



MEETING AGENDA
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Technical / Public Education Committee Meeting

January 11, 2017
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Wayne County Offices
Wayne, MI

Allen Park
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- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review Agenda**
- 3. Updates on Collaborative Permit Sections/Templates**
 - a. Including previously nested school districts and
 - b. Timeline for IDEP activities
- 4. Updates on PE/Monitoring Activities**
 - a. Public Education Survey Results
 - b. Stream Table Vouchers/Green Schools
 - c. EAB Grant
 - d. Invasive Species Grant
 - e. Monitoring
- 5. 2017 Contract**
- 6. Next Meeting**
- 7. Adjourn**



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February 28, 2017
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Wayne County Offices
Wayne, MI

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review Agenda**
- 3. Updates on Collaborative Permit Sections/Templates**
- 4. In Person ADW Member Permit Questions**
- 5. Brief Updates on PE/Monitoring Activities**
 - a. Stream Table Vouchers/Green Schools
 - b. EAB Grant
 - c. Invasive Species Grant
 - d. Monitoring
 - e. Calendar Schedule – contest?
- 6. Brief Updates on 2017 SAW Tasks**
 - a. ADW GIS Database
 - b. Pollution Prevention Action Plans
 - c. Training Program to Educate on IDEP + GH/P2
 - d. Priority BMPs to address TMDLs
- 7. 2017 Contracts**
- 8. Set Full ADW 2017 Meeting Dates**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Adjourn**



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Technical / Public Education Committee Meeting

April 11, 2017
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Wayne County Offices
Wayne, MI

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review Agenda**
- 3. 2017 Contracts**
 - a. 2017 Invoices – format for SAW reporting
- 4. Moving 2017 SAW Tasks Forward**
 - a. ADW GIS Database
 - b. Training Program to Educate on IDEP + GH/P2
 - c. Priority BMPs to address TMDLs
- 5. Brief Updates on PE/Monitoring Activities**
 - a. Stream Table Vouchers/Green Schools
 - b. EAB Grant
 - c. Invasive Species Grant
 - d. Monitoring
 - e. Calendar
 - f. Logo Design
 - g. Photo Contest Set Up
 - h. Identifying Regional Partnership Opportunities
- 6. Full ADW 2017 Meeting Dates**
- 7. Next Meeting**
- 8. Adjourn**



MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Joint Public Education / Technical Committee Meeting
October 10, 2017
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Allen Park
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The Alliance of Downriver Watersheds held a joint Public Education/ Technical Committee meeting on October 10, 2017

Attendance:

Jim Gorris	Gibraltar
Noel Mullett	Wayne County
Leah Groya	livingLAB
Ric Lawson	HRWC
Pam Labadie	HRWC
Vicki Putala	OHM
Elizabeth Thacker	OHM
Christine Spitzley	OHM

1. Collaborative IDEP

The team heard that the Collaborative IDEP submitted by the ARC was rejected by the MDEQ. The ADW team discussed various options for addressing a similar anticipated collaborative IDEP response from MDEQ. The Collaborative IDEP submitted used instream screening to identify priority areas. Will likely need to offer some dry weather screening. A potential response would be to keep the ADW approach as is with in stream monitoring, but add some dry weather screening in areas where we have an e.coli TMDL and do dry weather screening on 10% of outfalls over the 5-year period. Outfalls will be mapped with SAW B2 funds. We all share the same goals to improve the ambient waters in the ADW and we agree that the stormwater system is a contributor to pollutant loading. We think that tracking water quality of the surface waters is a start and then prioritize in waters upstream of those priority areas. We have a considerable amount of data that's been collected over the past years to assist in prioritizing. Let's be proactive with the MDEQ and propose our approach so we can get a response in time to adjust our SAW and monitoring efforts as soon as possible. It was agreed that we should get full ADW approval for our team to meet with the MDEQ to get feedback in February 2018.

ACTION: OHM will prepare a letter on ADW letterhead for ADW approval at the November 2nd meeting. Letter will be drafted to the MDEQ requesting a meeting to discuss permit review status in February 2018 so that the ADW can move monitoring and SAW efforts forward in an efficient manner.

