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Executive Director

DRAFT AGENDA
March 17, 2016 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Walnut Room, Summit on the Park
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

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.
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Oakland County
Oak Park
Orchard Lake
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
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

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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
November 18, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center

1. **Welcome** (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)
 - a. **Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 22 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	N	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.	N	Rochester Hills	N
Dearborn Heights	N	Romulus	N
Farmington	N	Southfield	Y
Farmington Hills	Y	Troy	N
Franklin	Y	University of Michigan-Dearborn	N
Garden City	Y	Van Buren Twp.	N
Henry Ford College	N	Walled Lake	N
Inkster	Y	Washtenaw County	Y
Lathrup Village	Y	Wayne	Y
Livonia	Y	Wayne County	N
Melvindale	N	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Northville	Y	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 May 13, 2015 Meeting Summary**
The motion was made by Tim Faas, Canton, to approve the August 26, 2015 meeting summary. It was seconded by Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

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e. Contested Case Presentation

Elizabeth Kudla Saarela, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, PC, gave a presentation to the Full ARC on the status of petitions on the NPDES Phase II General Permits and its impact on challenges to future permit requirements. The presentation handouts will be available on the ARC website under the “ARC Meeting Information” tab.

2. Executive Director Report

a. Status of the FOTR/ARC Merger Investigation

Jim Ridgway reported that the investigation continues to move along. The ARC officers are not ready to vote now but will be presenting a vote to the Full ARC in early 2016 to continue the merger process. He stated that the initial plan would be to have the ARC start to ramp down its activities over the next 1 ½ - 2 years while the new organization starts.

b. Grant Status Report

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

2015 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

The ARC submitted an application to the Great Lakes Commission to continue facilitation of the RRAC. The budget was \$16,545 for 12 months with no match. This project was awarded. The first meeting will be November 24, 2015.

FOTR-ARC Merger Investigation

FOTR and the ARC were awarded a grant from the Erb Family Foundation in the amount of \$110,000 to explore merging the organizations. The Reorganization Investigation Committee (RIC) has met several times and are developing a recommendation for the ARC and FOTR boards to consider. The recommendation will outline the financial and non-financial benefits to merging, a draft scope of work, budget, job descriptions, organizational structure, and enabling state legislation under which we would form.

Collaborative Invasive Species Control in Rouge and Detroit River AOC

Wayne County was awarded an EPA for a grant in the amount of \$634,736 to establish and begin implementing an effective management program to address invasive species in the Rouge River and Detroit River Areas of Concern. Wayne County has executed the IAA with the ARC. The ARC will begin working with Wayne County of invasive species identification training for 2016.

US Forestry Service 2014 Tree Grant

The ARC received award of a \$100,000 grant from the US Forestry Service to purchase and plant an estimated 680 trees. No match is required. A few communities have installed trees this fall with the remaining participating communities installing in spring 2016. Communities will complete their planting, locating, and project summaries by June 2016 and the ARC will finalize the grant reporting next summer.

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

The ARC received the SAW funding grant agreement last week and returned for execution November 10, 2015. The grant covers development of member MS4 permit applications, monitoring, and stormwater funding planning efforts. ARC staff have had initial meetings with each of the communities on the permit process and begun

scheduling community facility inspections. Staff have been working on identifying match (\$355,333 required) for the grant.

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

ARC and NOAA established the agreement for this project in September. The ARC and NOAA have had an initial kickoff call to review the project. ARC staff have drafted the QAPP and submitted to NOAA for review and approval. Staff have reviewed the previously USACE documents and identified additional data needs for the design. The ARC hosted a Project Partners (NOAA, ARC, Wayne County, RRAC, MDEQ, USACE, National Park Service, and Henry Ford Estate) meeting November 9, 2015 to discuss the project and alternative for design.

