



Subwatershed Committee

Thursday, April 13, 2023 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Senci Pace-Monasterski LGROW
 - b. Courtney Marek LGROW
 - c. Matt Bain LGROW
 - d. Ben Jordan Ottawa County Conservation District
 - e. Amber Snow Montcalm County Conservation District
 - f. Bill Otten Rogue River Watershed
 - g. Pete Lewandoski Coldbrook Creek Watershed
2. Schedule for 2023 - Meeting times 2:00-3:00 PM – Quarterly; Virtual until further notice
 - a. Do we want to continue with meeting quarterly and would we like to have it on Thursdays? We are interested in hosting occasional meetings in person.
 - b. Would you like to host each meeting in a different watershed?
 - i. Hybrid meetings with the OWL tool Ben offered and LGROWs hot spot.
We will send out a poll to see what the best option for future meetings.
3. 2023 Committee Goals
 - a. To support and coordinate with all existing subwatershed groups in the Lower Grand River Watershed by sharing ideas and resources.
 - i. Sharing newsletters, Facebook posts, materials for you to share via drop box.
 - b. To improve public awareness, increase membership and activity and provide support for leadership in subwatershed groups.
 - i. LGROW can attend meetings or events. Please share upcoming meetings with us!
 - c. To improve water quality in all tributaries of the Lower Grand River by implementing best management practices identified in the LGR Watershed Management Plan and influence real long-term changes in land use and agricultural practices.
 - i. Shoreline restoration / Rainscaping site assessments
 - ii. Please share premade graphics for the rainscaping programs to the watershed groups
 1. <https://www.lgrow.org/rainscaping>



- iii. Data repository
- iv. Please send Courtney your water quality and stream monitoring data. We would love to be able to add as much data to the repository as possible. We have no date limit on our data collections. If the data follows a professional standard, we can accept it.
 - 1. <https://www.lgrow.org/data-repository>

4. Hosting Events

- a. River cleanups monthly – add tentative date to google calendar.
 - i. Please sign up for the monthly stream cleanups.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/18JoD3IABPBzID_km6ztSXGZG-EVaZuGld44i0XlcDYw/edit?usp=sharing
 - ii. Coldbrook does not have a lot of opportunities to cleanup because their stream is underground.
 - 1. Coldbrook Creek seems to have an issue with sediment.
 - 2. Storm Drain cleaning is available as well and we can investigate sediment issues while cleaning local drains.
 - iii. https://docs.google.com/document/d/18JoD3IABPBzID_km6ztSXGZG-EVaZuGld44i0XlcDYw/edit?usp=sharing
- b. Yearly Meeting Schedule
 - i. Can share meeting information
 - 1. Please send Senci your watershed meetings and if you would like them on our website. We can help promote them on social media and attend.
 - 2. Crockery, Sand, Bass and Deer will be sent by Ben.
 - 3. Flat river will be hosting their next meeting May 22nd and will be discussing their river cleanup.
- c. 2023 Jamboree
 - i. September 16th, 2023 @ Legacy Park in Ada
 - 1. Thornapple and Ada Parks (Mark Fitzpatrick) are working together to host a river celebration. The first half of the day is a private river cleanup. They host their cleanup from kayaks and don't advertise the event too heavily. We will have a typical watershed meeting for the first half and the second half will be the party Jamboree portion. There will be music, games, and activities for all ages during this event. Ada will be



highlighting their restoration project that they will be doing to help celebrate the watershed.

- d. LGROW Spring Forum
 - i. June 8th- 10th
 1. <https://www.lgrow.org/springforum> Registration is live! Bring your family.
 - a. City Built on June 8th party celebrating the work we have done over the last 20 years. Including door prizes!
 - b. June 9th the Grand Lady River Cruise Steamboat Park Campground is where we will launch. Tickets are \$10.
 - c. June 10th a kayak trip in Spring Lake at Mill Point Park. No shuttle service paddling through the bayous.
5. MiCorp resources
 - a. [MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program](#)
 - i. Citizen Science for lake sampling, training required but is available online.
 - ii. Similar to the NOAA Bwet backpacks focusing on lake monitoring.
 - b. [MI inland lakes and streams conference](#) - May 5th 6th Thompsonville
6. Roundtable
 - a. Subwatershed Updates
 - i. Coldbrook- Busy spring, they have meet with Aquinas and their Sustainability coordinator. They will be doing work at Wilcox Park. Helping create a trail that has not been there before. Opening the park up to help the public enjoy the stream. Quarterly sampling for MiCorp, to be hosted at Aquinas and at the Highlands. Helping cosponsor an Earth Day event with Reeds Lake.
 - ii. Rogue River- Micorp sampling hosted in March on Josh's last day. On the last few months for their EGLE watershed support grant. Purchasing their no-till drill to offer that tool for a minimal price to local farmers. Mini grants to help locals put in native plants. They will be applying for the EGLE watershed support grant again.
 - iii. Flat- Will be applying for the EGLE support grant. Would love to get the grant to help the Flat River watershed council get going again. Went to the quiet adventure symposium, they received wonderful feedback and will be attending



again. Many new faces are coming to their meetings and are hoping to continue that momentum going.

- iv. LGROW- New staff member Matt Bain fulfilling the opening we had when Josh left. Please reach out to Matt with your Aquatic and Biological needs just like you did with Josh!
- v. OCD- Writing many grants right now. Waiting on the 319 grant and applied for a inland lake grant. Exploring new funding opportunities and am looking to continue to grow. Working with the Ravenna schools to start water quality monitoring in the Crockery Creek Watershed.
- b. [FY23 Request for Watershed Council Support Proposals \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- c. [Bringing Nature Home Rainscaping Webinar](#) – April 25th @ 6:30 pm. Attendees receive a 50\$ voucher to KCD
 - i. Our last webinar with the voucher incentive

7. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting: In person – Will offer Hybrid format for those who cant attend in person.
 - i. July 13th
 - 1. Shoreline restoration site tour @ Grose Park, in Crockery Creek.