



## ***LGROW Technical Committee***

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### **Minutes**

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Last meeting was April 19, 2022
  - b. Attendees: Scott Yonkers, Cara Decker, Andrew Reinhart, Grant Simons, Jim Beke, Rachell Nagorsen, Rachel Zywczyński, Dan Taber, Senci Pace, Wendy Ogilvie
2. LGROW Update
  - a. SWOrd: Next Meeting July 24<sup>th</sup>, LGROW Design Spreadsheet Revisions
  - b. Subwatershed: Next Meeting July 13<sup>th</sup>, Crockery Creek Shoreline Restoration
  - c. Public Engagement: Next Meeting July 12<sup>th</sup>, Work with Idea39 for marketing
  - d. Sustainability: Last Meeting Cancelled
3. TMDL Update
  - a. Presentation at MWEA Annual Conference, June 20
    - i. Wendy and Steve (Prein&Newhof) presented on the TMDL sampling last summer to approx. 35 people. There was an open discussion of permit details and MS4 program comparing other municipalities. First flush and rainfall measures are not consistent. Wet weather sampling is consistent, everyone is testing outfalls. Some municipalities only test for specific parameters.
    - ii. If there are push backs on procedure, refer to the NPDES permit.
  - b. Progress reports submitted/EGLE Audits
    - i. No feedback has yet been received from the submission of progress reports, so there is not any comment to the TMDL reports from Years 1 & 2.
    - ii. Upcoming statewide *E. coli* TMDL is not included in our current implementation plan.
    - iii. Fruitport audit was successful, but post construction was not audited. We are still waiting for an audit response to Walker's inspection, which seemed to go well.
4. IDEP
  - a. KCRC has interns doing IDEP, recently trained by LGROW.
    - i. Tons of points to be sampled, two season worth of work. Maps created by Courtney at LGROW, tablets now work offline.
  - b. Municipalities are using interns or DPW seasonal workers for sampling

- c. Get new test strips to communities to replace expired materials.
- d. Transitioning away from paper copy maps to use online resources
- e. LGROW will assist with IDEP training, maps, and sampling equipment next summer when all MS4s need to do the dry-weather screening.

#### 5. Future Tech Committee Projects

- a. MTD Checklist: See handout from Grant
  - i. Page is to be submitted with site review packet. Revisions will be made on the document to prevent our reviews from driving the industry standard and being labeled as 'experts' from EGLE.
  - ii. Rely heavily on third party testing, but need the correct data pulled out for an easier review
  - iii. The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) is working to compile data in one spot, estimated launch date of 2025
  - iv. Once revisions are made will present handout in SWOrd committee for other inputs, Fishbeck to review
- b. Lunch and Learns
  - i. Hanes Geo – Lunch and Learn would be helpful for soil erosion site control, would also be helpful to re-establish contact for the West MI Soil Erosion Control Network
  - ii. ADS lunch and learn would also be welcome
- c. Training
  - i. Winter Maintenance (October)- LGROW looking to hire consultants to come train MS4s
  - ii. Silt fence installation
    - 1. Historical knowledge is leaving the workforce with retirements. Proper installation and maintenance of silt fences and soil erosion training is needed for DPW workers

#### 6. Upcoming Events

- a. Plant Tour!
- b. Next Tech Meeting: Aug. 16 @ 1pm