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

c. SAW Grant Update

This item was covered in the Grant Status Report above.

d. Call for Projects

Jim Ridgway informed the members that this is a new item that will be included in all Full ARC agendas. ARC Staff encourage members to contact the ARC Staff if they have any project in mind that ARC Staff can begin to look for funding mechanisms.

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

a. 2015 Membership Dues

Bob Belair reported that there are a few communities with outstanding dues and reminders have been sent.

b. A/R and A/P Reports

Bob Belair reviewed the accounts receivable and accounts payables reports.

c. 2015 Budget Amendment 5

FC5 – SPAC7 RRAC Facilitation

John O’Meara reviewed the FC5 Amendment. The ARC has received a \$16,545 grant from the Great Lakes Commission to facilitate the Rouge RAP Advisory Council. The ARC was awarded the funding in September, 2015, with activities beginning on September 25, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016.

RRAC and ARC applied for this grant to fund activities to continue to facilitate RRAC meetings and general business activities in the Rouge River Area of Concern (AOC). These activities include re-establishing a larger active membership list, facilitating RRAC meetings and continuing to support the Rouge RAP Advisory Council website. Additionally, this grant funding will allow ARC staff to provide communications support with MDEQ regarding the Rouge Habitat Restoration Project List which includes a list of priority projects that need to be completed in order to remove the Fish and Wildlife Habitat beneficial use impairment (BUI).

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to approve the 2015 Budget Amendment adding the SPAC7 RRAC Facilitation grant as presented by the Finance

Committee. The motion was seconded by Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

FC6 – PIE2 Public Ed Materials

Chris O’Meara reviewed this budget amendment. Approximately \$5,000 will not be spent under task FC1 – Accounting/Legal Services. This is because the ARC was not required to have an A133 audit done because the ARC did not expend more than \$500,000 in federal funds. The ARC staff is requesting that \$1,100 of this be transferred to PIE2 to pay for the printing of the FOG brochure (5,000 copies).

The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to approve the 2015 Budget Amendment transferring \$1,100 from FC1 to PIE2 to pay for the printing of the new FOG brochure as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and passed unanimously.

FC7 – TC1 SAW Grant Monitoring

John O’Meara reviewed this budget amendment which was discussed earlier in the agenda. Expend \$35,000 (\$20,000 to Wayne County and \$15,000 to FOTR) in unallocated ARC funds and reallocate FOTR 2015 budget of up to \$3,500 from PIE1 and up to \$1,000 from PIE4 to support the 2015 benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring program. FOTR will invoice the ARC \$19,500 and Wayne County \$20,000 for benthic monitoring expenses accrued in 2015. In addition, Wayne County and FOTR will provide backup for potential match for the ARC to use for the SAW grant (WC \$35,000-\$55,000 and FOTR \$20,000).

The motion was made by Jill Rickard, Northville Twp., to approve the 2015 Budget Amendment transferring funds from PIE1 and PIE4 and adding unallocated funds to TC1 to fund Rouge River monitoring activities by FOTR and Wayne County as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, and passed unanimously.

d. 2013 ECT Contract Amendment

Appendix K – RRAC Facilitation (SPAC7)

John O’Meara, ARC Staff, reviewed the ECT contract amendment to the scope of services for the Executive Director Services Contract which adds the grant awarded to the ARC to facilitate the RRAC and finalize the habitat project list.

The motion was made by Heather Rice, Washtenaw County, to approve the 2013 ECT Contract Amendment adding Appendix K, SPAC7, as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and passed unanimously.

e. 2016 Budget Recommendations

Bob Belair, Treasurer, reviewed the budget recommendations for 2016 as presented by the Finance Committee.

Executive Director Services:

- ARC Meetings (OC1a) - Staffing and facilitation of the full ARC (3 meetings); the Executive Committee (3 meetings); the Finance Committee (3 meetings); the Organization Committee (1 meeting); the Technical Committee (up to 2 meetings and

budget support); and the PIE Committee (up to 2 meetings and budget support). This task will also include FOIA requests and activities to meet the Open Meetings Act requirements.

