

LGROW Technical Committee

Meeting Notice

To: LGROW Technical Committee

Where: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82767818667?pwd=YXFWUW1yOG85Rzd0SGl0bEdmVTBYZz09

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2022. 1-2 pm

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions

a. Present:

 Cara Decker, Josh Arnold, Scott Yonkers, Grant Simons, Jim Beke, Carrie Rivette, Dan Taber, Matt Schindlbeck, Dennis Brinks, Andrew Reinhardt

2. LGROW Update

a. SWOrd

i. Meeting regarding LGROW Design Spreadsheet will be held on March 1

b. Subwatershed

i. 2023 Watershed Jamboree hosted by Thornapple Watershed Council. Date is TBD but in Ada on the banks of the Thornapple River.

- c. Public Engagement
 - i. All PEP giveaways have been ordered and should be delivered to LGROW soon. LGROW staff will then distribute ordered giveaway in the upcoming weeks.
 - ii. If you need giveaways in the meantime let LGROW know.
- d. Sustainability
 - i. Next meeting March 20
 - ii. Coordinating with USDA on urban agriculture
 - iii. Finalizing some water trail projects

3. TMDL Plan

- a. Final to be included in progress reports
 - i. Cara sent out TMDL report. Please review when you get the chance
- b. Sampling in 2023?
 - Committee consensus was that sampling was done in 2022 and not required for 2023. In compliance with EGLE permit, and will address EGLE comments to the report if we get them.

- ii. Grant suggests that he is open to helping the sampling, possibly with interns in the future
 - 1. If there is a consensus to sample in 2023, several communities said they could possibly help out with 1 or 2 sites. Pending hearing from EGLE
- iii. Committee was in favor of hiring Prein & Newhof again for 2024
- c. 2024 will be dry weather and wet weather sampling
 - i. All MS4s will have a TMDL for E. coli in the upcoming permit
 - ii. Waiting for guidance from the state about sampling for the statewide E. coli TMDL, TMDL implementation plan will be submitted for all MS4s in the permit reapplication
- 4. Upcoming MiCorp Sampling
 - a. Volunteer macroinvertebrate sampling opportunity on the Rogue River
 - b. Richardson-Sowerby Park (65 S Main St, Rockford, MI 49341)
 - c. March 12th at 12 pm
 - Sign up at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rogue-river-volunteer-macroinvertebrate-sampling-tickets-546204782207?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete

ii.

- 5. LGROW Data Repository
 - a. https://www.lgrow.org/data-repository
 - i. If your community has any bulk data that you want to submit to the data repository send spreadsheet to Courtney Marek or Josh Arnold
 - ii. Josh to enter City of GR River Run data into the Data Repository
 - iii. Please share across your networks!
- 6. Upcoming Events
 - a. LGROW Spring Forum, MS4 meeting, June 9, Pinnacle Center
 - b. Next Technical meeting is April 19th
 - i. Progress Report will be submitted
- 7. Other:
 - a. What other things does this committee want to do?
 - Develop a general knowledge base for the committee to disseminate the information to elected officials and others
 - Topics to consider: reduction of chlorides, manufactured treatment devices
 - ii. Erosion training upcoming in the summer with the Road Commission
 - iii. Look at editing the Stormwater Standards Manual