2. SAW Update

- GIS data collection (pilot program with 2-3 communities: explain SAW Tasks to ADW; handout sign in sheet for GIS data contact for each community) OHM has a page summary to hand out at the November ADW meeting – language that explains the project, what data we're looking for, who to send it to, etc. OHM will also have a sheet to pass around at the ADW meeting to mark the numbers/names of the correct people.
- Reimbursement – was sent to MDEQ – Elizabeth will follow up to see status.
- Noel noted that the ADW's Fiduciary Services Agreement with Wayne County is expiring and needs to be amended to include the ADW SAW Grant. Vicki will set up a conference call or meeting with MDEQ, Wayne County Corp Counsel and OHM to discuss to ensure the amendment language is appropriate to move forward.

3. Brief Review 2018 Draft Budget (per Finance Committee)

The budget hasn't changed since meeting with the Finance Committee. There is some minor shifting in budget that will be carried over into 2018 of work that won't be completed in 2017. Pam Labadie has a budget change and will get to OHM to include. The budget will be proposed at the full ADW meeting at their November meeting.

4. Brief Updates (if any)

- **2018 Calendars**
Calendars will be printed and delivered this week. HRWC will take on more copies this year and are working a distribution plan to get those out including at the Detroit River Water Festival.
 - Detroit River Water Festival is in October on Belle Isle. Includes 15 schools from City of Detroit participating. They are looking for a \$300 sponsorship. Pam plans on going to volunteer to learn more about it and will provide a \$300 sponsorship on the ADWs behalf. HRWC will expense it to the project and include it on an invoice to OHM.
 - Pam will also target the MDOT Monroe Welcome Center to distribute the calendar. They have 100,000 visitors/month at the Welcome Center. Pam knows the staff there and will seek approval to distribute.
 - Ric and Vicki will be Stormwater Summit later this month and will also distribute calendars.
- **Photo Contest**
HRWC and WT have done a lot of leg work to get this ready – photo contest will not start until January 2018. Worked to develop a webpage. Will bring marketing materials for ADW members at the November meeting to help drive people to the calendar and the photo contest. Also targeting ad space in the Tribune and possibly the Heritage and Monroe Evening news. Met with Nancy Gregor and will be wrapping the photo contest into the Green Schools program. Nancy will give participating in January-March prior to applications being due. Can also then participate in the Fall. Includes prizes if their photo wins for that month.
- **Stream Table Vouchers/Green Schools** – no update – two schools in Fall of 2017.
- **EAB Grant**
 - i. Gibraltar + Van Buren Plantings
Very hot day. Gibraltar DPW crews were available and helped with placement of trees. Citizen Foresters were great and directed the plantings. Gibraltar got 20 trees. Van Buren planting went well too. About \$500 remained for purchasing of trees. Would like to donate to the Citizen Foresters – perhaps something we could ask the ADW about doing. Will place on agenda item for November meeting. Send along with a thank you note. Using grant funds to donate is not an option, but perhaps could some of the ADW 2017 "as needed" funds could be used to make a donation? Consider donating tree water bags?

OHM will follow up to get Pam some photos that were taken the day of the plantings.

- **Invasive Species Grant**

Need to figure out how to fulfil the scope in the time allotted. Possibly use aerial photography and field work to mark areas for future removal of invasive species. Would also like to do a short training session at the November ADW member meeting on invasive species identification.

- **Identifying Regional Partnership Opportunities**

Pam has done some research to share. **Metro Detroit Nature Network** – a collaboration being run by SEMCOG Plan Implementation group. Modeled after the Chicago Wilderness Organization. SEMCOG did a regional bus tour in August. U of M Dearborn is housing their webpage. Don't know a lot about the group yet, but there seems like there would be a potential partner for the ADW. Pam will continue research and bring back for recommendation.

- **Monitoring Activities**

HRWC wrapped up season – got to every site on every date that was planned. Captured a few storms this year. Moving into analysis phase. HRWC is looking at improving staffing and volunteers at the ADW sites. Considering involving interns more to relief some of the pressure off staff and volunteers. Working on report writing and will do an evaluation and planning meeting for the whole program. HRWC will invite Noel and Sue to the WQ monitoring evaluation/planning meeting. Nathan Z from OHM will contact Ric to exchange notes on WQ monitoring.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 30, 2018 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm** at the Wayne County office.