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James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
October 21, 2009, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Summit on the Park, Canton Township

- Allen Park
- Auburn Hills
- Beverly Hills
- Bingham Farms
- Birmingham
- Bloomfield Hills
- Bloomfield Twp.
- Canton Twp.
- Commerce Twp.
- Dearborn
- Dearborn Heights
- Farmington
- Farmington Hills
- Franklin
- Garden City
- Inkster
- Lathrup Village
- Livonia
- Melvindale
- Northville
- Northville Twp.
- Novi
- Oakland County
- Oak Park
- Orchard Lake
- Plymouth
- Plymouth Twp.
- Pontiac
- Redford Twp.
- Rochester Hills
- Romulus
- Southfield
- Superior Twp.
- Troy
- Van Buren Twp.
- Walled Lake
- Washtenaw County
- Wayne
- Wayne County
- Wayne County Airport Authority
- West Bloomfield Twp.
- Westland
- Wixom
- Ypsilanti Twp.

1. Welcome

- a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 26 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

ARC Member	Attended Y/N	ARC Member	Attended Y/N
Allen Park	N	Oak Park	N
Auburn Hills	Y	Orchard Lake	N
Beverly Hills	N	Plymouth	N
Bingham Farms	Y	Plymouth Twp.	Y
Birmingham	N	Pontiac	Y
Bloomfield Hills	Y	Redford Twp.	Y
Bloomfield Twp.	Y	Rochester Hills	Y
Canton Twp.	Y	Romulus	N
Commerce Twp.	Y	Southfield	Y
Dearborn	N	Superior Twp.	N
Dearborn Heights	N	Troy	Y
Farmington	Y	Van Buren Twp.	Y
Farmington Hills	Y	Walled Lake	N
Franklin	N	Washtenaw County	Y
Garden City	Y	Wayne	Y
Inkster	N	Wayne County	Y
Lathrup Village	Y	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Livonia	Y	West Bloomfield Twp.	Y
Melvindale	Y	Westland	Y
Northville	N	Wixom	N
Northville Twp.	Y	Ypsilanti Twp.	N
Novi	N		
Oakland County	Y		

After roll call all guests in attendance introduced themselves.

b. Approval of May 5, 2009 & August 6, 2009 Meeting Summary

A motion was made by Jim Zoumbaris, Livonia, to approve the May 5, 2009 & August 6, 2009 meeting summaries. It was seconded by Tom Biasell, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

c. Additions or changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

There were no additions or changes made to the draft meeting agenda.

2. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report

a. 2009 Budget Status Report

Jennifer Lawson, Treasurer, reviewed the information that was given on the ARC invoice payments and budget status. J. Lawson informed the ARC members that the cities of Dearborn, Franklin, Pontiac and Superior Township of communities owe their 2009 dues. All have been contacted and have payments being processed. J. Lawson was informed by Superior Township and Ypsilanti Township that they will be withdrawing from the ARC. J. Lawson stated that she is waiting for written notice from Superior Township.

b. 2009 Budget Amendments

J. Lawson reviewed the 2009 budget amendments for FC1 – 501(c)(3) application, OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land Cover Inventory. Gary Zorza briefly discussed with the members the termination of the contract with MTRI and the selection of Sanborn to complete the work. Sanborn was the ARC's second choice from the bids received in combination with the interview process. G. Zorza stated that Sanborn will be using part of a grant with the MDEQ to reduce the cost to the ARC by \$10,000. Eric Witte asked if there was a performance bond and G. Zorza replied that there was not, it was just considered a breach of contract. He also stated that no money was paid to MTRI. A motion was made by Jeff Mueller, Lathrup Village, to approve the 2009 Budget Amendments as presented by the Treasurer and as depicted on the budget documents for FC1-501(c)(3) application, OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land Cover Inventory. It was seconded by E. Witte, Melvindale, and passed unanimously.

c. 2009 Annual review of Executive Director Services

J. Lawson informed the members that the ARC officers met with Jim Ridgway of ECT to discuss the performance evaluation for the Executive Director Services to the ARC. They discussed and rated specific performance measures which could range from good to poor. These were based on the services the ECT provides. The overall rating was good with the ARC staff doing a very good job. Two areas, grants and leadership performance rated fair. Areas needing improvement are grant applications and future funding opportunities and developing partnerships with SEMCOG and others. The officers discussed the importance of having a leader for the ARC. Another suggestion is to include more information on our website calendar such as ARC deadlines and outside activities. T. Faas stated that the ARC continues to evolve for the better. Jim Ridgway thanked the members for allowing ECT to be involved in the ARC. He said all of the ARC staff love the work we do for the ARC.