- Financial Services and Reporting (OC1b) – The Executive Director Staff will use Quickbooks for the financial tracking for the ARC including payables and receivables activities.
- Administration and Communication (OC1c) - This task includes communication with ARC members, administration of subcontractors and preparing the 2015 ARC Annual Report. This task also includes the Executive Director serving as the primary liaison and advocate for the Rouge River Watershed.
- Pursuing Grant Opportunities (OC1d) – Executive Director Staff will research and prepare up to 3 grant applications.

PIE Committee:

The 2016 PIE budget reflects a slight decrease (\$2,000) in cost from the 2015 budget and is summarized below:

- (PIE 1) The Green Infrastructure Activities – (\$23,500). The Green Schools program has the same budget as previous years. The workshops will have a similar overall budget, but will have a different focus in 2016 and may include Native landscaping & maintenance for homeowners/businesses, riparian/streambank stabilization, backyard habitat and/or garden tour experiences (workshop titles to be determined at a later date).
- (PIE 2) The Public Education Materials task – (\$15,000) This task supports the purchase and distribution of seedlings/plants at local events, such as community events, and HHW collection days. The printing budget will pay for seedling/plant packaging, reprinting of public education materials and printing of four (4) seasonal posters. The PIE would like to have the seedling monies available for plants, not just seedlings.
- (PIE 3) The Website Maintenance – (\$5,500) The task budget remains the same as it was in the 2015 budget and supports design, writing and maintenance fees for the ARC website.
- (PIE 4) New Public Education Campaigns Implementation – (\$13,000) The committee will implement the campaign created in 2015 by the PIE and FOTR that will cover the various pathways of stormwater and will create four (4) seasonal stewardship posters related to stormwater management along with public education billboards and bus signage relating to permit required public education.
- (PIE 5) The Watershed Stewardship and Reporting – (\$1,500) This task supports the annual reporting of monitoring and public education activities conducted by FOTR, which are items that can also be used by ARC members in their stormwater permit reporting.

Tech Committee:

The 2016 Technical Committee (TC) budget is \$131,000 which is \$55,500 more than the 2015 budget. The increase is the refunding the FOTR macroinvertebrate task under TC1. TC1 funding was reduced in 2014 and unfunded in 2015 because of budget constraints. Wayne and Oakland County will each provide \$7,500 in matching effort under TC2. The 2016 TC activities are summarized below:

- (TC1) –Rouge River Macroinvertebrate Monitoring – (\$58,500). This is an important indicator for stream habitat and water quality and promotes stewardship within the watershed. It will also serve as match to the SAW grant funding.
- (TC2) - IDEP Activities – (\$72,500 and includes \$15,000 in match provided by Wayne and Oakland County) The task continues field investigations in priority areas and allows for an IDEP Training session provided by SEMCOG. TC2 allows the ARC to address illicit discharges on a watershed-wide basis consistent with the Collaborative IDEP plan.

Note that the ARC's SAW grant will fund additional activities that are typically carried out by the TC. These activities include development of a monitoring plan, finalization of the collaborative IDEP Plan, and conducting other ecosystem monitoring.

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to approve the 2016 ARC Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Buiten, Wayne, and passed unanimously.

4. 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

Meghan Price, ARC Staff, reported on behalf of Charles Markus, PIE Committee Chair, that the PIE committee hosted two riparian homeowner workshops and will be hosting a septic system maintenance workshop in Northville Twp. on December 2. She also informed the Full ARC that billboards will be shown in the watershed with tips for clean water over the next several weeks and into 2016. Chris O'Meara, ARC Staff, also invited members to pick up samples of the pet waste containers that are available to members. She asked that you email her if you would like some for your community.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of funding for riparian landowners. ARC Staff would include this in their search for funding under the call for projects.

c. Technical Committee

John O'Meara, ARC Staff, reported on behalf of Karen Mondora, Chair, that the Technical Committee will be doing a survey of the members regarding green infrastructure. There have been some discussions regarding the need for developing a maintenance manual with photos of GI at different stages, bid specs for maintenance, cost estimates, service options that could be done by community staff, contracted out, done by ARC staff or done by an ARC contractor. There was also discussion about developing a cost to fix the current GI projects in the watershed.

