



LGROW Technical Committee

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Carrie Rivette
- b. Rachel Frantz
- c. Courtney Cromley
- d. Carlos Calderon
- e. Cara Decker
- f. Aaron Vis
- g. Jim Beke
- h. Peter Klooster
- i. Rachell Nagorsen
- j. Dan Taber
- k. Wendy Ogilvie

2. LGROW Update

- a. Cara went over the new MS4 page on the LGROW website. The LGROW Design Spreadsheet page has also been added and is navigable from the MS4 page. Kent County Drain office is currently the only blank spreadsheet on the page currently.
- b. Cara presented on the new MS4 permits, this presentation recording and slides are available on the LGROW Design Spreadsheet page.
- c. MS4 Permits
 - i. Kent county is planning on implementing January 1, 2020
 - ii. Remaining permits will likely be pushed out in February.
- d. Adopt a Drain
 - i. There are 629 adopted drains currently. Website is being updated to become more user friendly and allow for administrative abilities which will enable community specific analytics. There will also be a more mobile friendly version available soon.
- e. Committee Updates
 - i. Public Engagement committee, public education plan update is nearly finished, will be sent out after the first of the year prior to submitting to EGLE. Community orders are due and will be ordered over the next couple of weeks.
 - ii. Subwatershed committee meeting scheduled January 14

3. LimnoTech/TMDL Review

- a. Get the TMDL monitoring plan into a 'final' state
 - i. Originally one document, we asked for it to be split into two. One for commitments and the other the Watershed Monitoring Manual. Today we

would like to get this manual into it's final state and will then send to other MS4's for their comments.

- ii. We would also like to send to EGLE prior to the next meeting in February. There will be a representative from EGLE at the next technical committee meeting to provide some guidance. This meeting will be moved up and will be a lunch and learn meeting and will be moved to the Recycling Center, followed by the Public Engagement meeting.
- iii. TMDL edits – Cara providing comments in document for all changes/decisions
 1. TSS and *E. coli* sampling
 2. Page 2, “Tiered Monitoring Approach” we would like to get rid of the word “tiered” and the highlighted sentence. Replace the word “tier” with “method” or entirely delete table with tiers.
 3. BMP tracking, page 3
 4. Load Reduction, Tier 2 – proposing to get rid of this section entirely. Group agreed.
 5. TMDL Monitoring locations and frequency
 - a. Wet weather sampling makes it more complicated because there are not enough crews and scheduling is difficult to base around weather.
 - b. We could write a disclaimer in the sampling conditions for this. Wet weather sampling will be attempted, but regular sampling will be scheduled, two per permit cycle.
 6. Procedures
 - a. Get rid of field sheet, grab sample, and list of labs.
- iv. Cara will go through all edits and will send out to committee for approval/comments and then will send to the rest of the MS4 communities.
 - b. Watershed Monitoring manual
4. Data Repository
 - a. We don't currently have a question/field for wet/dry weather sampling. This should be addressed later.
5. 2020 Meeting Schedule
 - a. February 12, 12 PM - 1:30 PM lunch meeting – meeting calendar will be sent out before Christmas.
6. Events
 - a. LGROW Spring Forum, May 8, 2020
7. Adjourn

MS4 Website: <https://www.lgrow.org/ms4>

TMDL Monitoring Manual Review

This is a stand-alone document for permit compliance that will be incorporated into the Watershed Monitoring Manual

- Sampling
 - Locations
 - Table 5 – 27 locations
 - Frequency
 - Once per year OR 2x per permit cycle (what our current TMDL plan says)
 - Procedures
 - Are these accurate?
- Attachments
 - Attachments 1-2 = new
 - Attachments 3-6 = copied from old manual
- How long do MS4's need to review?
 - Want EGLE to be able to see this before the Feb. 12 Tech meeting