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Sustainability Committee
Monday, June 5, 2017
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions:
2. USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - a. Geographic Scope
 - b. Alpine Township meeting with farmers update
 - i. Farmer/Agriculture-zoned landowner outreach
 - c. Grand River Habitat Restoration
 - i. Green Infrastructure opportunities
3. Water Trail
 - a. Grand River Partnership
 - b. May 15 DNR/Grand River watershed-wide meeting update
 - i. Michigan Water Trails Manual
 - ii. DNR Vision:
 1. *The goal of the water trail designation is to develop and maintain a locally supported, sustainable trail for the entire length of the river that offers a diversity of experiences, including lengths, scenery, heritage exploration, paddler challenges and amenities. The trail will be a catalyst for improved recreational opportunity, healthy lifestyles, and local prosperity.*
 - iii. 4 Steps to creating a Water Trail
 1. Get Organized
 2. Conduct an Inventory
 3. Plan the water trail
 4. Implement
 - c. Community Outreach
 - i. Access site owners/operators
 - ii. Rural stretches of river
 - iii. Letters of Support
4. Other business
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for August 7, 2017 @ GVMC 1:30-2:30