



## Subwatershed Committee

Thursday, July 8, 2021 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Pavilion at Richardson Sowerby Park

65 S Main St, Rockford, MI 49341

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Ben Jordan, OCD, Chair
- b. Gerry Konning, Rush Creek, Vice Chair
- c. Andrea Lubberts, Plaster Creek Stewards
- d. Pete Lewandowski, Coldbrook Creek
- e. Mary Lewandowski, Coldbrook Creek
- f. Courtney Marek, GVMC/LGROW
- g. Josh Arnold, GVMC/LGROW
- h. Jillian Ashton, GVMC/LGROW

#### 2. Watershed Resilience

- a. Social PinPoint announcement from LGROW
  - i. LGROW has been working on this digital engagement tool that allows the public to submit concerns, excitement, and thoughts about their watershed. The “First round” of data gathering for Social PinPoint will end in the Fall.
  - ii. LGROW is looking for feedback and to spread the word about this tool. Please check this out and leave some comments! LGROW will be working on getting a QR code for our Social PinPoint website and create advertisements for newsletters, social media, park signs, etc.
- b. <https://gvmc.mysocialpinpoint.com/resilience-plan>
- c. Upcoming Grants
  - i. Upcoming Grant Applications/Partnerships – grant writing season!
    1. August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021– GLRI due  
[Funding | Great Lakes Restoration Initiative \(glri.us\)](#)
    2. August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – EPA 2020 capacity building  
[View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#)



3. 319 Projects – EGLE will be holding a webinar on July 20, 2021 at 10:00am.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1811322677189828366>

d. Trainings

i. MiCorps

1. MiCorps has a Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. This program provides technical assistance, trainings, and other support to those participating in this program. This program is similar to the MiCorps streams monitoring program. The 2021 streams enrolment time is currently closed but the lakes program will remain open until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

2. <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/>

ii. National Fish Passage Program

1. The National Fish Passage Program focus on Dam removal, restoration, trout habitat. [National Fish Passage Program \(fws.gov\)](https://www.fws.gov/national-fish-passage-program)

e. Conferences

i. August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Cultivating Resilience

1. This will be OCD's second annual agricultural field day and will include presentations, speakers, and demo plots related to climate resiliency in agriculture. Attendees can also learn about the environmental and agronomic benefits of agricultural BMPs. Registration is live on OCD's website.

[Cultivating Resilience 2021 | Ottawa County Conservation District \(ottawacd.org\)](https://ottawacd.org/cultivating-resilience-2021)

3. LGROW Spring Forum Recap

- a. Over 150 people participated in the 2021 Forum. Planning for next year's Forum will start soon. The current plan for the 2022 Forum will be a hybrid between the previous year's one day event and the 11 day, 2021 active Forum.
- b. Please let LGROW know if your sub watershed would like to host or volunteer at an event next year. Rush Creek discussed helping with an interpretive/educational river paddles, from GVSU's downtown campus to their Allendale campus.



#### 4. Other Discussion

##### a. Subwatershed Updates

- i. OCD, Sand Creek & Crockery Creek – The OCD has received a 319 EGLE grant to address nonpoint source pollution in the Sand Creek and Crockery Creek watersheds, and to provide E. coli monitoring. This funding will be used to provide technical assistance, outreach and education, and cost-share for BMP's like cover crops, reduced tillage, filter strips, and repairs to failing septic systems.
- ii. Coldbrook Creek – Has recently finalized their logo and will be going to farmers markets and other local events to get more people in their communities involved with their watershed group. They are continuing they work with the TU Mayfly monitoring but are looking for base data to compare parameters.
- iii. Rush Creek –Rush Creek did not receive their grant to implement raingardens on church grounds. However, their contacts would be welcomed for the LGROW Sacred Grounds grant.
- iv. Plaster Creek – Is continuing their work with the “Green Team” of high students. They also have a “Supercrew” college students’ who are working this year with green infrastructure maintance. They have also been busy applying for grants and planning for their future.
- v. LGROW – Site assessments for rainscaping program is live on our website again and we are back out giving site assessments. We have received another Sacred Grounds and will be looking for places of worship to work with. LGROW has lost of opportunities for volunteering two Whitecaps events July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. Stream Girls will be occurring again at Blandford Nature Center, and more tree plantings will happen fall. Dragon boat races are coming back, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Canal Park.

#### 5. Adjourn

- a. Next Meetings: October 14, 2021, January 13, 2021