

**Lower Huron River
Watershed Advisory Group (WAG)
February 20, 2004 Notes**

1. Introductions and Agenda Review.

Attendees:

- Robert Burns, Friends of Detroit River
- Sarah Chope, Charles Raines for City of Gibraltar
- Elizabeth Clay, OHM for City of Romulus
- Joe Disanto, Brownstown Township
- Susan Featheringill, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
- Bruce Hammond, City of Flat Rock
- Tricia Huddas, MDEQ (*Note: she will be assuming Allison McCormick's position soon*)
- Dan Kirtland, Huron Township
- Michael Kruse, City of Woodhaven
- Michelle LaRose, OHM
- Allison McCormick, MDEQ
- Noel Mullet, Wayne County Dept of Environment
- Elizabeth Riggs, HRWC
- Rob Rochon, Hennessey Engineers for South Rockwood and Berlin Township
- Laura Rubin, HRWC
- Roy Schrameck, ECT for City of Rockwood
- Aaron Staup, JCK and Associates for Sumpter Township
- Dan Swallow, Van Buren Charter Township
- Tom Veresh, Wade-Trim for Brownstown Township
- Greg Weeks, Wade-Trim
- Brian Woodworth, Wade-Trim for Brownstown Township

Action items are identified in **bold**.

2. Development and Coordination of Storm Water Permit Elements

A. Development of Watershed Management Plan & Public Participation Plan

- (i) Status of Woodhaven-Brownstown School District and Huron River Watershed Council Service Agreement
 - Laura Rubin (HRWC) and Susan Featheringill from the School District have talked about a contract. HRWC is pulling together their contract form and sending it to the School District for approval.
- (ii) Status of Community Resolutions re: Lower Huron Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee Agreement:
 - Woodhaven – Concern from their attorney regarding the possibility of a high bill from the school district
 - Wayne County – in the process of approval
 - Van Buren Twp – waiting for environmental commission approval first; presenting to trustees on April 6th

- All of the other entities have passed the agreement
 - **Since communities expressed concern with the fact that the agreement doesn't establish a not-to-exceed number for the school district, the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District will establish a cap on the cost the entities may have to pay above and beyond the cost of the School District's assessment.**
 - The group agreed that the School District can sign an agreement with HRWC although there is only about 84% approval so far. Proceeding will not break the project if the remaining communities do not get approval.
 - The group decided to wait until the next meeting to formalize the group as an Inter-Municipality Committee by vote.
 - The group agreed that the representative (consultant) for South Rockwood and Berlin Township can vote on behalf of the communities and can have two votes since he is representing two communities.
 - It was decided that officers of the Inter-Municipality Committee should be representatives of the communities, not consultants. A vote for officers will be at a subsequent meeting.
- (iii) Public Participation Plan (PPP) Development – due May 1, 2004
- Stakeholder list can be amended if necessary.
 - **Communities need to return stakeholders lists to HRWC if they haven't already done so.**
 - A handout was presented showing the list of stakeholders so far.
 - **Communities should review the handout to make sure the list is correct.**
 - Patricia Huddas of the MDEQ provided a PPP review checklist.
 - Communities can communicate with stakeholders by any means (letter, email, etc) as long as they provide record to the MDEQ indicating a stakeholder has been contacted.
 - Communities are encouraged to be proactive in communicating with the DEQ.
 - A draft of the PPP will be shared at the March meeting so that communities can review it and give input for the final version to be submitted in May.
- (iv) Watershed Management Plan Development
- HRWC will be using the information/data surveys to determine goals and objectives.
 - **Communities need to submit the information/data surveys to HRWC ASAP if they haven't already done so.**
 - A handout was distributed indicating the designated and desired uses in the Lower Huron River Watershed. The desired uses were established from the surveys results submitted by the communities thus far.
 - Two handouts were distributed indicating watershed concerns. **HRWC will explore pollution concerns and their possible sources.**

- HRWC gave a presentation on the progress of their spatial analysis. **HRWC is to email a list of data needed from the communities (zoning maps, master plan maps, etc.).**
- Communities agreed to fill the role of both the stakeholder group and the technical committee.

B. Public Education Plan (PEP) -- due November 1, 2004

- Guidelines for the PEP and IDEP will be coming soon from the DEQ.

3. Next Meeting:

**Friday March 19, 2004, 9:30 AM, at Wade-Trim
(25251 Northline Road, Taylor, 734-947-9700)**

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