West Michigan Watershed Partners

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 30, 2020
1:30 – 3:30 PM
West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
316 Morris Avenue, Suite 340, Muskegon, MI

Welcome and Introductions

1. **West Michigan Watersheds Collaborative (RPI 13-County Region)**
   A. Statewide "Sustainable Funding Strategy" (*brief status update*)

2. **West Michigan Watershed Partners "Advisory Group" (WMSRDC 5-County Region)**
   A. Regional Planning Framework for Watershed Improvement Projects
      - Planning for water resources improvements on a regional, Lake Michigan watershed scale in support of local watershed groups and plans
      - WMSRDC staff support for regular planning meetings and partner coordination for grant proposals

   B. Makeup of a WMSRDC West Michigan Watershed Partners Advisory Group
      - Identify key watershed project partners and community stakeholders

   C. Next Meeting: Decision-Making Process for "Sustainable Funding"
      - Evaluate examples of decision-making processes and criteria for project selection

3. **Current Grant Opportunities**
   A. Great Lakes Fisheries Trust
      - Development of Regional Planning Process, Collect Existing Plans, Identify Gaps

   B. EGLE NPS 319 Watershed Planning and Implementation Grants
      - Little Flower Creek Watershed Partnership

Updates on Current and Proposed West Michigan Watershed Improvement Projects
   A. Proposed WMSRDC/NOAA Great Lakes Regional Partnership
      - White River Fish Passage, In-Stream Habitat, Wetland Restoration
      - Little Cedar Creek/Muskegon River Fish Passage, In Stream Habitat, Wetland Restoration
      - Pere Marquette River Fish Passage, In Stream Habitat, Coastal Wetland Restoration

   B. Status of Other Projects and Proposals
      - Pentwater River
      - Maple River/Muskegon River
      - Other Proposed Watershed Projects

4. **NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve System**
   A. What is a NERRS Designation?
      - Lake Michigan Drowned River Mouth Systems and Potential NERRS Designation

5. **Round Table Watershed Updates / Networking**

6. **Adjourn**