5. Report from Cooperating Partners

Friends of the Rouge

Sally Petrella reported that the GLRI invasive species activities are happening. She reported that they had 104 participate in the Fall Bug Hunt and have 48 sites of sampling results. She informed the Full ARC that the 30th annual Rouge Rescue is scheduled for May 21, 2016, with a site coordinator meeting the first Tuesday in March.

Rouge River Advisory Council

Bill Craig stated that the Great Lakes AOC will be having their conference on March 2 and 3, 2016, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. This conference allows the difference AOCs to share their activities and progress. He informed the Full ARC that RRAC and the Habitat Subcommittee have been working on finalizing the Rouge River list of projects to remove the habitat BUIs and expect it to be complete by the conference in March. He stated that the Clinton River AOC has a project list which is complete and they are receiving funding for the projects on the list. He informed the group that RRAC's next meeting is scheduled for November 24 at 9:00 a.m. in Wayne.

6. Report from Counties

Heather Rice, Washtenaw County, informed the Full ARC that the IDEP training that the county hosted in 2015 was a huge success and a great training.

7. Report from MDEQ

There was no report by MDEQ.

8. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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

- The August 26, 2015 meeting summary was approved.
- The 2015 Budget Amendment 5, SPAC7 was approved.
- The 2015 Budget Amendment 6, PIE2 was approved.
- The 2015 Budget Amendment 7, TC1 was approved.
- The 2013 ECT Appendix K contract amendment was approved.
- The 2016 ARC Budget was approved.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Gary Mekjian, Farmington Hills, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Vandette, Troy, and passed unanimously.

For Safety Reasons, ALL Meeting Attendees MUST SIGN IN!

Why? Because this attendance list is used in the event of an emergency evacuation to ensure that everyone is accounted for once the building has been evacuated!



Event: ARC

Date: 11/18/15

Name
BILL CRAIG
HEATHER RICE
DOUG MOORE
Laura Grayson
Cory Borton
Kara Steeland
Souzan Hanna
MIKE BUTTEN
John Deslippe
Jacy Garrison
Sally Petrella
Shawn Keenan
Nim [unclear]
Ridgway

Name
Brandy Srodek
BOB BELTR
Adam Wayne
John Mear
Jim [unclear]
Angela Pasciolla
Fred Fuller
A J Rickard
Gary Melgion
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To: Full ARC Board
From: ARC Officers and Committee Chairs
Date: 3/10/2016
RE: Summary of Efforts of the ARC-FOTR Merger Investigation
cc: ARC Executive Director

For the past 18 months, the ARC and FOTR have evaluated the options for reorganizing to best serve our members and the watershed. Through this process we have determined that merging the two organizations will allow us to maximize resources to effectively meet members' stormwater permitting requirements as well as support ongoing restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed. At our meeting on March 17, 2016, the Full ARC Board will be asked to approve a resolution to merge the organizations. This white paper summarizes our efforts in order for our members to make an informed decision at that meeting.

At the onset of this process, the ARC Board provided the following directives regarding a final recommendation from ARC representatives serving on the ARC-FOTR Reorganization Investigation Committee (RIC)¹:

- The final recommendation should not require an increase in funds from the municipalities;
- The scope of work needed to include a higher level of permitting services and a greater overall benefit to the watershed; and
- Any new funding structure would be sustainable.

Refrains that we heard from many ARC members throughout this process were 1) how they would be represented on the board of the new organization and 2) how would permit compliance be a focus.

