

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

1. Introductions and Agenda Review. Attendees:

- Noel Mullett, Wayne County Dept of Environment
- Sarah Chope, Charles Raines for City of Gibraltar
- Greg Weeks, Wade-Trim
- Elizabeth Clay, OHM for City of Romulus
- Michelle LaRose, OHM for Huron Township
- Laura Rubin, HRWC
- Michael Kruse, City of Woodhaven
- Robert Burns, Friends of the Detroit River
- Bruce Hammond, City of Flat Rock
- Aaron Staup, JCK and Associates for Sumpter Township
- Dan Swallow, Charter Township of Van Buren
- Susan Featheringill, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District

Action items are identified in **bold**.

2. Development and Coordination of Storm Water Permit Elements

A. Administration

- Status of Community Resolutions re: Lower Huron Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee Agreement:
 - Wayne County – in the process of passing the resolution
 - Van Buren Township – passed the resolution
 - Sumpter Township – status is unknown. **Aaron Staup will check the status.**
- School District/HRWC invoice approval and future protocol
 - All entities should have received an invoice by this time. **Laura will check into who hasn't paid as of yet.**
 - The committee agreed that Susan Featheringill could approve the invoices on a monthly basis on behalf of the group.

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

- The Public Participation Process (PPP) was submitted to the DEQ by the May 1, 2004 deadline. Although HRWC has received no formal feedback on the PPP, Patricia Huddas of MDEQ did indicate to HRWC that she was pleased with the work.
- Watershed Management Plan Development
 - Continue Pollutant/Source/Cause Investigation
 - HRWC indicated that there are 3 ways that they will be gathering information to try and identify and prioritize pollutants and sources:

feedback from this committee, feedback from the public (through a public forum), and analyzing available data.

- HRWC put together a set of tables identifying pollutant sources and causes based on surveys done by this committee. These tables were distributed in a handout.
- The committee questioned whether pollutants/sources/causes should be prioritized (it currently is not) and it was decided that once HRWC analyzes available data and is able to get the public's input, this could more easily be done.
- There were a couple comments made regarding the draft tables:
 - 1) Would like to see development/change in land-use specifically listed as a source of pollution.
 - 2) Would like Belleville Lake listed as a source of nutrient loading.

Laura will incorporate these comments into the draft tables.

- Codes and Ordinances Worksheet (COW)
 - A COW was distributed at the previous meeting.
 - The COW allows an in-depth review of the standards, ordinances, and codes that shape how development occurs in each community.
 - Do not leave any of the answers blank without explaining *why* the answer was left blank.
 - 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 as soon as possible. Please send completed COWs to Debi.**
- Road Crossing Inventory – As part of the WMP, HRWC will be performing a road crossing inventory to identify points at which the river crosses major roads. They will be starting later this summer and would like members of the committee to come out to better understand the process. This should only be a couple hour time commitment from the committee members.
- GIS mapping – **if you have not already, please send all GIS information to Kris Olsson at HRWC (kolsson@hrwc.org).** HRWC is still looking for information from Van Buren, Romulus, Sumpter, and Woodhaven.
- Public Education Plan (PEP) – the DEQ released a PEP guidance document, which was distributed at the meeting (already has been distributed via email). HRWC reviewed the guidance document and is planning on submitting comments to DEQ. Their biggest concerns with the document are that the DEQ is requiring a budget to be submitted, they are requiring more detail than necessary, and are requiring a means of measuring each task for evaluation, which is not feasible. Noel Mullett also reported that SEMCOG is preparing comments. **If you have additional concerns with the PEP guidance document, send your comments to the DEQ as soon as possible.**

3. Next Meeting: **Thursday July 8, 2004, 9:30 am, at Wade-Trim (25251 Northline Road, Taylor, 734-947-9700).**

The next steps in the WMP will focus on goals and objectives.

River Day is Saturday July 5, 2004. Contact Ellen at HRWC for information.

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