



- iv. Broke into categories
      - 1. Habitat Restoration
      - 2. Green Infrastructure
      - 3. Invasive Species Control
    - v. 1:1 match to be competitive
  - d. [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program | US EPA](#)
    - i. Accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion
    - ii. On or before November 21, 2024
      - 1. Apply early, because you can receive feedback and reapply
    - iii. Funds are to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.
3. NOAA/WMSRDC Regional Partnership Projects (Current)
- a. Little Cedar Creek: 2 road stream crossing culvert replacements and in-stream habitat restoration
    - i. Crossings and habitat restoration are complete. Just need post restoration fish monitoring in the summer.
  - b. White River: 4 road stream crossing replacements and in-stream habitat restoration
    - i. Crossings at 144<sup>th</sup> Ave and Pierce Rd are complete. Restoration work has been awarded to a contractor and ready to start. Bridges will go in, in the spring.
    - ii. OCRC completed a replacement on Robinson Creek with their own funds. MDRN fisheries helped ensure designs met fish passage needs.
  - c. Stony Creek/Marshville Dam: dam remnant removal, two bridge removals, one bridge replacement, and in-stream habitat restoration
    - i. Contractors for restoration implementation and bridge construction have been awarded. Construction to begin spring of 2024.
4. WMWP Participants / Round Robin
- a. White River/Lake: White River Watershed Council applied for EGLE watershed council funds to deploy four additional DIY stations and six temperature loggers with TU. Funds would also be used to hire a consultant to help with outreach/website updates/social media improvements. TU submitted a grant to DNR habitat program for road stream crossing replacement on Swinton Creek and 1.4 miles of habitat improvement. Also talking with USFS about removing remnants of a failed dam upstream of the current Minnie Pond Dam. DNR Fisheries completed a comprehensive survey of White Lake. The report should be out around spring. Walleye and Muskellunge were stocked. Improvement in the panfish population since the last survey.

- b. Little Flower Creek: DNR Fisheries surveyed Flower Creek and Little Flower Creek. Little Flower Creek did have one juvenile coho. Flower Creek has seen major habitat degradation, but still supports brown trout, brook trout, and juvenile steelhead.
  - c. Stony Creek: See project above. Oceana Conservation District submitted a GLRI proposal for reforestation of hemlock groves on 400 acres of riparian land along the creek.
  - d. Pentwater River/Lake: Survey sent out to over 800 households in the watershed. County Commissioners approved funding to conduct additional investigations on the Crystall Valley dam. No additional decisions were made on how to move forward. Pentwater Township is working on funds to mitigate sand at Charles Mears State Park.
  - e. Mona Lake/Black Creek/Little Black Creek: Non-point source and habitat restoration efforts going on.
  - f. Muskegon River/Muskegon Lake/Bear Creek/Lake: Working on aligning efforts to clean up a coal ash site on Muskegon Lake, then allow public access to this site. This spring DNR Fisheries plans to sample the lake.
  - g. Duck Creek/Lake: Friends of Fruitland Trails applied for DNR funding to put in bridges over Duck Creek. Duck Lake State Park is going through a management plan update right now, Mark Tonello can help make contacts regarding submitting input.
  - h. Pere Marquette River/Lake: TU did a temperature survey over the Pere Marquette Watershed using the local chapter. TU replaced a crossing on Woody Creek this fall on a USFS road, this summer they will replace the crossing at Dickenson Road. CRA completed a bank stabilization and habitat improvement project along a eroding rail road on the MP near Baldwin.
  - i. Manistee/Little Man/Pine: no update
5. Other Discussion
- a. Bridge magazine article on a court case regarding when KFOs can spread manure. DNR fisheries would only become involved if a fish kill occurred because of improper spreading.
  - b. Reach out to watersheds that are not participating in these meetings.
6. Next meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30