



West Michigan Watershed Partners (WMWP)

April 16, 2026

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Garry McKeen, JoAnn Barrett, Ray Schinler, Grayson Kosak, John Stiver, Paul Haan, Armas Soorus, Jeff Henry, Dan Jenson, Matthias Bonzo, Sara Kane Smart, Meredith Freeby, Amanda Snyder, and Fallon Chabala

1. WMSRDC/NFWF Resilience Planning for Drown River Mouth Systems
 - ECT is completing project profile documents for the top priority projects.
 - WMSRDC share the dates for the EGLE Coastal Hubs Workshops in Mason, Oceana, and Muskegon Counties
2. Watershed Updates
 - White: deploying temperature loggers soon, potentially deploying some below Hesperia, watershed group would like to see the DNR stock some brown trout based on electrofishing efforts done last year, group is also sampling for didymo. TU is in the final stages of designs for Flinton Creek and Spruce Rd which includes woody installations, plan to take out a berm embankment upstream of Minne Pond dam. White Lake is waiting on an EGLE grant and is hoping to replenish tools for clean boats clean waters. MCD's White River celery flat project has submitted request for construction funding, and public information meetings will be held soon. Spring macro sampling on May 9th and May 16th.
 - Little Flower Creek: MCD submitted an EGLE grant for watershed management plan for Little Flower Creek. Note that the culvert at the park road entrance was washed out with flooding.
 - Stony: No update.
 - Pentwater: No update.
 - Mona Lake/Black: Mona Lake watershed management plan is in review with EGLE.
 - Muskegon: MRWA is moving forward with Penoyer Creek project, continuing to work on Bane Road at the Maple River Channel, and developing other projects using the Lower Muskegon River Management plan. Muskegon Lake delisting event on August 15th.
 - Duck: Volunteer workdays to remove woody invasives along the creek.
 - Pere Marquette: Lot of washouts of culverts. Funding raising for woody habitat projects.
 - Little Manistee: Temperature logging going to be put out this year, working with interns under TU for work this summer, waiting to hear back on grant proposals for erosion work, culvert replacements, and more; working on water quality studies soon. Water quality testing has shown E.coli in upper reaches, so plan to use the work MLCD is doing in the Lincoln for this as a model.
 - Lincoln: MLCD has a proposal for watershed management plan.

3. Other: flooding!
4. Next Meeting Dates:
 - July 16, 2026
 - October 15, 2026