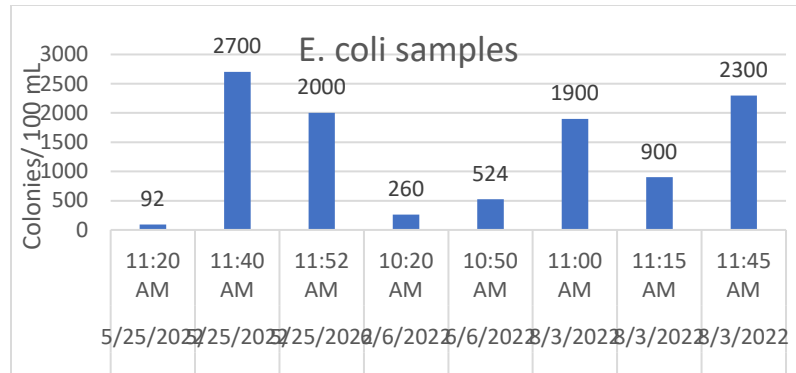




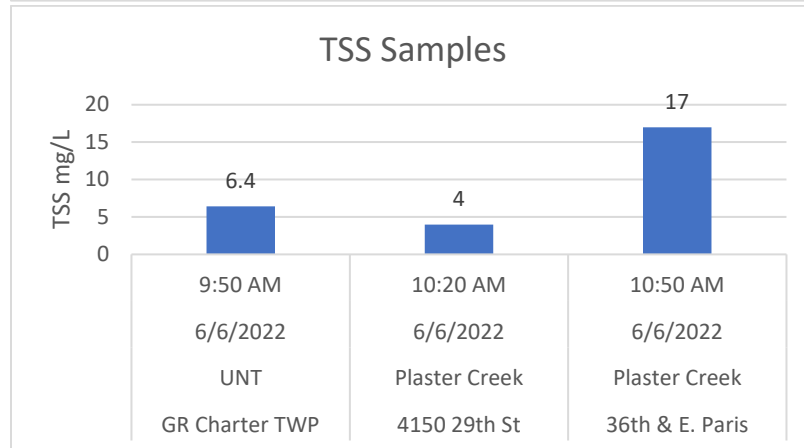
LGROW Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Last meeting was June 15
 - b. In Attendance: Scott Yonkers, Grant Simons, Wendy, Josh Arnold, Jim Beke, Joel Morgan, Carrie Rivette, Dan Taber, Dana Strouse, Rachell Nagorson.
 - c. Committee Chair and Vice Chair
 - i. Scott Yonkers to be the new chair for the technical committee. Grant Simons to continue to be the vice chair.
2. LGROW Update
 - a. a. SWOrd
 - i. Working on maintenance plans for developers to assess their projects to see if they are meeting requirements.
 - ii. Influential on getting the MS4 permits through, useful for communities to learn from one another for their own permits.
 - b. Subwatershed
 - i. Made up of representatives from the 32 subwatershed groups (not all active),
 - ii. watershed Jamboree to be hosted on September 17th at the Refugee Church in Grandville.
 - c. c. Public Engagement
 - i. involved in the public implementation plan as part of the MS4 permits
 - ii. Helping meet the requirements listing in the permit
 - iii. LGROW helps to coordinate the ordering and tabling of event
 - d. d. Sustainability
 - i. Working with urban farmers in the City of Grand Rapids
 - ii. Working with Conservation Districts with Ag practices
 - iii. Working with LGROW to implement the LGR Water Trail
3. TMDL Sampling
 - a. Only 3 sampling dates in the past three months. Hopefully there will be more rain!
 - i. E. coli has an eight hour hold time this limiting the period in which can be done
 - ii. Qualifying rainfall is a .25 inch rain event with more on the way



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- b. 2024 will be both dry and wet sampling. This will help to establish a baseline of what on a normal day is entering local river as to what is entering under rainy conditions
- c. Budget
 - i. P&N has spent roughly 400 dollars of their 3,000-dollar budget
- 4. EGLE Biological and Sediment Chemistry Report
 - a. Grand River was monitored in 2019
 - b. 35 sites in the Lower Grand River Watershed
 - c. Several sites ranked poor either from Macros or fish community
 - d. Several sites ranked Excellent, Prairie Creek, IMC, Section of the Lower Grand
 - e. EGLE will resample sites in Mill Creek
 - f. Will continue to sample sites along plaster creek, namely along Shady Side where much work has been done
 - g. Link to report: <https://www.lgrow.org/news/2022/8/17/egle-surveys-selected-lower-grand-river-watershed-streams>
- 5. Upcoming Events
 - a. Next technical committee meeting Oct. 19th virtual
 - b. West MI GSI Seminar at the Pinnacle Center, 8/25. Register here
 - c. LGROW has WQ sampling gear to sample events. If your community has any events that require WQ sampling to be done, let LGROW know!