After considering several alternatives for reorganizing, we support the following recommendations from the RIC:

- Full Merger of both organizations. This will allow for: streamlined administrative costs, increased leverage for grants and donations (especially from businesses and private donors), increased access to volunteers for monitoring, sufficient funding for the ARC Collaborative Plans, and greater overall benefit to the watershed.
- Governance by a self-perpetuating directorship. The board makeup will be approximately 1/3 each municipalities, industries/businesses, and citizens. We

¹ARC RIC members: Brandy Siedlaczek, Bob Belair, Jill Rickard, Karen Mondora, Charles Markus, Kelly Cave (represented by Noel Mullet), Jim Ridgway, and Annette DeMaria.

FOTR RIC members: Aimee LaLonde-Norman, Michael Darga, Alice Bailey, Sue Thompson, and Drew Hoffman.

RIC Facilitator: Terry Horton, Johnson Center for Philanthropy

envision a technical/MS4 subcommittee of the board focusing on stormwater permit requirements.

- Establish under either the Watershed Alliance or Watershed Council legislation. Legally, it doesn't appear to make a difference. Both allow access to State Revolving Fund dollars.
- Staff comprised of paid employees and consultants, as needed, to support projects.
- A combined annual budget of approximately \$640,000 with about 33% from municipalities which is consistent with the ARC's current total dues.
- The Scope of Work will include the following services:
 - Stormwater Permitting Services
 - Public Education and Outreach (outside of MS4 permitting requirements)
 - Ecosystem Monitoring
 - Fund Development
 - Administration
- Stormwater Permitting Services are expected to consist of the following (approx. budget of \$200,000):
 - Implementation of the Collaborative IDEP Plan
 - Implementation of the Collaborative PEP Plan
 - Support for Biennial Reporting to MDEQ
 - Permitting Assistance
 - MS4 Committee Meeting Facilitation and Coordination
 - Implementation of Collaborative TMDL Plan (via Water Quality Monitoring)

The RIC has conducted several individual and joint outreach efforts to ensure support by members of the two organizations and major funders. In general, all were supportive of merging with some concerns/questions posed throughout the process. Below is a summary of their outreach efforts:

- Individual discussions with the majority of ARC members.
- Presentations to the ARC Executive Committee on Nov 5, 2014, May 6, Aug 10, & Nov 17, 2015.
- Discussions at the ARC Officer/Committee Chair meeting on Feb 2, 2016.
- Meetings with the major private funders of FOTR.
- Discussions at the Full ARC Board on May 13, Aug 26, and Nov 18, 2015.
- Discussions at the FOTR Board and Executive Committee meetings throughout 2015.
- Discussions and updates to the Erb Family Foundation and Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Although many details need to be worked out following our vote to merge, we are confident that the groundwork has been laid for a successful and sustainable merged organization that fulfills our initial direction, which was that the necessary permit compliance services be offered within the ARC's existing budget. Therefore, we hope you support the attached resolution to merge with FOTR.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the Executive Director and any of the ARC Officers.



RESOLUTION NEW NON-PROFIT ENTITY APPROVAL

Meeting summary of a regular Full ARC meeting held on the 17th day of March 2016 in Canton Twp.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by ARC Member _____ and supported by ARC Member _____.

WHEREAS, the Full ARC authorizes the ARC staff to proceed with preparing the documents and supporting information to consummate the merger of the ARC and Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) into a single, new non-profit entity that will continue the activities of both entities.

