adds the GLC SPAC grant budget line to the 2013 ARC Budget with funding anticipated for 2013 activities in the amount of \$14,000. No match is required. The remainder of the grant funds (\$14,878) will be booked in the 2014 budget.

The motion was made by Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, to approve the 2013 Budget Amendment adding the GLC grant to fund the facilitation of the RRAC as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Amy Sullivan, Franklin, and passed unanimously.

Grant Preparation Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the Organization Committee Amendment 2 budget amendment for OC2 Grant Preparation for \$10,000. Federal funding from Wayne County will not be available to the ARC after May 30, 2014. In order to continue the operation of the ARC beyond this date, the ARC will apply for funding from the Erb Family Foundation (EFF) and from the MDEQ's Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) Program. The ARC has received funding from EFF previously to prepare and support the Great Lakes Legacy Act proposal. In addition, Friends of the Rouge has received EFF funding with the ARC's assistance.

The SAW program is new and we have verified with the Attorney General's Office that the ARC is eligible for SAW funding and permit application-required planning activities are fundable.

The 2013 Grant Preparation budget (\$20,000) was expended in early 2013 preparing four grant applications, two have been funded and two are pending.

The motion was made by Roger Moore, Rochester Hills, to approve the 2013 Budget Amendment (Organization Committee Amendment 2) as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, and passed unanimously.

c. 2013 ECT Contract Amendment

GLC Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the contract amendment to the scope of services for the Executive Director Services, Appendix B with ECT. The total compensation for this scope of services is \$22,978 (of which \$14,000 is anticipated to be spent during the 2013 budget year). The ARC will be reimbursed by the Great Lakes Commission for 100% of this cost. This will fund the continued facilitation of the RRAC.

The motion was made by Jack Barnes, Garden City, to approve the 2013 ECT ED Services Contract Appendix B Amendment as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Heather Rice, Washtenaw County, and passed unanimously.

NOAA Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the contract amendment to the scope of services for the 2011 Executive Director Services contract, Revised Appendix H with ECT. The time and total compensation for this scope of services is being revised based on approved NOAA revisions dated May 14, 2013, to add budget for two new tasks: Task 5: Post Monitoring and Task 6: Sign Development and Public Opening Event. The new end date is August 31, 2013 and the cost is increased by \$46,700 from \$215,536 to \$262,236. The ARC will be reimbursed by NOAA for 100% of this cost.

The motion was made by Kathryn Hagaman, Bingham Farms, to approve the 2011 ECT ED Services Contract Revised Appendix H Amendment as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Laura Gruzwalski, Birmingham, and passed unanimously.

Grant Task Amendment

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the contract amendment to the scope of services for the Executive Director Services, Revised Appendix A with ECT. These activities are needed to secure grant funding for operational activities to continue the existence of the ARC once federal funding is eliminated on May 30, 2014 and in order for communities to complete the new permit application. Grants will be prepared for both the SAW and Erb Foundation. The net effect in the ARC committees' budgets is as follows:

- A decrease in PIE1 from \$59,000 to \$51,500;
- A decrease in TC1 from \$153,000 to \$148,100;
- A decrease in TC3 from \$49,900 to \$42,300; and
- Since only 50% of the budget is available for grant preparation, these transfers result in a \$10,000 increase to line item OC2 (Pursuing Grant Opportunities). Therefore, OC2 is increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

\$5,450 of the \$10,000 needed to carry out this request is already assigned to the ED. Therefore, only \$4,550 needs to be transferred to the ED's budget.

The motion was made by Jack Barnes, Garden City, to approve the 2013 ECT ED Services Contract Revised Appendix A Amendment as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Roberto Scappaticci, Romulus, and passed unanimously.

d. 2014 ARC Budget Preparation Schedule

Brandy Siedlaczek reviewed the 2014 ARC Budget Preparation Schedule. This is for the ARC's information and the ARC Committees are moving forward with the budget schedule.

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, requested that if any members wish to be involved with the SAW Grant preparation to please forward any comments to her as the Technical Committee moves forward with preparing the scope for the grant request.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

GLRI 1 (Transforming the Rouge)

All activities for this grant project are complete, with the exception of Lola Valley, which the seeding contractor will continue to monitor over the summer months. ARC staff is writing the final report for this project, which will be transmitted to GLNPO by mid-July.

