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Executive Director



Working together, restoring the river

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Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms
Birmingham
Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.
Commerce Twp.
Dearborn Heights
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Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
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Southfield
Troy
University of Michigan-Dearborn
Van Buren Twp.
Walled Lake
Washtenaw County
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Wayne County
Wayne County Airport Authority
Westland
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MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
July 13, 2016, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills

1. Welcome (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)

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	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.	N
Commerce Twp.	Y	Rochester Hills	Y
Dearborn Heights	N	Romulus	N
Farmington	Y	Southfield	Y
Farmington Hills	Y	Troy	Y
Franklin	Y	University of Michigan-Dearborn	N
Garden City	N	Van Buren Twp.	Y
Henry Ford College	N	Walled Lake	Y
Inkster	Y	Washtenaw County	Y
Lathrup Village	N	Wayne	N
Livonia	Y	Wayne County	Y
Melvindale	N	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Northville	N	Westland	Y
Northville Twp.	Y	Wixom	N

b. Introduction of ARC guests

Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair, 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 March 17, 2016 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Kathryn Hagaman, Bingham Farms, to approve the March 17, 2016 meeting summary. It was seconded by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, 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

2. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

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

ONGOING GRANTS:

2015 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

Project Complete. ARC Staff will distribute the project list, which was one of the deliverables for this project, at the Full ARC meeting.

FOTR-ARC Merger Investigation

The ARC awaits FOTR's initiation of the transitioning process. This may be delayed by the absence of an Executive Director at FOTR.

Collaborative Invasive Species Control in Rouge and Detroit River AOC

The ARC has been attending the work group meetings and working on handouts for some of the trainings. The project is being led by Wayne County DPS. N. Mullett reported that Wayne County continues to negotiate the phragmites contracts with plans to treat Newburgh and Wilcox Lakes in late August or September. There are around 41 sites with most in the Rouge watershed and some downriver. Wayne County continues to coordinate with FOTR and Friends of the Detroit River with a July work day planned for invasive removal.

US Forestry Service 2014 Tree Grant

Communities are providing their project summaries by June 2016. The ARC will finalize the grant reporting this summer for grant closure in August 2016.

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

All applications were completed, along with Collaborative Plans for IDEP, PPP, PEP and the TMDL requirements. ARC is beginning to plan of the monitoring work to be conducted under the grant. Communities include:

Beverly Hills	Garden City	Plymouth Township
Bingham Farms	Inkster	Redford Township
Birmingham	Lathrup Village	Southfield
Bloomfield Hills	Livonia	Troy
Bloomfield Township	Melvindale	Walled Lake
Canton Township	Northville	Wayne
Dearborn Heights	Northville Township	Westland
Farmington	Novi	Wayne County
Farmington Hills	Oak Park	Henry Ford College
Franklin	Plymouth	

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

50% design plans are being completed. Plans will be shared with project partners at a mid-July meeting. T&E, wetland, soil characterization and other field investigations have been completed this spring for permit and design considerations.

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS:

2016 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

The grant would fund activities to continue general business activities of the RRAC, finalize the list of habitat project descriptions, and conduct fish sampling in the Rouge River Area of Concern (AOC). The grant request is \$30,000 with work ending in June 2017. The ARC has been notified by the State that it did receive the award. MDEQ is sending contract for the ARC to sign.

NOAA Regional Partnership

The ARC joined a partnership with Friends of Detroit River (FDR) and the Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) to submit a NOAA Regional partnership grant in February 2016. FDR is listed as the fiduciary with the ARC as the supporting member for the Rouge AOC activities. The grant is for conducting listed habitat projects within the two AOCs. NOAA has asked for some updates to the application be made by the end of June 2016 with the anticipation of announcing award of the partnership to FDR in July. Initial work on potential Rouge projects would possibly begin in 2017.

USFS Green Infrastructure Implementation

The ARC has applied for a grant from the Forest Service to conduct maintenance and enhancement for green infrastructure sites within member communities. The grant will be for \$150,000. Current ARC communities interested in participating include Livonia, Canton Twp., Village of Franklin, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Southfield and Wayne County.