WHEREAS, the target date for the final authorization to form the new entity is December 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, prior to executing the final authorization to form the new entity, the Full ARC Membership anticipates that the following activities/services will be provided to the communities:

- 1) A continued level of service can be provided cost-effectively.
- 2) The ARC will remain an active entity for 2 years after merger and/or until communities are comfortable¹ with the level of service provided.
- 3) The new entity will place an appropriate high priority on stormwater permit compliance efforts.
- 4) The new entity will accept the responsibility to perform the required activities identified in the ARC's collaborative plans.
- 5) ARC members will continue to have say on both the scope of services provided by the new entity and the cost to provide that service.
- 6) ARC members will have the ability to influence the prioritization of the transition to the new entity.
- 7) The activities during the transition process will be fully reported to the ARC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Full ARC hereby recommends that the merger continue to move forward and authorizes the ARC Staff to proceed with preparing the documents and support information to consummate the merger of the ARC and FOTR into a single, new non-profit entity that will continue the activities of both entities.

Motion made by:		()
Seconded by:		()
AYES: _____	NAYES: _____	ABSENT: _____		

¹ Comfortable means a majority vote per the ARC's standard voting procedure.

ONGOING ARC GRANT PROJECTS STATUS – 3/3/16

2015 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

The ARC submitted an application to the Great Lakes Commission to continue facilitation of the RRAC. Development of the final Rouge Habitat List through the Habitat Subcommittee meetings has been completed. The full RRAC at its membership meeting on February 22, 2016 approved the list as final for submittal to MDEQ.

FOTR-ARC Merger Investigation

FOTR and the ARC were awarded a grant from the Erb Family Foundation in the amount of \$110,000 to explore merging the organizations. The Reorganization Investigation Committee (RIC) has developed a recommendation that included merging the two organizations. The FOTR Board has approved this recommendation and it will go to their membership for approval in April 2016 pending ARC Board approval in March. There is a draft schedule and scope of the transition process that has been prepared by the RIC.

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.

US Forestry Service 2014 Tree Grant

All communities have executed the IAA with the ARC. Approximately 75% of the communities have had their proposed trees approved. One community has planted their trees and asked for their initial 50% reimbursement. ARC needs communities to make sure they are securing, planting, locating their trees this spring and 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

The ARC received the SAW funding grant agreement last week and returned for execution November 10, 2015. The grant covers development of member MS4 permit applications, monitoring, and stormwater funding planning efforts. ARC staff are on track to meet to April 1st permit deadline. Communities have received their draft applications for review. The PEP and IDEP plans have gone out to the full membership for comment.

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

ARC has held monthly Project Partners (NOAA, ARC, Wayne County, RRAC, MDEQ, USACE, National Park Service, and Henry Ford Estate) calls to update and receive feedback. Geotechnical field analysis, wetland delineation, topographic surveys, and T&E database work has been completed. Review of the Corp model has been concluded. Based on this review restructuring of the model was needed and developed.

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

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 a major supporting member. The grant is for conducting listed habitat projects within the two AOCs over the next three years. It is anticipated that knowledge of award will occur in May/June 2016, with award in September 2016.

GRANTS NOT AWARDED

NOAA Literacy Grant

The ARC submitted an application titled "Strengthening the Public's and/or K-12 Students' Environmental Literacy for Community Resilience to Extreme Weather Events and Other Environmental Hazards." This grant was not awarded.

