



Subwatershed Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Web Meeting

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Ben Jordan, Ottawa Conservation District
 - b. Courtney Cromley, GVMC/LGROW
 - c. Wendy Ogilvie, GVMC/LGROW
 - d. Gerry Koning, Trinity CRC & Rush Creek
 - e. David Comeau, Barry Conservation District
 - f. Pete & Mary Lewandoski, Coldbrook Creek
 - g. Deanna Geelhoed, Plaster Creek Stewards
 - h. Callie Melton, Crockery Creek Watershed
 - i. Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resources
2. LGROW Natural Connections Map, <https://regis-gvmc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=0f9cf3762fff466ea282b230706985ff&wmode=opaque>
 - a. LGROW has replaced their 10-year-old Natural Connections map with a new online interactive map. This map features different types of land use and green infrastructure (GI). Originally, LGROW was working on this map with the Sustainable Committee. They would now like to turn this map over to the Subwatersheds Committee because they will mainly utilize this map.
 - b. Wendy has asked for the Subwatersheds to get us GI information if they have it and Deanna will get LGROW the address of the GI so they can be mapped. During the discussion of this map the Subwatersheds asked for my layers to be researched. Courtney will work on adding Contours, floatable waters, access points and BMP's. The Natural Connections map can be accessed through the link above or on LGROW's website in the stormwater tab under green infrastructure.
3. Watershed Reliance Plan
 - a. Wendy is working on a Watershed Reliance Plan. This plan will give a framework for how the watershed will respond to climate change. Many communities have created these plans, but Wendy will be making this plan larger to encompass the whole watershed.
 - b. Wendy would like to get each subwatershed groups input. She will be sending out a matrix, and a map of your watershed for feedback. The matrix will help define your watershed's vision and recommendations. Please return your vision and recommendations to Wendy within a month.
4. Watershed Jamboree
 - a. Host – Possible hosts
 - i. Rush Creek



- ii. Crockery Creek
 - b. Location
 - i. Trinity CRC
 - ii. Grose Park
 - c. Ben would like everyone to keep in mind a location that would be easy for walk-ins. Last years attendance seemed well attended by walkups. Ben would like to see the same concept for next year since we are still working on our following.
 - d. EGLE Sponsorship – There is a possible sponsorship that could be used for costs of the Jamboree. This sponsorship would require one for one match. Ben will reach out to Dana to find if we would be able to use planning time and location costs as match.
- 5. Grants
 - a. Grant Workshop rescheduled for next meeting, July 14
 - i. If there is any specific topics or grant information you are looking to get out of this meeting, please reach out to Ben. He will try to work in these questions into the agenda to make sure it is covered in the meeting.
 - b. Upcoming Grant Applications/Partnerships
 - i. Reduction of sediment and nutrients grants will be extended to Mid may
 - ii. Ben will send out grants when he sees more, and please do the same if you see grants.
- 6. Other Discussion
 - a. Subwatershed Updates
 - i. Bass/Deer- Results are back from their *E. coli* source tracking they did last year. They are checking human *E. coli* to locate septic issues.
 - ii. Sand Creek – EGLE 319 grant to reduce flooding. Several people have been working on implementing BMP's including cover crops and no till. This is occurring in the upper 9 miles of the creek and are Ag BMPs. Most of the project areas are close to completion. Ben can share progress shots if requested of the two stage ditches that they have been working on.
 - iii. Crockery Creek – Is working on the planning stages for a 319 grant, and a road stage crossing grant. The board meeting is the week of April 27th via zoom. They will be discussing establishing a nonprofit and taking on an activity for the group.
 - iv. Thornapple River- They have received their RCPP Grant. This grant will focus on water quality work for the Grand and the Kalamazoo watersheds. They are still working on their septic replacement grant and are hopping to extend that grant until the end of November.
 - v. LGRW- GLRI grant received from the US forest service to increase tree canopies.
 - vi. Rush Creek- They have been able to focus on outreach and watershed material. They will still be working on an Earth Day Celebration this year. There is a sign-up calendar to allow people to still plant trees at a safe distance for Earth Day.



They are hoping to do a mussel survey in either July or August and would appreciate volunteers to help conduct the mussel surveys.

- vii. Plaster Creek – Also received the GLRI forest service grant. EPA GLRI grant for more curb cut rain gardens. Most of their events have been postponed and are hoping to continue those later this summer. The director is retiring, and they will be going through some shifting this summer. Deanna will be holding a talk for the Creston neighborhood for Earth Day.
 - viii. Coldbrook Creek – Wege grant that they have received has helped them get off the ground. They have made their education and outreach focusing on the environment and joy in the environment. They are creating a more cohesive look and are making brochure and bumper stickers to match. They are working with TU to monitor park of their stream. A citizen science group will be working on a history and watershed tour for the watershed.
- b. New Subwatershed Group(s)
 - i. No new groups currently

7. Adjourn

- a. Next Meeting: July 14, 2020
 - i. Keep the Jamboree in mind
 - ii. Keep new grants in mind
 - iii. Wendy will be sending the recommendation sheets and maps to each Subwatershed group (Sand, Bass, Deer and Crockery to Ben)