d. 2010 Budget Requests

J. Lawson reviewed the draft 2010 budget requests totaling \$735,741 as presented in the handouts. J. Lawson stated that the ARC member dues will not change in 2010. The budget items are as follows:

- OC1 – Executive Director Services
- OC2 – ARC Insurance
- OC3 – Accounting/legal Services
- PIE1 – Green Infrastructure Campaign
- PIE2 – Riparian Corridor Mgt. Booklet
- PIE 3 – Pub. Ed. Material
- PIE4 – ARC Website Maintenance
- PIE5 – Friends of the Rouge
- PIE6 – WMP Revisions

- TC1 – Rouge River Watershed Monitoring Activities
- TC2 – Collaborative Storm Water Action Plan Imp.
- TC3 – Pursuing Grant Opportunities
- TC4 – Land Cover Inventory – Gary Zorza informed the committee that this is a continuation of the above discussion regarding the MTRI termination and hiring of Sanborn.

After discussion the motion was made by J. Zoumbaris, Livonia, to approve the ARC 2010 budget totaling \$735,741, as presented by the Treasurer and supported by the budget documents. The motion was seconded by J. Mueller, Lathrup Village and passed unanimously.

T. Faas took a moment to say that the treasurer is the hardest job and gave special thanks to Jennifer Lawson for her work as ARC treasurer.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Watershed Management Plan

J. Ridgway said that ARC staff met with MDEQ to talk about the WMP revisions. MDEQ staff were very receptive and agreed that minor changes would make the WMP acceptable under 319. Communities would have to commit to one activity for each objective (under the goals) and potential projects could be considered “wish list” items rather than become part of their existing SWPPIs. Communities will not be required to undertake wish list items. Priority areas must be created for each subwatershed. He said there is also the potential of having one umbrella SWPPI and possibly one annual report which goes with the web-based annual reporting system that the ARC is preparing. Revisions will be made to the WMP by February, 2010. SWAG meetings will be set up soon to start the revision process.

b. Draft ARC NPDES Permit

J. Ridgway informed the membership that their discussions with the MDEQ also included the contested case permit. They discussed the elective option which is not subject to MDEQ approval. The Alternative option needs to be approved. Executive Director staff talked with MDEQ about the possibility of an alternative (or Rouge only permit) that would require MDEQ approval but would recognize our past work. The MDEQ was very interested in discussing this possibility. J. Ridgway stated that the ARC Staff would incorporate comments from both the Executive Committee and the membership, review it with the lawyers and then present it to the MDEQ (at no additional cost to the ARC). This would, if accepted by the MDEQ, allow the ARC to go after 319 money in subsequent years.

Roger Moore, Rochester Hills, and Jim Wineka, Oakland County asked what would happen to those communities that are in more than one watershed and expressed their concern for the possibility of two sets of rules. J. Ridgway discussed the permit option that allows a community to name its primary watershed. There was discussion of whether it could be incorporated to be more general and could be shared with other communities not in the Rouge. K. Cave, Wayne County, stated that we still need to work out some of the details but that this is a good step.

The motion was made by J. Rickard, Northville Twp., to have the ARC Executive Director staff continue discussions with MDEQ regarding a watershed permit for the ARC. The motion was seconded by Kevin Buford, Westland, and passed unanimously.

c. Permit Requirements and the ARC 2010 Budget

J. Ridgway gave a brief overview of the powerpoint presentation that will be available on the ARC website for communities to download and show to their councils. The presentation shows the relationship between the permit requirements and the activities being done by the ARC. J. Ridgway stated that an email will go out when the presentation has been uploaded to the ARC website.

d. ARC Foundation 1023 application

J. Ridgway stated that the ARC Foundation Form 1023 is ready to file with the final approval of the ARC on the structure. Due to the quickly declining Rouge funding and the concerns about current members leaving the ARC, the current application package provides for a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation. The ARC Foundation has a separate corporate existence and will have its own 501(c)(3) status. The separate structure will allow the ARC Foundation to continue even if the current ARC someday dissolves. The question was asked if there would be a minimum fundraising amount that the ARC Foundation would have to do. J. Ridgway stated that ARC staff will ask the lawyer about the issue. The motion was made by K. Buford, Westland, to approve the filing of form 1023 to establish a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation. The motion was seconded by J. Mueller, Lathrup Village and passed unanimously.

