



## West Michigan Watershed Partners (WMWP)

January 20, 2022

### Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Sustainable Watersheds Funding Initiative (SWFI)
  - Meeting with statewide group in early February. Looking at additional funding.
3. Updates on Existing Projects and Grant Proposals
  - a. NOAA/WMSRDC Regional Partnership Projects (Current)
    - i. Little Cedar Creek: 2 road stream crossing culvert replacements and in-stream habitat restoration
    - ii. White River: 4 road stream crossing replacements and in-stream habitat restoration
    - iii. Stony Creek/Marshville Dam: dam remnant removal, two bridge removals, one bridge replacement, and in-stream habitat restoration
  - b. NOAA/WMSRDC Regional Partnership Projects (Year 3 Priorities)
    - i. Pentwater – Big Sandy Bend: stabilize eroding sand bank
    - ii. Maple River: reconnect the historic channel (4 stream crossings)
    - iii. Little Flower Creek: 4 stream crossing replacements, in-stream habitat restoration, and riparian corridor enhancement
  - c. Other Current Projects and Proposals - *WMWP Participants / Round Robin*
    - i. White River/Lake: monitoring, habitat mapping, temperature monitoring, economic development, Dimond Point restoration complete, efforts needed at White Cloud Dam, real time data in the N and S branches, and a clean-up event.
    - ii. Little Flower Creek: no report
    - iii. Stony Creek: no report
    - iv. Pentwater River/Lake: Crystal Valley dam removal discussion, forming a watershed group, working on determining needs in the N branch, DNR did temperature monitoring in 2021 and is hoping to conduct fish monitoring in 2022.
    - v. Mona Lake/Black Creek/Little Black Creek: no report

- vi.* Muskegon River/Lake/Bear Creek/Lake: Muskegon River Watershed Assembly has funding for removal of Altona Dam, Buckhorn Dam, and Kinny Creek Dam
- vii.* Duck Creek/Lake: working on milfoil removal
- viii.* Pere Marquette River/Lake: new access and restoration at the mouth of the river
- ix.* Baldwin River: EGLE had boards removed so that the dam would not completely fail, this lead to sediment downstream, CRA has started the removal process, the dam is currently a lamprey barrier, there is also a bridge replacement nearby.

#### 4. Current Funding Opportunities

- [Sustain Our Great Lakes 2022 Request for Proposals | NFWF](#)

#### 5. Steelhead limit

- Natural Resource Commission has reduced the steelhead daily bag limit from three to one during the spring spawning season in the following Michigan tributaries: Bear Creek, Manistee River, Pere Marquette, Muskegon River, Manistique River, and Carp River. The bag limit for prized game fish, which applies between March 15 and May 15, will go into effect Jan. 9.
- Mark Tonello gave the DNR's perspective
- Fallon did not have a response back from NRC at the time of the meeting.

#### 6. Next Meeting Date: April 21, 2022