

West Michigan Watershed Partners

7/15/21

Quarterly Meeting

Participants: Kathy Evans, Gale Nobes, Erin Kuhn (West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission); Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks; Raymond Schindler, White River Watershed Partnership; Carl Ruetz, Grand Valley State University Annis Water Resources Institute; Mark Tonello, MDNR Fisheries Division; Richard Pugsley, Pentwater Lake Association; Jacob Lemon, Trout Unlimited/Schrems Chapter; John Stivers, Stony Creek; Scott Faulkner, Marty Holtgren (Muskegon River Watershed Assembly) (11)

Kathy Evans opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions were made by all in attendance.

The status of the NOAA/WMSRDC Regional Partnership was reviewed. NOAA has recommended \$3.6 million to restore fish and wildlife habitat in the White River, Little Stony Creek, and Muskegon River watersheds. The Little Cedar Creek fish passage project (Muskegon River tributary) is currently in the design stage. NOAA has recommended implementation funding for the LCC fish passage and stream habitat restoration project. NOAA has also recommended funding for engineering/design and implementation for the White River and Stony Creek / Marshville Dam fish passage and stream habitat restoration projects. WMSRDC is partnering with the Oceana County Road Commission, Muskegon County Road Commission and Conservation Resource Alliance to carry out engineering/design and implementation activities. Other partners include Oceana County Parks and private landowners.