4. Rouge Program Office Report (K. Cave)

K. Cave announced that there will be a Round X of sub grants available. K. Cave asked that communities forward by the beginning of the year their 2009 success stories for the annual report. K. Cave stated that Wayne County developed updates to the storm water ordinance program and these were emailed to members and are available on Wayne County's website.

K. Cave reported that the Department of Environment is now under the Wayne County Department of Public Services. She stated that there are no major changes on environmental matters.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee (K. Cave/D. Payne, Co-chairs)

K. Cave stated that the Organizational Committee met and discussed the status of the contest case and the alternative permit and the regional financial hardship argument. They also discussed updating the Purchasing Policy to address outside funding requests.

b. PIE Committee (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)

Brandy Siedlaczek reported that the PIE Committee held 3 green infrastructure workshops and bus tours and funded 13 green infrastructure projects. The PIE will be hosting a septic system workshop. The updates to the Detention Pond Maintenance Manual are complete and orders of the manual will be going out to member communities. The next PIE meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

c. Technical Committee (Gary Zorza, Vice Chair)

i. MTRI termination/Sanborn Recommendation

G. Zorza stated that this item was covered during the 2009 budget amendment and 2010 budget discussions.

ii. Payments made by fringe communities for Land Cover Inventory

G. Zorza discussed the change in cost between MTRI and Sanborn's cost to the fringe communities for the additional areas outside the Rouge River watershed. The cost for some is a substantial increase in what MTRI was offering. The Technical Committee with the help of ECT will be sending out letters to those fringe

communities explaining the change and offering the same service at the additional cost or offering a full refund if the fringe communities no longer want to purchase the additional coverage.

d. Grants Committee (Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff)

K. Cave on behalf of the Organizational committee announced that the Grants Committee would be dissolved and that the ARC Staff would provide the service under the Executive Director contract.

A. DeMaria discussed several grants that the ARC Staff is pursuing. The ARC submitted a \$70,000 grant application for *E. coli* TMDL Implementation Plan development and implementation which includes investigative sampling in West Bloomfield Twp. This grant required a 10% match of \$5,000, and the application had to be from a community who was not contesting the permit in this case, West Bloomfield Twp.

A. DeMaria summarized the ARC projects that were added to SEMCOG's GLRI project list. SEMCOG is leading the effort to organize projects in hopes of getting this federal funding. The full details of how much money will be available and when the RFP will be out has not been released yet. SEMCOG is working with each community on a list of what might be funded and grouping projects together to develop a watershed approach. The state would apply for the money and then hand it out. Some sample projects are rain gardens, green infrastructure, measuring success and other restoration projects. The list focuses mainly on projects that are in the Area of Concern (AOC) delisting documents and on projects that have a watershed-wide impact. The EPA has stated that they would like to allocate to large watershed groups.

A grant to the State of the Great Lakes was prepared in the amount of \$1.25 million which is for invasive species inventory and management, and creation of habitat through grow zones along the Main and Middle branches of the Rouge River. The pre-proposal was submitted on Oct 1st. In early November we will find out if the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is interested in a full proposal.

A. DeMaria stated that communities should look into Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants to funding storm water projects. At least 20 ARC members were awarded approximately \$5 million in funding under this grant program. Although some communities may already have plans for the funding, others may still be determining how to spend it. Storm water projects which would be eligible for these grants reducing runoff by installing green infrastructure in CSO areas, replacing pumps (water and wastewater) with more efficient ones, conversion of mowed turf grass into grow zones to reduce water usage. Communities may be able to take advantage of this funding while helping meet their Phase II permit.

6. Public Comment

T. Faas took a moment to thank Jim Zoumbaris, who will be retiring from the City of Livonia, for his commitment over the years to the ARC and PIE Committee. A motion was made by K. Buford, Westland, to recognize J. Zoumbaris for his service to the ARC. The motion was seconded by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and passed unanimously.

K. Buford, citizen, thanked MDEQ for attending the ARC meetings over the years. He hoped that MDEQ will recognize that we are working hard to come to an agreement with the state and the ARC.

Hae-Jin Yoon, MDEQ, stated that they understand that all communities are having financial difficulties, along with the state. She stated that the ARC has many options and that we are all working hard and all want to come to an agreement.

Chuck Hersey of SEMCOG asked that communities forward any GLRI comments or suggestions to them. He also informed the members of an upcoming SEMCOG University involving DTE Energy. The workshop will focus on saving money through energy efficiency actions and will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009.

