

**Clinton River Area of Concern  
Remedial Action Plan  
PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

MISD Room 207b  
44001 Garfield Road - Clinton Township, MI 48038  
**Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Meeting 1:30-3:30pm**

1. Introductions/ Roll Call (5 min)

Voting Members Present:

Tim Backhurst  
Jerry Demaire  
Brent Geurink  
Lynne Seymour  
Ron Fadoir  
Shawn Keenan  
Tim Pollizzi  
Steve Lichota  
Ryan Colliton  
Randy Young  
Ken Verkest  
John Balint  
Denice Gerstenberg  
Mary Bednar  
Luanne Lammerman- On Phone  
Ryan Giorio- On Phone

Other Stakeholders present:

Jamie Burton  
Matt Einheuser  
Jen Tewksbury  
Bill Parkus  
Adam Hester  
Randy Young  
Anne Vaara  
Amanda Oparka  
Amanda Colton- On Phone  
Sue Virgilio- On Phone

2. Adoption of Agenda/Approval of December minutes

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Motion: Mary Bednar Support: Ron Fadoir Motion Passes Unanimously

3. Update from AOC Conference and SPAC Meeting ( Lynne Seymour, Anne Vaara) (10 min)

Anne- SPAC update a good turn out this year about 50 people. Presentations from 3 AOC that have completed all management actions or will be completed shortly. SPAC meeting in St. Mary's river in Sault Ste Marie in June/July. We may host the SPAC next Spring.

AOC conference update- AOCs from all over the great lakes were represented. Great Lake Sturgeon come back video was great. Good discussion among AOC and learning lessons from other AOCs.

4. Update on Habitat Projects (Grant Recipients) (45 min)

- Updates from grant recipients

Jamie Burton-

Slyvan Glen- About ½ done project is going well and moving forward. Project set to be done memorial day.

Clinton River Corridor, Partridge Creek and McBride Drain-  
Tree clearing and vegetative clearing will be complete shortly because of bat window. Habitat portion of Clinton River Corridor Project is out for bid. McBride and Partridge will be going out to bid shortly.

Spillway project - invasive species work has been done over winter and will remobilize now. Habitat work is starting shortly in Harrison and moving towards Clinton Township at Harper Avenue later in the summer.

Red Run Habitat Master plan- Still does not have a signed agreement and a habitat committee meeting will be held soon to discuss how the PAC would like to move forward.

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Galloway Creek Wetland Project, Shawn Keenan- Meeting with engineers next week to finalize the design.

Wolcott Mill Metropark, Ryan Colton- continuation of previous 319 grant. They will be planting 13 acres of trees about 600. Another 100 acres of restoration ASTI for wetlands prairie habitat along North Branch of Clinton River. HCMA is going to start taking 100 acres of agricultural land out of production and going to naturalize those properties.

Galloway Creek, Amanda Colton- working toward design contract. Awarded in April. Design will be done in October and construction can start. Corps working with OU to get real estate contracts. Consumers Energy is out there taking surveys to relocate the gas line running through the creek.

Shawn Keenan and Anne Vaara, voiced concerns about the USACE timelines not matching up with the other projects.

Mary Bednar- Is concerned about getting the best project and cutting corners and rushing will not get a great end result.

Lynne Seymour- the prices are being driven up

Shelby Township, Amanda Colton- Construction contract awarded in late summer for stream bank restoration use some tree from the St. Lawrence Cemetery. Separate inter agency for construction.

St. Lawrence Cemetery Site: EPA was trying to cut before the bat window in April 1<sup>st</sup>. They need the tree from this site for the other Shelby projects. Planting next Spring. SHIPPO public notice.

Harley Ensign Mouth Restoration, Amanda Colton:

Not much has changed since December presentation. 30% design documents done tomorrow. Need fill truck in material or take fill from lake and push it up to create wetlands. USACE cannot advertise for bids until the permits are done. Remove trees and soil amendment can be done before. Scaling back wetland creation back to decrease amount of fill needed.

- Update from EPA (Sue Virgilio)

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Sue Virgilio- trying to crunch down USACE timelines. CR PAC wants more time....  
Construction to start by the end of the calendar year. But the agreements say  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Agreement amendments to say allow for construction to begin  
before the end of the calendar year. Set up call with all of the grantees and Sue and Bart  
Mosier. Sue Virgilio coming to town soon for a Clinton river mouth project and schedule  
a meeting with grantees.

Sediment report may be able to present at next PAC meeting and may be best to wait  
for fish tissue data from DEQ and that will not be completed until end of summer. Will  
be presented at September Meeting.

5. Update on Clinton River AOC Beach Closing BUI (Jen Tewksbury) (30  
min)

Subcommittee met and had concerns. Reduced monitoring by the health department. Jen got  
numbers from MCHD to give to EPA to increase monitoring over the next few years. Dune  
project at LSC metropark?

Jen is going to reconvene BUI subcommittee soon to discuss how we can move forward.

Anne had a conversation with John Paul Rea Director of Planning about. Meeting to be set up  
with Hackle, MCHD, and PAC Chair. Local maintenance of more testing.

6. Update Current PAC Grant (CRWC) (20  
min)

Amanda Oparka- CRWC is currently creating story maps for each of the projects as well as one to  
tell the AOC story. Once completed these maps will be placed on the AOC website. An example  
can be seen here: <http://arcg.is/1QHXICF>

Other Business:

PR subcommittee to update elected officials- send out request for participation on committee.

Jen Tewkesbury – State is going to be putting out information.

Bill Parkus- CISMA (Cooperative....) pre mapping of invasive Shelby, Harrison ect. SEMCOG Water  
Quality plan will be updated for the first time since 1990.

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Motion to adjourn: Mary Bednar Support: Tim Polizzi Motion Passes.

7. Next Meeting: Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm-3:30pm at the MISD

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