



Press Releases

Ecorse Creek, Combined Downriver, and Lower Huron Watershed Management Plans Begin

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WAYNE COUNTY, MI, August 30, 2004 – The Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC), the Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (CDWIC), and the Lower Huron River Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (LHRWIC) each recently initiated 18-month projects to develop Watershed Management Plans. The plans are being developed to satisfy requirements of the State of Michigan Phase II Watershed Based Storm Water General Permit (MIG619000).

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common point. The rationale for watershed management is that if we properly manage activities on the land that drains to bodies of water, we will protect and improve the water

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resources of the state. Watershed planning brings together the people within the watershed to address those activities, regardless of political boundaries. By working together, a coordinated watershed management plan can be developed that builds upon the strengths of existing programs and resources, and addresses water quality concerns in an integrated, cost-effective manner.

Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan

The Ecorse Creek Watershed includes all or parts of Allen Park, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Wayne, Westland, and Wyandotte. These communities, along with Wayne County and the Wayne County Airport Authority, came together and formed the Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC). Their function is to coordinate and facilitate the study, development, preparation and timely filing of a Watershed Management Plan for the Ecorse Creek Watershed. To share information and provide regular updates on project status, the ECIC has established a project website at www.ecorsecreek.com.

Combined Downriver Watershed Management Plan

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Grosse Ile, Huron, Gibraltar, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Woodhaven, and Wyandotte. These communities, along with the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wayne County and the Wayne County Airport Authority, came together and formed the Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (CDWIC). Their function is to coordinate and facilitate the study, development, preparation and timely filing of a Watershed Management Plan for the Combined Downriver Watershed. To share information and provide regular updates on project status, the CDWIC has also established a project website at www.combineddownriver.com.

The Lower Huron River Watershed Management Plan

The Lower Huron River Watershed includes all or parts of the cities of Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Rockwood, Romulus, and Woodhaven, the village of South Rockwood, and the townships of Berlin (Charter), Brownstown, Huron, Sumpster, and Van Buren (Charter). These communities, along with Wayne County and the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, came together to form the Lower Huron River Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee. The Committee's function is to coordinate and facilitate the study, development, preparation and timely filing of a Watershed Management Plan for the Lower Huron River Watershed. A public meeting

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is being planned for fall 2004 in order to share information about the watershed and provide an update on project status. To learn more about this project, please contact the Committee Chair or the Huron River Watershed Council at (734) 769-5123 x4.

Committee Meetings

The ECIC, CDWIC and LHRWIC Committees each hold meetings approximately every 4-6 weeks, and to date have met several times. They are beginning to collect existing studies, reports and data on the respective watersheds. Targeted field investigations in the watersheds will begin in the coming weeks. The goal of the Watershed Management Plans is to foster cooperation among the various public and private entities to identify and establish a plan for implementing actions to address water quality and water quantity concerns within the watersheds. The respective websites contain information about the watersheds, meeting schedules and topics, and how the public can provide input and get involved in the watershed management planning development process.

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First Public Information Meeting for the Ecorse Creek and Combined Downriver Watershed Management Plans

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WAYNE COUNTY, MI, January 3, 2005 – The Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC), and the Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (CDWIC), are holding a Public Information Meeting on **Thursday, January 20, 2005, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the City of Taylor Municipal Offices** located at 23555 Goddard Road (between Telegraph and Pardee) 734.374.1449. Each committee has initiated an 18-month project to develop long-term Watershed Management Plans for each watershed. The plans are being developed to satisfy requirements of the State of Michigan Phase II Watershed Based Storm Water General Permit (MIG619000). The purpose of the Public Meeting is to introduce both projects, provide an overview of each watershed, and gain public input regarding development of each Watershed Management Plan.

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Work Completed To Date

The ECIC and CDWIC Committees hold meetings approximately every four to six weeks, and to date have met several times. Each committee has collected and reviewed existing studies, reports and data on its respective watershed, and has completed targeted field investigations and road-stream crossing inventories. They have also begun to develop goals and objectives such as flood control, streambank stabilization, and provision of green space for the watershed and will begin to brainstorm strategies to achieve the goals and objectives. The project websites contain information about the watersheds, meeting schedules and topics, and how the public can provide input and get involved in the watershed management planning development process.

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Second Public Information Meeting for the Ecorse Creek and Combined Downriver Watershed Management Plans

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WAYNE COUNTY, MI, May 5, 2005 – The Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC), and the Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (CDWIC), are holding their second Public Information Meeting on **Wednesday, June 1, 2005, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Brownstown Township Community Center** located at 21311 Telegraph Road (southeast corner of Telegraph and King) 734.675.0920. The committees each initiated an 18-month project to develop long-term Watershed Management Plans for their respective watershed. The plans are being developed to satisfy requirements of the State of Michigan Phase II Watershed Based Storm Water General Permit (MIG619000). The purpose of the Public Meeting is to follow up from the first public meeting (held in January), briefly review the purpose of the projects, discuss the goals, objectives and improvement strategies of each watershed, and gain public

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input regarding development of each Watershed Management Plan. The committee's are working toward having a final plan by early Fall and would like input on the draft that has been developed to date.

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Work Completed To Date

The ECIC and CDWIC Committees hold meetings approximately every four to six weeks. Each committee has developed a draft Watershed Management Plan and has collected and reviewed existing studies, reports and data on its respective watershed, completed targeted field

investigations and road-stream crossing inventories, developed goals and objectives such as flood control, streambank stabilization, and provision of green space for the watershed, and have drafted improvement strategies to achieve the goals and objectives. The project websites contain information about the watersheds, meeting schedules and topics, and how the public can provide input and get involved in the watershed management planning development process.

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Friends of the Detroit River to Host Third and Final Public Information Meeting for the Ecorse Creek and Combined Downriver Watershed Management Plans

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WAYNE COUNTY, MI, September 8, 2005 – The Friends of the Detroit River (www.detroitriver.org) Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Westfield Center in Trenton located at 2700 Westfield Road (West Road behind the Trenton Library). As part of their meeting, the Friends of the Detroit River have offered to host the 3rd public information meeting for the Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC), and the Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (CDWIC). The committees each initiated an 18-month project to develop long-term Watershed Management Plans for their respective watersheds. The plans are being developed to satisfy requirements of the State of Michigan Phase II Watershed Based Storm Water General Permit (MIG619000). The purpose of the Public Meeting is to continue to raise awareness of the

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issues within the watersheds, to review the purpose, goals, and proposed action items documented within the draft Watershed Management Plans, and to gain public input regarding development of each Plan.

Each committee submitted a draft of their Watershed Management Plan to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in early August and expect to have comments back by the end of September. The final plans are due to the MDEQ on November 1, 2005. The committees are seeking additional input on the draft plans that have been developed to date so that comments can be incorporated prior to final submittal to the MDEQ.

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