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Accrual Basis

Alliance of Rouge Communities
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
47200 - Program Income		
47286 - 2016 ARC Membership Dues	123,991.00	251,435.00
Total 47200 - Program Income	123,991.00	251,435.00
48000 - Grants		
48904 - FS2 US Forestry EAB Rest 2014	0.00	30,000.00
48905 - WCGL1 Inv Spec Col 2014	0.00	5,000.00
48906 - FOTR1 - ARC/FOTR Reorg Inv 2015	2,457.47	2,457.47
48907 - SAW1 Stormwater Permit app 2015	160,276.41	1,258,739.00
48908 - NOAA3-HFE Dam Fish Passage	0.00	275,000.00
48909 - GLC PAC Support 7 RRAC Fac2015	0.00	8,100.00
Total 48000 - Grants	162,733.88	1,579,296.47
Total Income	286,724.88	1,830,731.47
Expense		
60400 - ARC Awards and Grants		
60410 - OC1-Executive Director Services		
60402 - OC1-Meeting Support	645.00	26,820.00
60405 - OC1-Expenses	0.00	2,800.00
60418 - OC1-Advocacy & Liaison	0.00	17,540.00
60419 - OC1-Financial Services	87.50	16,770.00
60440 - OC1- Administration/Communica	2,327.50	16,230.00
60442 - OC1-Grant Preparation	0.00	15,770.00
Total 60410 - OC1-Executive Director Services	3,060.00	95,930.00
60420 - Public Involv. & Education Com.		
60001 - PIE2-Public Ed Materials	190.00	15,000.00
60002 - PIE3-Website Maintenance	0.00	5,500.00
6042 - PIE5-Watershed Steward & Report	0.00	1,500.00
60421 - PIE1-Green Infrast. Campaign	287.34	23,500.00
6044 - PIE4 New PE Campaigns/Materials	2,023.50	13,000.00
Total 60420 - Public Involv. & Education Com.	2,500.84	58,500.00
60430 - Technical Committee		
60004 - TC3-IDEP	0.00	57,500.00
60431 - TC1-R. R. Water. Monitor Act.	2,513.96	58,500.00
Total 60430 - Technical Committee	2,513.96	116,000.00
604604 - SPAC7 RRAC Facilitation 2015	5,574.20	8,100.00
60601 - FS2-US Forestry EAB Grant 2014	192.12	30,000.00
60661 - FOTR1 - Reorg Investigation	1,341.95	2,457.47
60662 - SAW1 - SW permits		
6066201 - SAW Grant PEP Plan	7,395.00	
6066202 - SAW Grant IDEP Plan	6,395.00	
6066203 - SAW Grant GH/P2	24,375.84	
6066204 - SAW Grant Admin	2,647.50	
6066208 - SAW Grant SW Fund Frm	8,940.00	
60662 - SAW1 - SW permits - Other	0.00	1,258,739.00
Total 60662 - SAW1 - SW permits	49,753.34	1,258,739.00
60663 - WCGL1 - WC Inv Species Collab.	870.00	5,000.00
60664 - NOAA3-HFE Dam Fish Passage	8,184.13	275,000.00
Total 60400 - ARC Awards and Grants	73,990.54	1,849,726.47
60900 - Business Expenses	420.00	

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	Jan - Dec 16	Budget
62100 - Contract Services		
62110 - FC1-Accounting Fees	0.00	15,000.00
62140 - FC1-Legal Fees	0.00	2,000.00
65120 - FC2-Insurance - D&O	910.00	2,500.00
Total 62100 - Contract Services	<u>910.00</u>	<u>19,500.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>75,320.54</u>	<u>1,869,226.47</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>211,404.34</u>	<u>-38,495.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>211,404.34</u></u>	<u><u>-38,495.00</u></u>

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A/P Aging Summary
 As of March 10, 2016

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
City of Rochester Hills	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Environmental Consulting & Technology, In	49,753.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49,753.34
TOTAL	<u>49,753.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,503.34</u>

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A/R Aging Summary
 As of March 10, 2016

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Auburn Hills	267.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	267.00
Bloomfield Township	15,827.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,827.00
Canton Township	27,297.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,297.00
Commerce Township	549.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	549.00
FOTR	2,457.47	3,498.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,955.86
Franklin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	45.00
Inkster	5,662.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,662.00
Livonia	28,502.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,502.00
Melvindale	2,628.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,628.00
Northville Township	10,437.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,437.00
Plymouth Township	10,383.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,383.00
Pontiac	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Redford Township	11,610.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,610.00
Rochester Hills	1,911.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,911.00
University of Michigan-Dearborn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Van Buren Township	6,652.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,652.00
Wayne County Airport Authority	2,266.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,532.00	6,798.00
TOTAL	<u>126,448.47</u>	<u>3,498.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,327.00</u>	<u>135,273.86</u>