GLRI 2 (Danvers Pond Dam Removal, Farmington Hills)

This project is complete and the final report was approved by EPA-GLNPO.

NOAA Fisheries Grant - Wayne Road Dam Removal:

This project is substantially complete. NOAA approved a change in scope and a time extension to August 31, 2013 to allow the ARC to use the remaining budget for additional monitoring activities and for planning activities for the Wayne Road Dam event sponsored by the ARC on June 7, 2013 in the City of Wayne.

CMI Water Quality Monitoring Grant:

We have completed 7 rounds of dry weather sampling on Pebble Creek which crosses West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Southfield. These results indicate that the highest E. coli levels in the 1) Creek at Orchard Lake Rd and 2) tributary north of 12 Mile Road (west of Inkster Rd.). Field staff is walking the Creek upstream of these two locations to identify potential failing septic systems and illicit connections. The end date for this grant is September 30, 2013.

U.S. Forestry/GLRI 2011:

The nursery delivered 704 trees during the Spring, 2013 planting season to the participating ARC communities, who are continuing to plant them. Verification by ARC staff will be conducted in July. ARC staff will take a U.S. Forest Service representative on tour of the Fall, 2012 planting areas on July 3, 2013.

Public Advisory Council/Great Lakes Commission:

ARC staff facilitated the full RRAC meeting on April 16, 2013 at Lawrence Tech University. Staff also took comments from RRAC members on the statewide beach closing BUI report. ARC staff and the RRAC continue to update the Rouge River Report Card.

Erb Foundation Capacity Building for the Alliance of Rouge Communities:

We submitted a draft application to EPA in April. We are requesting approximately \$830,000 from EPA and supplying \$450,000 in non-federal funds which are being provided by DTE, Ford, Marathon, MDEQ and Erb Foundation. EPA is currently costing out the effort to determine how much of the scope of work they can fund. It is expected to be a 3-year project with the feasibility study happening first. The goal of this project is

to determine remediation options for mitigating the ecosystem impacts caused by the contaminated sediments. This will be accomplished by conducting Utility, Bathymetric, Shoreline / In River Structure, Sediment Transport, Streambank and Habitat Assessments, Sediment Sampling /Analyses, Completion of a Feasibility Study, and Public Outreach. All or portions of the Utility, Shoreline / In River Structure, Streambank and Habitat Assessments tasks will be eliminated if sufficient funding is not available. At this time we are waiting to receive comments from EPA. The work will be performed by EPA contractors and the ARC will be serving as the fiduciary. All work to this point has been funded by the Erb Foundation grant.

Jim Ridgway reported that the private industries have approved the project in concept and that discussions are ongoing. The work plan has been completed and was turned in to EPA and we are awaiting written comments from them. ARC staff continues to meet with GLNPO and things continue to look hopeful for the project to move forward.

Jim Ridgway reported that the Executive Committee has requested a special meeting to review the progress of the Legacy Act project. This meeting is being scheduled. Jim Ridgway reiterated that no ARC funds are being spent on the project. He also stated that the ARC is not liable for anything related to the project.

c. Permit Update – ARC Letter to Gov. Snyder

Jim Ridgway reported that the letter that the Executive Committee and Full ARC requested was sent. The Executive Committee requested that once the letter went out a small group from the Executive Committee representing the ARC will request a meeting with Jon Allan, Dan Wyant and Bill Rustem to follow up on the ARC concerns. The Executive Committee suggested Jim Ridgway, Kelly Cave, Kevin Buford and Jim Murray attend the meeting.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee (Kevin Buford reported on behalf of Kelly Cave, Co-Chair) Kevin Buford, Chair, reported that The Henry Ford has requested Cooperating Partner status in the ARC. George Moroz was present and stated that The Henry Ford has been involved with the restoration of the Rouge River Watershed for many years and they are very excited to be a partner on the Oxbow project with the ARC and other future projects.

