

# West Michigan Watershed Partners

## Agenda

Thursday, April 16, 2020

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Hosted by: West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99884112547>

Meeting ID: 998 8411 2547

Welcome and Introductions

### 1. Brief Update on Statewide, Sustainable Funding Strategy

- A. Progress of the West Michigan Watersheds Collaborative (13-County Region)
- B. Input received from Southeast Michigan watershed group leaders.

### 2. Makeup of West Michigan “Watershed Advisory Group” (WMSRDC Region)

#### A. *What is the definition of / criteria for a “Watershed Group”?*

- EXAMPLE criteria for discussion purposes only:

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|--|---|---|
| a. Operates above & beyond regulatory requirements | c. Operating rules, bylaws, mission statement | e. Provides community involvement opportunities |
| b. 501 c 3 or incorporated                         | d. Holds public meetings, takes input         | f. Geographic focus                             |
|  |   | g. Other criteria                               |

#### B. *Update and Approve List of Watershed Stakeholders* (Watershed Advisory Group makeup)

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|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Watershed Groups       | 5. Business & Industry                 | 8. Educators                     |
| 2. Conservation Districts | 6. Public Sector                       | 9. Academia                      |
| 3. Drain Commissioners    | 7. Conservation & Environmental Groups | 10. Other Watershed Stakeholders |
| 4. General Public         |  | 11. Non-voting members           |

\* Non-voting members: Tribes, State Agencies, Federal Agencies, Others?

### 3. Decision-Making Process for “Sustainable Funding” requests

- A. Each Watershed Group designates two representatives: one technical, one policy/governance; also representing a watershed stakeholder from approved list.
- B. Example selection criteria for future, “sustainable funding” (*handout attached*)

### 4. Updates on Current and Proposed West Michigan Watershed Projects

#### A. Proposed Grant Projects

- Little Cedar Creek/Muskegon River Fish Passage, In Stream Habitat, Wetland Restoration
- Little Flower Creek Watershed Partnership, EGLE NPS 319 Watershed Planning Grant
- Muskegon River 319 Watershed Implementation Grant
- Pere Marquette River Fish Passage, In Stream Habitat, Coastal Wetland Restoration
- White River Fish Passage, In-Stream Habitat, Wetland Restoration
- Pentwater Soil Erosion / Sediment Control, In Stream Habitat Restoration
- Other Proposed Watershed Projects

### 5. Round Table Watershed Updates / Networking

### 6. Adjourn