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Public Engagement Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
2:00-3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84815072096?pwd=VzRkaVJrUllmcS9RaC90SXcvdGxKQT09

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Attendance: Cara (LGROW), Elliott (SL), Rachell (Walker), Josh (LGROW), Tyra (SL), Jessie (SL), Natalie (Gaines Twp), Brent (GR), Carrie (GR), Mary (Plainfield), Connor (KCHD), Hannah (River Network), Amanda (EGLE), Jacob (KCHD), Rod (Georgetown), Eileen (EGLE), Courtney (LGROW), Jessica (Groundswell)

2. Schedule for 2022 - Meeting times 2:00-3:30 PM – Quarterly; Virtual until further notice

- a. 2022: July 13, October 12

3. Cooperating and collaborating with LGROW’s network to foster public education and outreach regarding shared environmental priorities.

- a. Green Cleaning Classes- present on proper disposal of household hazardous waste (MS4 permit requirement) and the benefits of switching to cleaner products
b. Have been hosting them mainly through KDL- KDL has filmed one of the classes

i. Recap

1. We have hosted 4 Green Cleaning Classes so far:

- a. Meijer Gardens
b. Plainfield
c. Walker
d. East Grand Rapids

2. 5 Classes Scheduled:

- a. Kentwood
b. Georgetown
c. Ferrysburg
d. Hudsonville
e. Spring Lake

ii. We still offering Summer Green Cleaning classes- will schedule later this summer

iii. Classes are \$10 and participants will leave with four cleaning products

- 1. All Purpose Spray
2. Scouring Powder
3. Stovetop Paste
4. Disinfectant Wipes

4. Supporting programs, events, materials, and activities that help communities meet the educational requirements of the NPDES stormwater permits (MS4s)

- a. 2022 PEP Implementation
 - i. Summer Tips + social media plan available in the Dropbox
- b. Social Media plan/content + newsletter articles:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/x0fzngo6knmfegt/AAAzr4HPHkipOpwNAJ-Z3nAda?dl=0>
 - i. Posts are available in Spanish also in the dropbox
- c. Updated approach for 2022 Giveaway Materials
 - i. Focused topic will be: Ultimate stormwater discharge location and potential impacts
 - ii. Waiting on the response from EGLE for the Landscaping for Water Quality Booklets
- d. Check out catalogue
 - i. Adopt a Drain Kit Ready to Use
 - ii. Tri-fold- LGROW and Clean Air Action
- e. New Outreach Flyers Created by LGROW
 - i. <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/usf3gg567q1kiforpzac3/h?dl=0&rlkey=awetx3zpct9i4qrir0z89i9b1>
 - ii. Managing Lawns
 - 1. Tri-fold preferable, or half sheet, laminated? Cardstock?
 - 2. Lawn clippings need to be blown back onto grass, not into street, or collected and disposed of appropriately off site
 - 3. Use Phosphorus free fertilizer
 - 4. Benefits specific to communities (dangerous for motorcycles, can cause clogged storm drains and lead to flooding)
 - iii. Parking Lot Pollution
 - iv. Put Waste in its Place
 - v. Stop the Salt Assault
 - vi. Could use boating information (Spring Lake)
 - 1. SL had clean boat, clean water signs

5. Documenting successful implementation the Information and Education Plan of the federally-approved Lower Grand River Watershed Management Plan.

- a. Round Table (Summer Events)
 - i. Gaines Twp adjacent- Kent County mixed material facility was approved
 - ii. GR- Alger ravine project is wrapping up and Plaster Creek Stewards are finishing planting, Highlands should be completed this fall, working on industrial stormwater program
 - iii. River Network- River Rally is coming up, Garfield Neighborhood Association has been putting together a litter taskforce, can promote AAD as an extension of that, hope to have a large agricultural project in Garfield Park
 - iv. EGLE- Student Earth Day webinar, Michigan EJ tool draft is out:
<https://www.michigan.gov/environmentaljustice/0,9615,7-400-104480---,00.html>
final draft of the MI Healthy Climate Plan will be released on April 22, 2022.
 - v. Spring Lake- working to get an invasive species removal contract

- vi. Groundswell- Green-Blue Career Fair
- vii. Kent Conservation District- chosen for the Rogue River Support Grant- working to provide 5 landowners with riparian buffers, and riparian outreach via EcoBuzz
- viii. Kent County Health Dept- seeing more septic permits as the weather gets warmer
- ix. Walker-new ordinance has been passed, working to rework the nested school agreement with Kenowa Hills Public Schools
- x. Georgetown- working on stormwater ord.
- xi. Plainfield- will start cross connection testing for residential irrigation and could use the lawn flier for this, Wolverine watermain extension is ongoing
- b. LGROW Committee Updates
 - i. Technical- June meeting cancelled, Prein & Newhof to do TMDL sampling
 - ii. Sustainability- working on the Lower Grand Water Trail
 - iii. Subwatershed- Jamboree will be held in Rush Creek in September
 - iv. SWOrd- next meeting May 5, almost all MS4s have adopted the new ordinance

6. **Upcoming Watershed Events**

- a. May 19-22, - Spring Forum
 - i. Hosted by LGROW, registration is open
 - ii. <https://www.lgrow.org/spring-forum>
- b. Water Trail Survey- please help LGROW complete this:
<https://www.lgrow.org/grand-river-water-trail>

Adjourn: Next meeting scheduled July 13, 2022

Meetings will be virtual until further notice; Will update calendar invite if this changes.