The motion was made to accept the Cooperating Partner request by The Henry Ford by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills. The motion was seconded by Roger Moore, Rochester Hills, and was passed unanimously.

b. PIE Committee (Charles Markus, Chair)

Charles Markus reported that the ARC and Friends of the Rouge presented three more homeowner's native plant gardening workshops at Farmington Hills, Henry Ford Community College and Canton Township in March and April. The total attendance for four workshops was 118 people. Surveys indicated that attendees enjoyed the workshops.

2013 Rain Barrel Sales

• June 1 in Bloomfield Township (84 rain barrels sold)

- June 15-16 at Canton Township Liberty Fest (44 rain barrels sold)
- September in Novi

The PIE Committee will be researching possible rain barrel suppliers for the 2014 season.

Septic System Maintenance Workshops

78 people participated in the ARC's septic system maintenance workshops held on May 6, 2013 in Southfield and May 8, 2013 in Farmington Hills. The communities of Southfield, Franklin and Farmington Hills were targeted for these workshops as they are in the focus area for the ARC's CMI Water Quality Monitoring grant. Presentations were made by Annette DeMaria who gave an overview of the work conducted under the CMI grant and Chris Strnad from the Oakland County Health Department who discussed the proper use of septic systems, dos and don'ts; proper installation of septic systems and how to tell if a septic system is failing. Participants who completed surveys said they found the workshops informative.

The next meeting of the PIE Committee will be held on July 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Bloomfield Twp.

c. Technical Committee (Karen Mondora, Chair)

Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, reported that the Wayne County IDEP work plan was approved at the last TC meeting. Oakland County is drafting their work plan.

Karen Mondora stated that if any communities are interested in having their facilities dye tested to contact Wayne County.

She also stated that the draft 319 announcement has been release and the priority areas are Tonguish Creek and Johnson Creek.

Karen Mondora reported that the ARC is eligible to apply for the SAW grant. Up to \$2 million will be available per applicant with a 10% match for the 1st million and 25% match for the 2nd million. Some items available for funding include stormwater management planning, IDEP and PEP, monitoring, SOPs, TMDL, good housekeeping, in house audits, public surveys. All of these items are included in the next permit. SEMCOG is hosting two MDEQ SAW grant workshops on September 17. Applications are due December 2. Effort conducted in 2013 can be used as match or be reimbursed.

Karen Mondora informed the committee that the ARC will be hosting an IDEP training for members on September 24 in Brownstown Township.

5. Report from Cooperating Partners

Friends of the Rouge

Sally Petrella announced that the Spring 2013 Benthic Monitoring Report was distributed by FOTR. Positive 12-year trends were observed for 4 subwatersheds. The report will be uploaded to the ARC's website.

Fish surveys are being done thanks to funding through a partnership with U of M.

The Run 4 the Rouge 2013 will be held on September 28th on the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail of Canton. Run starts at 9 am. Register at www.therouge.org.

The 5th Annual Rouge Cruise will be held on August 6th 6 – 9 pm. Register at www.therouge.org.

6. Report from WCDPS

No report was given.

7. Opportunity for Public Comment

George Moroz, The Henry Ford, informed the members that they had 86 kids working with Greening of Detroit and the U.S. Forest Service supporting the river through tree seedling giveaways and other celebrations at The Henry Ford.

Hae-Jin Yoon, MDEQ, reported that they are currently reviewing individual permits for communities in the Huron and St. Clair watersheds.

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

- The March 28, 2013 meeting summary was accepted.
- The 2013 Budget Amendment FC1 was approved.
- The 2013 Budget Amendment OC2 was approved.
- The 2011 ECT ED Services Contract amendment to Appendix H was approved.
- The 2013 ECT ED Services contract amendment to Appendix B was approved.
- The 2013 ECT ED Services contract amendment to Appendix A was approved.
- The Henry Ford's request to become a Cooperating Partner of the ARC was approved.

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

PIE Meeting, July 31, at 1:30 at Bloomfield Twp.

10. Other Business

Kevin Buford took a few minutes to express his trust in the work that ECT has been providing the ARC. He expressed that he has no issue with ECT in regards to the special Executive Committee meeting on the Legacy Act. Kevin Buford stated that he has been involved in and feels comfortable with every decision in regards to the ARC's direction. He asked that if any member feels that they are not being informed to please let him know.

11. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and seconded by Cory Borton, Beverly Hills. The motion passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

		Meeting Date:	<u>7/11/13</u>	
Name		Community	Attended	Initials
		Redford Township		
Appel	Lisa	Cranbrook Institute of Science		
Balint	John	Pontiac		
Ball	Zachare	ECT		
Ballnik	Dan	RRAC		
Barnes	Jack	Garden City	X	ANN
Baumgarten	Matt	Lathrup Village		
Belair	Bob	Canton Township		RIB
Beri	Jim	Melvindale		
Beyer	Lori	Washtenaw County Road Comm	is	
Borton	Cory	HRC		
Bradley	Cassie	Friends of the Rouge		
Buford	Kevin	Westland		K.C.B.
Buiten	Mike	Wayne		
Byrd	Jim	Wixom		
Casari	Tom	Northville Township		TAC
Cave	Kelly	WCDPS		
Craig	Bill	RRAC		
Cravens	Jay	Bloomfield Hills		
Davis	Paul	Rochester Hills		
Dean	Lillian	SOCWA		
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	A	AD
Domine	Wayne	Bloomfield Township		
Drabczyk		University of Michigan-Dearborn		ild
El-Gharib	 Ramzi	Wayne		
Eudy	Chuck	Farmington		
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Faas	Tim	Canton Township		
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	87	BAP
Fortura	Rocco	Oak Park		
Gallogly	James	Northville		
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County		the
Greco	Sam	Henry Ford Community College		
Gruzwalski	Laura	Bloomfield Hills		
Gruzwalski	Laura	Troy		
Gruzwalski Plok	Laura	Village of Beverly Hills		ab .
Gruzwalski	Laura	Birmingham		The
Hagaman	Kathryn	Bingham Farms	X	KPH
Hanna	Karen	Friends of the Rouge		
Howell	Michael	Wixom		
James		Commerce Township	$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	(D2)
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills		BU
Ketai	Don	Bingham Farms		
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights		
Macdonald	Tom	Van Buren Twp.		
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA		
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village		
McClary	Darwin	Garden City		
McCusker	Benny	Westland		
McGill	Lisa	Walled Lake		
Mekjian	Gary	Farmington Hills	M	M
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills		
Meszler		Village of Beverly Hills)
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills		AM

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Moore	Roger	Rochester Hills		M
Mueller	Jeff	Lathrup Village		
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS		
Murray	Jim	Dearborn		
Nash	Jim	Oakland County		
Olsztyn	Olivia	Bloomfield Township		
O'Meara	Paul	Birmingham		
Owens	Joe	Melvindale		
Paletko	Dan	Dearborn Heights		
Petrella	Sally	FOTR		F
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour		
Putala	Vicki	Farmington		
Puuri	Steve	Washtenaw County Road Commis		
Radtke	Jana	Plymouth Township		
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	\overline{M}	(m)
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township		
Ridgway	Jim	ECT		A
Rohraff		Livonia		
Ross	Cyndi	FOTR	N	on
Salf ERIC	Sermed OSTLING AN	Crchard Lake Village		No
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<u> </u>	
Schultz	Leigh	Southfield		
Selmi	John	Redford Township		
Shermetaro	Gary	Oak Park		
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	M	BS
Sincock		Plymouth		
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills		

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Snapp	Robert	Cranbrook		
St. Henry	Paul	Livonia		
Staup	Aaron	Novi		
Sullivan	Amy	Village of Franklin		as
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	7	
Taylor	Jim	Van Buren Twp.		
Tuomari	Dean	WCDPS		
Vandette	Steven	Troy		
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority		
Wayne	Adam	Novi	\square	AW
Whitt	L. Dennis	Walled Lake		
Wilson	Tom	Romulus		
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County		
Witte	Eric	Dearborn		
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RALPH WILLIAMS	LIVOWIA		RES
Sydney Parmenter	UM-DEARBORN		
Mike Karl	city of Farming	on V	ma
Orin Gelderles	UM-D		
George Moroz	the Houry Ford		
DAN BROCKS	Derrbun Heigh		DD'S
Hae-Jin Youn	NDEQ-WRI		Hay
Charles Morkus	Bloomfield Townsh		CIM
			
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