



LGROW Technical Committee

Meeting Notice

To: LGROW Technical Committee
Where: Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/98986408386?pwd=Tm5DLzNIMFAwUnpWR1R3a3JlRCtrZz09;>
When: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Attendees: Cara, Kelsey, Jim, Peter, Joel, Dan, Angie, Aaron, Carrie, Rachell, Wendy, Shanyn
 - b. Last meeting was Dec. 16, virtual
2. LGROW Update
 - a. MS4 Permits
 - b. Committee Updates
 - i. Public Ed- planning for the Forum, working on the new PEP reporting form
 - ii. Sustainability- meeting first week of March, working on outreach with students and farmers, addressing environmental injustice
 - iii. Subwatershed- working on grant applications
 - c. Progress Reports
 - i. 2020 Progress Report forms are out and should be returned to Cara
 - ii. 2020 LGROW Annual Report issued in Feb., can find on LGROW website
3. TMDL Manual Update
 - a. EGLE comments in December, discussion 2/11/21
 - i. Met with Christe Alwin, who was responsible for the EGLE comments to the draft
 - b. Review draft with comments
 - i. EGLE connecting TMDL plan to IDEP
 1. Need to do some E. coli monitoring during dry weather screening if there is flow
 2. Specify that extra dry weather sampling only applies to TMDL reaches.

3. If there is dry weather flow there needs to be an outline of what triggers the e. coli sample. Rachell: don't want to test city water when people are watering their lawns. Peter- people watering their lawns can be an issue bc people are pushing what is on their lawn down the drain (fertilizer, etc.)- this data was from EGLE. Rachell- this could be addressed from a public ed standpoint. A source that we would really like to solve is broken septic systems.
 4. If ammonia and surfactants test pos.- in the high or immediate range, then return for e. coli test per the IDEP on the next follow up visit.
 5. Add the prioritization for wet weather to make the same conditions apply to dry weather samples (sample sites for wet and dry weather-if flow present, are the same)
 - ii. Need to justify taking 50 wet weather samples across the watershed
 1. Add information regarding flow during 2018 dry weather screening at OFs (total # of OFs that actually had flow). EGLE's previous comment was wondering how many total OFs are in the watershed (a lot)
 2. Mention lack of resources
 - iii. Need language from EGLE regarding wet weather conditions (what is a qualifying storm event?)
 1. Will make our best attempt to capture wet weather samples during storm events, and will document the conditions when samples are taken
 - iv. Timeline
 1. 2 wet weather sampling events proposed in 2022 and 2024- 2x is non-negotiable
 2. Need to get approval from Amanda, but IDEP would occur in 2024 during the second round of wet weather sampling
 - c. Cara will revise, and resend to the Committee for review before forwarding on to EGLE for approval
4. Upcoming Events
- a. LGROW Spring Forum June 10-20, 2021
 - i. Need ideas for virtual events
 - b. Next Technical Meetings:
 - i. April 21
 - ii. June- no meeting due to Spring Forum
 - iii. August 18
 - iv. October 20
 - v. Dec. 15
5. Adjourn