



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: GVMC/Lower Grand River Watershed **MEETING DATE:** March 18, 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. Jim Beke - City of Kentwood
Mr. Jim Miedema - Jamestown Township
Ms. Janice Tompkins - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Mark Rambo - City of Walker
Mr. Jim McAllister - Kent County Road Commission
Mr. Shawn Wessell - West Michigan Environmental Action Council
Mr. Doug Kadzban - City of East Grand Rapids
Mr. Brad Boomstra - Kent County Commissioner's Office
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. A summary of the results of the Grand River Forum (Forum) worksheet was presented to share thoughts and ideas generated by the general audience at the Forum. The highest water quality/quantity concerns in the Lower Grand River Watershed (Watershed) were impacts from development, bacteria, storm water, sediment, hydrology, and wetlands. Goals and desired uses of the Watershed included recreational use, habitat, and educational opportunities. Steps listed that might be taken to reach the goals were smart growth techniques, enforcement of existing regulations, use of buffer zones, and education. Attendees at the meeting represented 34 different subwatershed in the Watershed.

2. Pilot Project Areas

The selection criteria for the Pilot Project Areas that the Urban Subcommittee developed at the last meeting was reviewed. Fact sheets that described the criteria in detail about the subwatersheds selected were distributed. Ms. Ogilvie summarized the discussions at the Steering Committee about the pilot project areas. All six areas recommended to the Steering Committee were considered reasonable candidates for Pilot Project Areas. The Steering Committee decided to include all six with a more defined scope of work to be submitted. The members of the Urban Subcommittee agreed with this decision and desired as many urbanized communities as possible to be included in the Pilot Project Areas.



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3. Urban Best Management Practices (BMPs)

The common goals of storm water BMPs in urban areas were stated by Ms. Ogilvie as pollutant reduction, flow stabilization, stream channel protection, groundwater recharge, and flood protection. These issues will be addressed in the Pilot Project Areas and BMPs will be recommended for each of these goals. A list of questions that storm water managers should ask before considering any BMP for storm water management was distributed. These questions could help the Technical Subcommittee in their selection process. The members were asked to consider these questions when discussing what BMPs they use. Mr. Jim Beke, City of Kentwood, described the baffles added to catch basins to separate out certain pollutants before they reach the receiving waters. Mr. Doug Kadzban described a similar structure that is being used on a storm water outfall to Reeds Lake. The members requested that a spreadsheet be developed that they could complete to describe their community's BMPs and their characteristics. This spreadsheet will be created and sent to the members to be completed before the next meeting.

A survey was conducted by the Municipal Operations Focus Committee during the first year of the NPDES Phase II planning process. Many communities completed this survey which included questions about the characteristics of municipal BMPs. This information will be merged with the information supplied by the Urban Subcommittee members and reviewed at the next meeting.

4. Interaction with Technical Subcommittee

The Technical Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on April 3, 2003. The list of BMPs generated by the Urban Subcommittee will be reviewed by the Technical Committee and sent back to the Urban Subcommittee for use in completing the recommendations for the Pilot Project Areas.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Urban Subcommittee has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at the Wyoming Clean Water Plant.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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DISTRIBUTION:

Attendees

Mr. Aaron Bodbyl - Ottawa County Planning Department
Ms. Angie Latvaitis - Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office
Ms. Connie Smith - Fruitport Township
Mr. Dan Czarnecki - City of Grand Haven
Ms. Elizabeth Robins - Ionia County
Mr. Frank Wash - Alpine Township
Mr. Jim Beelen - Allendale Township
Mr. Larry Silvernail - Byron Township
Ms. Melissa Eldridge - Ionia Conservation District
Mr. Richard Edmonds - Tallmadge Township
Mr. Stephen Kepley - City of Kentwood
Mr. Mike Chesher - City of Grandville
Mr. Jerry Felix - Grand Valley Metro 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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