Friends of the Rouge reported that they had 88 volunteers and 24 sites for their Fall Bug Hunt. They also made available flyers for the upcoming Winter Stonefly Search, Frog and Toad Survey, 2010 Rouge Rescue and a Schoolyard Habitat meeting on November 4.

T. Faas announced that the ARC has representation on the DWSD Clean Water Steering Committee through both himself and Jim Ridgway. The committee will focus on southeast Michigan and beyond and our hope is to promote the ARC and Michigan.

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

- Approval of May 5, 2009 and August 6, 2009 Full ARC Meeting Summary
- Organizational Committee to review the grants procedure and incorporate the Executive Director performing the Grant Committee activities.
- ARC members to review the draft permit and provide comments to ECT.
- Executive Director staff to draft changes to purchasing policy to include outside funding requests and present to the Organizational Committee for review.
- Approval of the 2009 Budget Amendments as presented by the Treasurer and as depicted on the budget documents for FC1-501(c)(3) application, OC2-WMP Revisions and TC4-Land cover Inventory.
- ARC Executive Director staff to continue discussions with MDEQ regarding a watershed permit for the ARC.
- Approval of the filing of Form 1023 to establish a separate charitable organization named the ARC Foundation.
- ARC Staff to email members when the powerpoint presentation regarding the ARC activities in relation to the permit requirements has been uploaded to the ARC website.
- ARC Staff to contact lawyer regarding the ARC Foundation having a minimum fundraising amount.
- ARC members to forward their 2009 success stories to Wayne County.
- Executive Director staff to draft changes to purchasing policy to include outside funding requests and present to the Organizational Committee for review.
- Approval the budget totaling \$735,741, as presented by the Treasurer and as depicted in the attached budget documents for the 2010 Budget of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.
- A motion was made to recognize J. Zoumbaris for his service to the ARC.

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

- PIE Committee, February 11, 2010, location TBD
- Full ARC meeting, first quarter 2010, 1:30 p.m., location TBD

9. Adjourn

The motion was made by K. Buford, Westland, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by T. Faas, Canton Twp., and passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: Oct. 21, 2009

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
Anulewicz James	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ball Zachare	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barnes Jack	Garden City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Barrett Robert	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Belair Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EB
Beyer Lori	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LEB
Biasell Thomas	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Bobrin Janis	Washtenaw County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bonfiglio Meghan	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meb
Bononi Michelle	Washtenaw County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB
Bremer Christine	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buford Kevin	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buften Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cave Kelly	Wayne County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KAC
Colaianne Joe	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cousino Brendon	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coyer Bryan	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cravens Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cullen Jim	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cureton Lloyd	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis Paul	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeMaria Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
Dombrowski Tony	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Domine Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WD
El-Gharib Ramzi	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faas Tim	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Fadoir Ron	OCDC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fannon Richard	Commerce Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RF
Fellrath Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PF
Franzil Jack	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Freeman H. William	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gallogly James	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Garrison Jacy	OCDC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski Laura	Bloomfield Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LG
Gruzowski Laura	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guest Connie	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gushman Kevin	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hagaman Kathryn	Bingham Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KPH
Harvey Dave	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hayes Rob	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heise Kurt	Wayne County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Howell Michael	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Janus Demetria	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JP
Johnson Ron	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keenan Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SK
Keough Shawn	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Knepper Todd	Van Buren Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kuehn Deborah	Superior Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Labadie Marshall	West Bloomfield Twp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lakhani Muzaffar	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LaManes Paul	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lang Rick	Allen Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Lawson	Joe	Ypsilanti Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lawson	Jennifer	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maillard	Kevin	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Village of Orchard Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCulloch	John	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McGill	Lisa	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mekjian	Gary	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>JK</i>
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meszler	Tom	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Moore	Roger	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>RM</i>
Mueller	Jeff	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JM</i>
Murray	Jim	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	Paul	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Overholt Green	Janet	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pulker	Eileen	Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Puuri	Steve	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff	Donald	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schneck	Allen	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schueller	Derrick	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi	John	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>B.S</i>
Sincock	Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Smith	Paul	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Swallow	Dan	Van Buren Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>DS</i>
VanAartsen	Carl	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>CVA</i>
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Weaver	Don	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Jennifer	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wineka	Jim	OCWRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jim</i>
Witte	Eric	Melvindale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Eric</i>
Zorza	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>GRZ</i>
Zoumbaris	Jim	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jim</i>

