

MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Technical Committee Meeting

May 26, 2009
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm



The Alliance of Downriver Watersheds Technical Committee held a meeting on May 26, 2009.

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

Attendance:

Noel Mullett	Wayne County DOE
Dean Tuomari	Wayne County DOE
Ric Lawson	HRWC
Brent Florek	Charles E Raines Co
Vicki Putala	OHM
Dan Brooks	Wade Trim
Leah Groya	Wade Trim

1) ADW 2010/2011 Budget

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the next two year budget ('10-'11) for the ADW which will need to be adopted by the Full ADW in Fall 2009. Various suggestions and ideas were discussed as to best utilize the ADW funds in order to improve water quality, address the Ecorse Creek and Detroit River TMDLs, and meet permit requirements while recognizing the current financial situations for all of the ADW communities. After considerable discussion, the following activities and associated budgets (ADW share) were agreed upon to present as a draft 2-year budget to the Finance Committee. The list below does not reflect the total ADW budget, i.e. grant amounts, Wayne County share, etc. The list below reflects only the ADW share and proposed commitment.

IDEP Activities	\$192,000
Public Education Activities	\$25,000
Public Education Related to NPS Grant	\$20,000
Monitoring Activities	\$50,000
Monitoring Activities Related to NPS Grant	\$20,000
Planning Activities	
Riparian Corridor Planning - NPS Grant	\$30,000
TMDL Action Plan	\$12,500
Facilitation	\$128,000
Audit	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL ADW SHARE	\$482,500

A few notes related to the above:

- Wayne County has received a \$192,000 CMI grant for IDEP investigations in the ADW, with a focus on Ecorse Creek (as required by MDEQ). This must be matched with \$192,000 from the ADW and \$41,700 from Wayne County over 2 years. This must be spent by September 2011.

- A place holder of \$25,000 over 2 years is included in the draft budget. This could be used for a variety of things to assist ADW members meet permit requirements and continue to raise the level of awareness of the resources within the ADW. Purchasing watershed and drain signs was discussed as was the development of a CD packet with articles, etc. that could be used by ADW members.
- In the Fall of 2009, the ADW submitted 3 grant applications to the State/EPA for consideration. At this time, the ADW has not heard if the grant applications will be funded. If they are, there are local match requirements. Therefore, a total of \$70,000 - \$20K for public education, \$20K for monitoring and \$30K for riparian corridor planning/program have been included.
- MDEQ has indicated that they are no longer going to allow fiduciary arrangements on grants. Therefore, \$5K is being set aside for fees associated with ADW becoming a 501c3 non-profit corporation and/or having an audit performed to make ADW eligible for future MDEQ grants.

It was decided that a draft budget would be presented to the Finance Committee for further discussion at their June meeting. An excel table will be drafted for Technical Committee members to fill in giving more detail to the budgets listed above.

2) **Brief Updates**

- Contested Case – an email was recently sent out by Patrick McCauley indicating that the MDEQ may be receptive to considering the current and ongoing efforts of the ADW as an acceptable "alternative approach" under the new permit.
- Grow Zone Status – plant delivery is scheduled for June 2nd. Planting dates have been identified for all the sites with the exception of the Lake Erie Metropark. There's been some turn over at the Wildlife Refuge, so it's a bit behind schedule. Plantings should be completed by the end of June.
- Green Infrastructure – QA/QC work has been completed and sent back to Sanborn for correction.
- Monitoring – Ric and Noel will discuss the long-term monitoring plan and the remainder of the plan for 2009 in the coming weeks.

3) **Next Meeting**

No Technical Committee Meeting has been scheduled.

A Finance Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled for late June to review the draft 2-year budget. A Full ADW Meeting needs to be scheduled for July. These both should be scheduled as soon as possible as summer calendars are filling up.