



Letter to MDEQ
Changing Watershed Boundary



March 10, 2005

Inter-Municipality
Committee

Members

Allen Park
Ecorse
Dearborn Heights
Inkster
Lincoln Park
Melvindale
Romulus
Southgate
Taylor
Westland
Wyandotte
Wayne County
Wayne County
Airport Authority

Ms. Hae-Jin Yoon
Southeast Michigan District Office
Water Bureau
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
27700 Donald Ct.
Warren, Michigan 48092

Re: Watershed Management Planning
Ecorse Creek Watershed
General Storm Water Discharge Permit (MIG619000)

Dear Ms. Yoon:

I am writing on behalf of the Ecorse Creek Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC) regarding the boundary for the Ecorse Creek watershed currently being used by the 11 watershed communities, Wayne County, and Wayne County Airport Authority as the basis for development of the Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan required under the Certificates of Coverage issued to these communities/agencies under General Storm Water Discharge Permit (MIG619000)("Storm Water Permit").

In December 2004, the ECIC approved an amended watershed boundary for the Ecorse Creek Watershed (see enclosed map). The amended watershed boundary is based upon new, field-verified information about the northern boundary of the watershed developed by a separate project being undertaken by the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office. The field verification and subsequent revisions to the northern boundary of the watershed revealed differences when compared to the watershed boundary that the ECIC previously submitted to MDEQ and was using for their Watershed Management Plan development efforts. We believe that the field-verified watershed boundary is more accurate than the previously submitted version. Note that that the revised watershed boundary has the following primary differences from the previously submitted version:

- City of Wayne is no longer in the Ecorse Creek Watershed,
- City of Romulus has slightly more area in the Watershed,
- Inkster has slightly less area in the Watershed,
- Dearborn Heights has slightly less area in the Watershed,
- City of Melvindale is now in the Watershed, and
- City of Ecorse has slightly less area in the Watershed.

Partners

Allen Park School District, Friends of Detroit River/Detroit Riverkeeper, Lincoln Park School District, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Southgate Community Schools, Taylor School District

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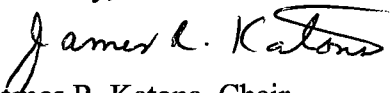
Overall, the revised watershed boundary results in 133 additional acres within the Ecorse Creek watershed. At their December 6, 2004 meeting, the ECIC agreed for the sake of consistency, continuity and accuracy, that the new, field verified, northern watershed boundary be adopted and utilized in the development of the Watershed Management Plan.

Since our December meeting, the ECIC developed an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for creation of the ECIC that removes the City of Wayne, adds the City of Melvindale, and adjusts the apportionments to all members based on the revised watershed boundary. Several ECIC members have adopted the amendment to the MOA and all entities will likely have it adopted by their respective Councils and Boards within the next six weeks.

The ECIC understands that the revised northern boundary of the watershed affects the southern boundary of the Rouge Watershed. The revised northern boundary field work was completed by Wayne County who is a member of the Assembly of Rouge Communities. The Assembly of Rouge Communities has been notified of the Ecorse Creek Watershed boundary change.

You may contact me at (734) 374-1392 should you have any further comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

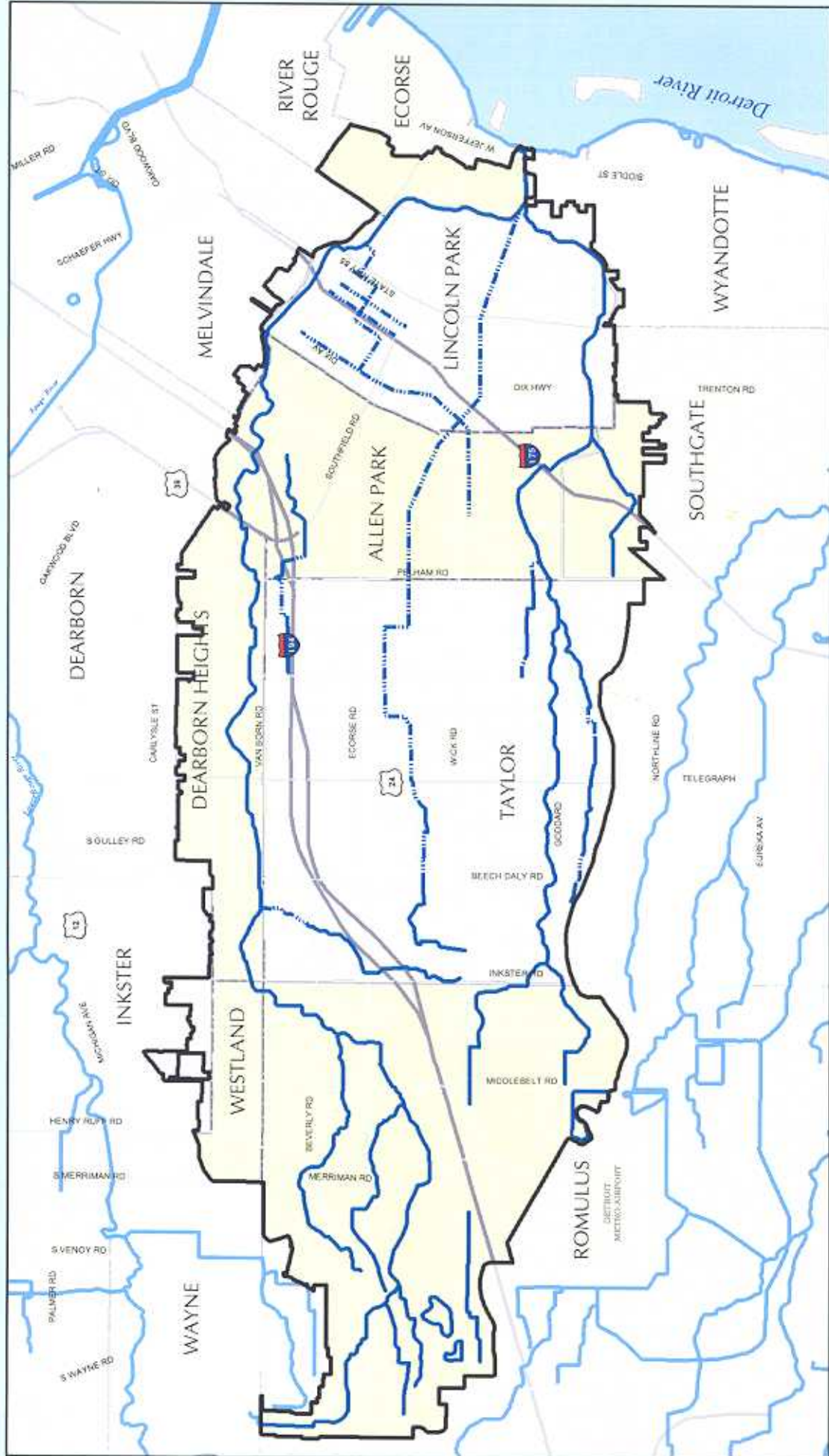


James R. Katona, Chair
Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee

cc: Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee



Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan



Ecorse Creek Watershed Location

Ecorse Creek Watershed
 Enclosed Water Course
 Municipalities

Water Course
 Enclosed Water Course

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0 0.5 1 Miles

Source Data:
 WWP&C: DOI Watershed Reg'd Div
 Watershed, Soils Hydrography
 (M) 2003-Maple Rd, Maple Road
 Wayne County, Michigan
 Wayne County Drain Commission
 Facilities Planning Study, November, 1994
 Update from US Department of the Interior
 Urban Drain



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