



West Michigan Watershed Partners (WMWP)

April 18, 2024

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Garry McKeen, Armas Soorus, JoAnn Barrett, Ray Schinler, and Fallon Chabala

1. National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERR)
 - NOAA supports the concept of a West Michigan NERR but does not have the capacity to move forward. They will reassess and reach out in October of 2024.
2. Current Funding Opportunities
 - [National Coastal Resilience Fund 2024 Request for Proposals | NFWF](#)
 - [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program | US EPA](#)
3. NOAA/WMSRDC Regional Partnership Projects (Current)
 - Little Cedar Creek: 2 road stream crossing replacements and in-stream habitat restoration
 - i. GVSU will conduct post monitoring in the summer
 - White River: 4 road stream crossing replacements and in-stream habitat restoration
 - i. OCRC is starting the Buchanan crossing soon. Restoration efforts have begun downstream of the Pierce crossing
 - Stony Creek/Marshville Dam: dam remnant removal, two bridge removals, one bridge replacement, and in-stream habitat restoration
 - i. Waiting on SHPO to start construction
4. Boys & Girls Club: shoreline restoration
 - Currently the project is out for construction contractor bids
5. Watershed Updates
 - White: the watershed group is resuming outreach for volunteers to assist in macroinvertebrate sampling, celebrating the 8 temperature loggers to deploy soon for the summer, deploying 5 mayfly stations, Ag banquet included presentations from Mark Tonello and TU, working with MCD for additional macro sampling
 - Little Flower: no updates
 - Stony: Contractors are waiting for SHPO at Marshville Dam. Oceana Conservation District received funding to work on stream corridor to protect from the impacts of Hemlock wooly adelgid.
 - Pentwater: a social survey has been completed, review of results will take place soon, 29% response rate to the survey (good number), the watershed is looking into funding opportunities for 16 projects that have been prioritized. Crystal Valley dam had another survey for potential repair.

- Mona Lake/Black: no update
- Muskegon: the Muskegon Lake partnership is working with a class at Muskegon Community College to provide maintenance at habitat restorations sites along the lake, annual volunteer clean-up coming up
- Duck: no update
- Pere Marquette: TU is deploying temperature loggers this summer
- Manistee: macroinvertebrates studies coming up, water quality testing in July, have a few TU mayfly stations within the river, self-funding remediation projects in cooperation with CRA, last year had a wood debris survey with TU, have completed a survey regarding a Natural River designation but not all landowners are in favor, the CISMA surveying for invasives along the river, looking for additional funding opportunities

6. Next Meeting Date: July 18, 2024

7. Adjourn