Rouge River AOC Wayne County Habitat Restoration

EPA is going to "direct fund" the following three Rouge River AOC projects in one grant to Wayne County, with the ARC as a partner in the grant. The potential grant award could be \$6.5 million. Contracting details are currently being negotiated with the EPA with anticipated funding arriving later fall 2016. The grant is anticipated to be completed in late 2019.

- Henry Ford Estate Fishway (Construction) - This grant activity will construct the fishway that is currently be completed by the ARC under the NOAA grant. This activity will reconnect approximately 50 miles of the main river and 108 tributary miles to the Great Lakes. This project supports the removal of the Habitat Beneficial Use Impairments for the Rouge River.
- Oxbow Phase III (Construction) -This grant activity will construct the previous ARC designed Oxbow Phase 3 Restoration that was completed under a grant from NOAA. This will involve removal of a portion of the concrete channel, restoration with native vegetation and habitat structures and construction of a bridge. This project supports the removal of the Habitat Beneficial Use Impairments for the Rouge River.
- Nankin Lake Restoration (Design/Construction)- Nankin Lake Restoration will restore the ecosystem services the lake provides; valuable spawning, nursery, and forage habitat for fishes and other aquatic species of all life stages.

GRANTS NOT AWARDED:

None.

b. 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. Lauren Hoffman gave a presentation on green infrastructure providing habitat.

4. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report (Bob Belair, Treasurer)

a. 2015 Membership Dues

Bob Belair reported that all 2015 dues have been received.

b. A/R and A/P Reports

Bob Belair reviewed the accounts receivable and accounts payables reports.

c. 2016 Budget Amendment

FC1-2016 SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation

The ARC has received a grant from the MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes, AOC Program, 2016 Public Advisory Council (PAC) to facilitate the “Rouge River AOC PAC Support – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish” project. The ARC grant agreement have been received and will be sent back to MDEQ so that activities can begin. The total budget is \$29,945 and broken down as \$16,373 – ARC staff, \$10,002 – FOTR and \$3,570 – Wayne County. This amendment adds the SPAC8 grant budget line to the 2016 ARC Budget with funding estimated for 2016 activities in the amount of \$14,970. No match is required. The remainder of the grant funds (\$14,975) will be booked in the 2017 budget. The motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, to approve adding the SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation to the 2016 budget. The motion was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

d. 2013 ECT Contract Amendment

Appendix L – SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation

Bob Belair reviewed the contract amendment which adds \$16,373 for the SPAC grant that the ARC received for the Rouge River AOC PAC Support – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish project. The motion was made by Kathy Hagaman, Bingham Farms, to approve the contract amendment adding Appendix L to the 2013 ECT Contract. The motion was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

e. 2017 Budget Preparation Schedule

The 2017 budget preparation schedule was handed out for information.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee (Kelly Cave, Chair)

Chris O’Meara, ARC Staff, reported on behalf of Kelly Cave that the Organization Committee has nothing to report.

b. PIE Committee

Charles Markus, PIE Committee Chair, reported that the PIE committee is planning to host a septic systems workshop at Cranbrook along with workshops with FOTR on lawn care and pollinator gardens. The ARC staff are handing out the spring and summer posters today and those members not in attendance will be mailed their posters. The

billboard campaign is continuing and will be tied to the poster messages. ARC staff are still taking orders for tree seedlings for your fall community events.

c. Technical Committee

Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, reported county work plans have been approved by the Technical Committee with work focused in Plymouth, US 16 drain in Farmington, Bloomfield Twp. and Southfield. ARC Staff continue to work with the Technical Committee on the collaborative IDEP and TMDL plans. Both winter and spring macroinvertebrate monitoring has been completed by FOTR.

d. Nominations Committee

Brandy Siedlaczek let the members know that the next 2-year term for officers of the ARC begins in 2017 and asked that any members interested in a position let Tim Faas, Canton Twp., or herself know.

