

MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Technical Committee Meeting



October 8, 2008
8:30 am – 9:30 am

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 Technical Committee held a meeting on October 8, 2008.

Attendance:

Noel Mullet
Neil Greene
Robert Burns
Ric Lawson
Brent Florek
Roy Schrameck
Betsy Nightingale
Don Carpenter
Dan Swallow
Vicki Putala
Leah Groya

Wayne County
Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools
Friends of the Detroit River
HRWC
Charles E. Raines, Co.
Rockwood
MDEQ
Lawrence Tech
Van Buren Township
OHM
Wade Trim

1) Review MDEQ Comments on Letters of Intent

Betsy Nightingale, MDEQ, provided comments on the two LOI's submitted for grant funding.

- Not much CMI funds remain- implementation projects need to include update of WMPs to 319 compliance.
- MDEQ doesn't like to pull line items out of grant applications to fund, but they are able to
- In applications, discuss how project addresses priorities in WMPs – i.e. specific TMDLs that will be addressed
- Will any projects result in delisting? EPA is pushing MDEQ hard to delist
- Discussion took place related to strategy of combining all three LOIs into 1 application – Betsy will look into and respond via email.
- MDEQ agreed to do a site visit at the proposed culvert projects and provide comment regarding eligibility – this will be scheduled as soon as possible. Need to determine if culverts are causing non-point source pollution. There was also discussion about whether it's a maintenance issue or not and if it would be required under the MS4 permit.
- Add justification for cost of updating the WMPs to 319
- Items related to public education may be considered required under the MS4 permit and not eligible – need described in further detail

- Suggest not using the term “banking” – maybe “acquisition” program instead
- Rephrase language to indicate action related to the riparian corridor project – focus on implementation. Include letters from property owners and local entity indicating willingness

2) Recommendation for Full ADW to Submit Grant Packages

After much discussion with the Technical Committee members and ADW, it was determined that the recommendation that should be made to the full ADW is as follows:

To move forward with pursuing all 3 projects for which a notice of intent was submitted to the DEQ (planning project, implementation project, and riparian land acquisition project). There will be a possibility that 2 applications be submitted instead of 3 (the land acquisition could be rolled into the planning project dependent upon the DEQ's opinion for likelihood of success). There may also be a possibility that the culvert projects will not be included in the grant application depending on the results of the MDEQ pending site visit and comments.

3) Next Meeting

No Technical Committee was scheduled.