

**Lower Huron Sub Watershed
Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) Notes
September 13, 2004**

1. Introductions and Agenda Review. Attendees:

- Carl Brooks, Romulus
- Robert Burns, Friends of the Detroit River
- Sarah Chope, Charles Raines for Gibraltar, Flat Rock
- Elizabeth Clay, OHM for Romulus
- Joe DiSanto, Brownstown Township
- Tricia Huddas, MDEQ
- Michael Kruse, Woodhaven
- Michelle LaRose, OHM for Huron Township
- Noel Mullett, Wayne County Department of Environment
- Elizabeth Riggs, HRWC
- Rob Rochon, Hennessey Engineers for Berlin Twp and S. Rockwood
- Laura Rubin, HRWC
- Roy Schrameck, ECT for Rockwood
- Dan Swallow, Van Buren Township
- Greg Weeks, Wade-Trim

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:
 - All entities have passed their resolutions
 - Wayne County has not received the resolution from Sumpter Township; **Noel Mullett (Wayne County) will follow up with Susan Featheringill (Woodhaven-Brownstown School District) to see if Sumpter Twp paid their invoice**
- Joint Watershed Workshop
 - The first joint watershed meeting will take place on November 9, 2004
 - 2-3 joint watershed meetings are to be expected over the course of the Watershed Management Plan development
 - Lower Huron WAG meetings are not being replaced by the joint meetings, and therefore will still occur

B. Public Participation Process Update

- The Public Participation Process (PPP) was approved by the DEQ on August 18, 2004 (each community should receive a copy of the letter from HRWC)

- Schedule and discuss 1st public meeting
 - Ideas for the content of the meeting were discussed:
 - Introduce Watershed Management Plan and provide an open house (possibly include a display from each community)
 - Allow residents to offer their concerns and input
 - Provide a presentation
 - 3 public meetings will occur over the course of the Watershed Management Plan development (as defined in the PPP)
 - The first public meeting will occur on Thursday November 4, 2004 from 7pm-9pm. The tentative location is Brownstown Community Center.
 - There has been one press release since the last meeting. The press release announced the beginning of the watershed management planning process.
 - A subcommittee was formed to begin planning the format of the 1st meeting. The members of the subcommittee are Elizabeth Riggs (HRWC), Roy Schrameck (ECT for City of Rockwood), and Rob Rochon (Hennessey Engineers for South Rockwood and Berlin Township). **All communities should email Roy Schrameck a list of who should be invited to the meeting. (rschrameck@ectinc.com).**

C. Watershed Management Plan Update

- Elizabeth Riggs (HRWC) presented a slide show “Why Healthy Watersheds are Important” created by the Center for Watershed Protection. Contact Elizabeth if you would like a copy of the slide show for your community.
- Greg Weeks (Wade-Trim) presented a CD created by the MWEA Education Subcommittee entitled “Healthy Watersheds – Our Responsibility, Our Legacy.”
 - CDs can be ordered through MWEA. Order forms were passed out at the meeting. Contact Greg if additional forms are needed.
 - The MWEA presentation may be played at the 1st joint watershed meeting
- A Watershed Management Plan progress checklist was provided by HRWC at the meeting
- Continue pollutant/source/cause investigation
 - Code and Ordinance Worksheet Update
 - Recommendations and results of the COW for each community are forthcoming. A handout was provided by HRWC, which summarizes the overall results of the COWs.
 - Decisions regarding the COW can be made at the community level or at a roundtable. This is a possible topic of discussion for one of the joint watershed meetings.
 - HRWC is required to list in the Watershed Management Plan what each community decides to do as a result of the COW.

- HRWC is still looking for assistance in completing the road crossing inventories by mid-November
- Optional future presentations
 - Send requests for presentations to Elizabeth Riggs (HRWC)
 - Roy Schrameck recommended a presentation on low impact development
 - Noel Mullett recommended a presentation on why WMPs fail

D. “PEP Talk” – Public Education Plan

- PEP and IDEP due November 1, 2004
- HRWC provided a template for the PEP. **Laura (HRWC) will also email the template to each community.**
- HRWC will organize annual SEMCOG mailings for an additional cost
- The DEQ IDEP and PEP guidance documents are available online (www.michigan.gov/deq)

E. Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan Discussion

- Noel Mullett (Wayne County) provided 2 handouts – a template for completing the PEP and a list of Wayne County IDEP support activities
- Wayne County encourages communities to promote their hotline number and brochures as part of the PEP/IDEP
- Watershed signs will be available for \$80/sign through Wayne County. Cost does not include permit fees or installation.

F. Other Items

- HRWC is working with their webmaster to have the Watershed Management Plan available on the HRWC website.
- **Communities should have IDEP and PEP drafts ready by the next meeting to share with the group.**

3. Next Meeting: **Tuesday October 5, 2004, 9:30 am, at Wade-Trim (25251 Northline Road, Taylor, 734-947-9700).**