



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: GVMC/Lower Grand River Watershed **MEETING DATE:** February 11, 2003
SUBJECT: Urban Subcommittee Meeting **MEETING START:** 1:15 p.m.
MEETING SITE: Wyoming Clean Water Plant **MEETING ADJOURN:** 2:45 p.m.
2350 Ivanrest, SW
Wyoming, MI 49418
PREPARED BY: Ms. E. Wendy Ogilvie **PROJECT NO.:** G02408
ATTENDING: Mr. Aaron Bodbyl - Ottawa County Planning Department
Ms. Elizabeth Robins - Ionia County
Mr. Jim Beke - City of Kentwood
Mr. Mark Rambo - City of Walker
Ms. Melissa Eldridge - Ionia Conservation District
Mr. Jim McAllister - Kent County Road Commission
Mr. Stephen Kepley - City of Kentwood
Mr. Mike Chesher - City of Grandville
Ms. E. Wendy Ogilvie - Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (FTC&H)

1. Introductions

Ms. E. Wendy Ogilvie welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. Goals and Objectives of the Urban Subcommittee

The summary of the goals and objectives for the Urban Subcommittee were reviewed and the changes suggested at the last meeting were approved.

3. Definition of Urban Subwatershed

A map was displayed illustrating the areas of urban and rural land use in the Lower Grand River Watershed. These areas were defined by merging all land uses that are considered urban, such as industrial, commercial, and high density residential into one category. All other land uses were merged into the rural category. The resulting land use map identified those areas that had urban components, which helped the members to visualize where urban pilot projects could be considered. This information was added as a column in the matrix by identifying subwatersheds as either urban or rural.



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4. Urban Pilot Project Area Selection Criteria and Recommendations

The selection criteria for the Pilot Project Areas was distributed to the members of the Urban Subcommittee. The matrix was used to narrow the field of subwatersheds to select the Pilot Project Areas that meet the selection criteria. The first screening deleted all subwatersheds not defined as urban. From this list, all subwatersheds that did not include Phase II communities were deleted. The next step deleted all subwatersheds that did not have a Total Maximum Daily Load association. Subwatersheds that already had a Watershed Management Plan were also deleted. The selection process resulted in three subwatersheds that met the criteria: Grand River 14 89, Buck Creek 14 94/14 93, and Grand River 14 97. These subwatersheds will be recommended to the Steering Committee for Pilot Project Areas.

5. Identification and Prioritization of Problem Sites, Sources, and Causes of Nonpoint Source Pollution

The process for the inventory has yet to be determined, since the scope of the inventory will depend on the size of the subwatershed and the amount of existing information available in the selected Pilot Project Area. Field work will be conducted to collect additional information as necessary.

6. Other Business

Mr. Mark Rambo volunteered to represent the Urban Subcommittee on the Evaluation Team.

7. Objectives for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Urban Subcommittee has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at the Wyoming Clean Water Plant. This meeting will focus on Best Management Practices (BMPs) in urban areas and the process of selecting BMPs for Pilot Project areas.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Attendees

Ms. Angie Latvaitis - Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office
Ms. Connie Smith - Fruitport Township
Mr. Dan Czarnecki - City of Grand Haven
Mr. Frank Wash - Alpine Township
Ms. Janice Tompkins - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Jim Beelen - Allendale Township
Mr. Jim Miedema - Jamestown Township
Mr. Larry Silvernail - Byron Township
Mr. Richard Edmonds - Tallmadge Township
Mr. Shawn Wessell - West Michigan Environmental Action Council
Mr. Doug Kadzban - City of East Grand Rapids
Mr. Brad Boomstra - Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office
Mr. Jerry Felix - Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Mr. John Koches - Grand Valley State University, Annis Water Resource Institute (GVSU, AWRI)
Ms. Abigail Matzke - GVSU, AWRI
Ms. Laurie Beth Nederveld - GVSU, AWRI
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