

**Lower Huron Sub Watershed
Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) Notes
April 27, 2004**

1. Introductions and Agenda Review. Attendees:

- Joe Disanto, Brownstown Township
- Sarah Chope, Charles Raines for City of Gibraltar
- Greg Weeks, Wade-Trim
- Elizabeth Clay, OHM for City of Romulus
- Michelle LaRose, OHM
- Debi Weiker, HRWC
- Laura Rubin, HRWC
- Michael Kruse, City of Woodhaven
- Tom Veresh, Wade-Trim for Brownstown Township
- Patricia Huddas, MDEQ
- Robert Burns, Friends of the Detroit River
- Bruce Hammond, City of Flat Rock
- Robert Rochon, Hennessey engineers for Berlin and South Rockwood
- Roy Schrameck, ECT for City of Rockwood
- Dan Swallow, Charter Township of Van Buren
- Brian Woodworth, Wade-Trim for Brownstown

Debi Weiker will be helping HRWC in Elizabeth Riggs's absence.

Action items are identified in **bold**.

2. Development and Coordination of Storm Water Permit Elements

A. Status of Agreements

- Status of Community Agreement between Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools and Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) – there is now a signed contract between the two parties. Invoices have already been sent to communities.
- Status of Community Resolutions re: Lower Huron Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee Agreement:
 - Woodhaven – passed the resolution
 - Van Buren Township – passed the resolution
 - Wayne County – status unknown
- Formalization of group – The group decided to allow consultants to serve as officers of the committee. The following positions were filled:
 - Chair – Roy Schrameck – ECT for City of Rockwood
 - Vice-Chair – Rob Rochon – Hennessey Engineers for Berlin and South Rockwood
 - Secretary – Elizabeth Clay – OHM for Romulus

B. Finalization of Public Participation Plan & Development of Watershed Management Plan

- The Public Participation Process (PPP)
 - The PPP is due May 1, 2004

- Laura Rubin (HRWC) received 6 letters from communities in support of the PPP and will send these to the MDEQ along with the PPP. Communities that do not submit a letter to Laura by Friday April 30, 2004 will have to send their letter directly to Patricia Huddas at MDEQ.
 - The PPP was previously being referred to as the Public Participation Plan. “Process” now replaces “Plan” and **this will be updated in the PPP before submittal to the MDEQ.**
 - **On page 9 of the PPP, the sentence “individuals must be exposed....” should be removed before submittal.**
 - **Remove “?” on page 10 before submittal.**
 - Watershed Management Plan Development
 - HRWC didn’t receive any completed homework for completing the draft tables of “Pollutants, Sources and Causes.” HRWC will instead try to fill in more blanks on its own and then will bring back to the committee for discussion.
 - Codes and Ordinances Worksheet (COW)
 - A COW and cover letter were distributed.
 - The COW allows an in-depth review of the standards, ordinances, and codes that shape how development occurs in each community.
 - The point system seen in the COW simply helps HRWC assess where each community stands in terms of how “environmentally friendly” are it’s codes and ordinances. The points will not be shared and communities should not be concerned with them.
 - Do not leave any of the answers blank without explaining *why* the answer was left blank.
 - **Communities need to find the appropriate person to complete the COW. Please pass this person’s name along to Debi Weiker.**
 - Call Debi Weiker at HRWC if you have any questions re the COW at (734) 769-5123 or dweiker@hrwc.org
 - **HRWC would like the COW completed by May 27, 2004**
 - **HRWC will email an electronic version of the COW to communities**
 - GIS mapping – **if you have not already, please send all GIS information to Kris Olsson at HRWC (kolsson@hrwc.org).**
 - Reporting to the committee
 - HRWC asked communities what type of reporting they wanted to see as the WMP progressed.
 - Currently there are quarterly invoices that go to the school district
 - The group agreed that quarterly summaries of progress would be fine.
3. Next Meeting: **Thursday May 27, 2004, 9:30 am, at Wade-Trim.**