6. Report from Cooperating Partners

Friends of the Rouge

Erin Cassidy reported that volunteer monitoring showed the lower and middle branches as stable with the upper declining and in the poor range.

She reported that the invasive fish, gobies, are moving up the river and FOTR have developed a sign to inform fisherman about the invasive fish. If members would like to get a copy of the sign please let FOTR know.

Erin handed out copies of the Rouge water trail guide for members. Let her know if you would like additional copies.

FOTR and the ARC will be hosting lawn care and pollinator garden workshops.

The Rouge Education Project included 76 teachers, 27 schools in 17 communities and will do scientific tests.

She also reported that the FOTR Executive Director search continues.

Upcoming activities include bug hunts and the Rouge Cruise.

7. Report from Counties

Noel Mullett, Wayne County, informed the Full ARC that they submitted a grant to the MDEQ to do dry and wet sampling for insecticides in the Rouge River as it is believed to be part of the reason for the decline in water quality. This is similar to something do in California. They continue to draft their stormwater ordinance.

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, reported that they continue to update their stormwater standards and hope to have them available by the spring of 2017. They also anticipate meeting with Wayne County and MDEQ for review and feedback.

Jacy also stated that they will be hosting this year's IDEP training and will be held in Clarkston on October 13 with 80 participants registered.

Heather Rice, Washtenaw County, reported that they are editing their stormwater rules to provide clarification on some items.

8. Report from MDEQ

MDEQ was not in attendance.

9. Opportunity for Public Comment

Jim Creech relayed concerns from a Village of Franklin resident regarding wetlands.

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

- The March 17, 2016 meeting summary was approved.
- The 2016 budget amendment adding the SPAC8 grant budget line to the 2016 ARC Budget with funding estimated for 2016 activities in the amount of \$14,970 was approved.
- The 2013 ECT contract amendment adding Appendix L which adds \$16,373 for the SPAC grant that the ARC received for the Rouge River AOC PAC Support – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish project was approved.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjourn

The motion was made by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Noel Mullett, Wayne County, and passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: 7/13/16

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Redford Township	<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"/>	
Baumgarten Matt	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bayley Nicholas	Westland (OHM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSB
Belair Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RAB
Best Matthew	Van Buren Twp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MAB
Bivins Jerome	Inkster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Boc Keith	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Borton Cory	Birmingham (HRC) Bloomfield Hills (HRC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CB
Borton Cory	Village of Beverly Hills (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bradley Cassidy Cassie Erin	Friends of the Rouge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EC
Browning Rick	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buiten Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Byrd Jim	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Casari Tom	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cave Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig Bill	RRAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cravens Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JEC
Creech James	Village of Franklin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JEC
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"/>	

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Douville	Jeff	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eudy	Chuck	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CE
Faas	Tim	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fortura	Rocco	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fuller	Fred	Orchard Lake Village (Huron Cons)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FD
Gallogly	James	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JL
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"/>	J
Kahle	Chris	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelley	Harold	Henry Ford College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kurleto	James	Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LaLonde-Norman	Aimee	FOTR	<input 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"/>	CM
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Mekjian	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KM
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DM
Muery	Robert	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NM
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	Paul	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JMO
Paletko	Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perez	Thomas	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Petrella	Sally	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollizzi	Tim	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TP
Porman	Chris	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Price	Meghan	ECT	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JR
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rodgers	Chelsea	Walled Lake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Roney	Kevin	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ross	Cyndi	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Schultz	Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi	John	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siddall	Sheryl	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>BS</i>
Sikma	Tim	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sincock	Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Snapp	Robert	Cranbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Steeland	Kara	Village of Franklin (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stickel	Karyn	Birmingham (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tucker	Eric	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>SV</i>
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wayne	Adam	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>AW</i>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>EW</i>
Yee	Kevin	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zoner	Tom	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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John Deslippe	OHM - Advisors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD
Erin O'Malley	OHM Advisors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EO
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