

MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Joint Technical & Public Education Committee Meeting



March 19, 2008
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Allen Park
Belleville
Berlin Township
Brownstown Township
Dearborn Heights
Ecorse
Flat Rock
Gibraltar
Grosse Ile Township
Huron Township
Lincoln Park
Melvindale
Riverview
Rockwood
Romulus
Southgate
South Rockwood
Sumpter Township
Taylor
Van Buren Township
Wayne County
Wayne County
 Airport Authority
Westland
Woodhaven
Woodhaven-Brownstown
 School District
Wyandotte

The Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Public Education and Technical Committees held a joint meeting on March 19, 2008.

Attendance:

Bob Daniels
Phil Rutkowski
Matt Best
Noel Mullet
Nancy Gregor
Patrick Cullen
Susan Thompson
Michael Flowers
Andra Mealey
Greg Tupancy
Steven Roberts
Krystina Kramarz
John Blevins
Craig Lyon
Brian Borden
Rick Lang
Elizabeth Thacker
Michelle LaRose
Robert Burns
Dan Brooks
Kelly McRobb-Ackland
Scott Hurley
Tom McMurtrie
Tricia Huddas
Rod Julian
Ric Lawson
Dan Swallow
Brent Florek
Linda Spangler

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City of Southgate
City of Dearborn Heights
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City of Westland
City of Taylor
LSL Planning (Grosse Ile)
City of Allen Park
OHM
OHM
Friends of the Detroit River
Wade Trim
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City of Ann Arbor
MDEQ-WB
Brownstown Township
HRWC
Van Buren Township
Charles E. Raines, Co.
Huron Township

1) Green Infrastructure – Storm Water Utilities Presentation

Presentations were given by Sanborn, Inc., American Forests, and the City of Ann Arbor to discuss the opportunities and application of Green Infrastructure Imagery. Andrew Brenner from Sanborn, Inc., presented the relationship between land use/land cover and watershed conditions, and how landcover (Impervious) and land use (Zoning) is derived

and used. Cheryl Kolin from American Forest, presented a number of examples of how green infrastructure data can be evaluated that shows the value in stormwater management. Tom McMurtrie, from the City of Ann Arbor, presented how the City's stormwater rate model was developed utilizing land cover mapping. Following each presentation there was a question and answer session.

Action Item: The Committee requested Sanborn to submit cost information for both "gray" and "green" coverage within the ADW boundaries.

2) Other ADW Tech/PE Committee Business

a) Grow Zone Project Sites

The evaluation and selection of Grow Zone Project Sites is completed. All 11 project sites submitted are being recommended for design. The geographic distribution is 4 in Lower Huron, 4 in Combined Downriver and 3 in the Ecorse Creek Watershed. The size and scope of the projects should be within budget.

Action Item: Acceptance letters will be sent shortly to the 11 applicants.

b) Grow Zone Design RFP Status

The RFP has been finalized and emailed to all ADW members and posted on the ADW website. It was requested for members to forward the RFP to design consultants, no formal advertisement is planned.

Action Item: Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2008 at Wayne County's office in Wayne.

c) Grow Zone Detention Pond Workshop Proposal

A proposed scope of work and budget was presented for two workshops to be held this year. This item will be discussed at the next Technical/Public Education Committee meeting.

d) Monitoring Activities and Planning

Sub committee has been meeting with Wayne County to finalize the Monitoring Plan for 2008. Sites are being considered near the proposed grow zone sites.

e) IDEP Training Status

Notices were sent for two IDEP training workshops. The March 20th workshop is full and there is room in the April 23rd workshop.

NEXT MEETING

The next Joint Public Education/Technical Committee meeting was scheduled for the following:
April 15, 2008 10:30 am at the Wayne County DOE-Wayne Office