



**Sustainability Committee**  
**Monday, June 15, 2020**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

## **Agenda**

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1. Welcome and Introductions

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| a. Wendy Ogilvie    | h. Cliff Walls         |
| b. Rachell Nagorsen | i. Carlos Calderon     |
| c. Courtney Cromley | j. Annabelle Wilkinson |
| d. Jerry Miller     | k. Nurya Parish        |
| e. Jessie Schulte   | l. Dennis Cole         |
| f. Dan Taber        | m. Greg Madura         |
| g. Carrie Rivette   | n. Shanyn Viars        |

2. RCPP Project Updates

- a. Grant Activity
  - i. COVID-19 Impacts
    - 1. Lance the Ag Technician has not been out to do outreach now because of COVID, but he is able to start the tillage surveys. KCD has also been working on sensitive area mapping software with TU to better target areas.
    - 2. Working on their site at Plainsong Farm, native prairie planting. Hoping to still plant the native prairie this fall with students.
    - 3. Manure management workshop, virtual workshop now with the help of MSU extension. Post on LGROW website and Facebook once the video is published.
  - ii. New projects
    - 1. Middle of application process from last year's BMP applications.
  - iii. Outreach efforts
    - 1. KCD is working on a new outreach video and they received feedback that people wanted it short and sweet.
  - iv. Plainsong Farm - August workshop update
    - 1. Prairie planting will be separate from this workshop.
    - 2. They are hopeful this is still a go because it is an adult workshop.
- b. Grand River Revitalization Project Updates
  - 1. Biological Assessment has been submitted and is in the formal consultation process.

2. Materials Testing Company has been sediment sampling for the RCPP reach. It has been hard to find enough sediment to sample. The river is mainly cobble and bedrock. They are sampling from 15 different sites.
    3. Upper project AECOM has been doing a bathymetric and bedrock investigation with underwater video investigation.
    4. Submit permit to EGLE in August.
  3. Water Trail
    - a. WMEAC Press release for [Final Report](#)
      1. Press release is being edited and will hopefully be released by the end of this week.
    - b. Funding opportunities
      - i. River Network – submitted 6/10
        1. RFP, on water education opportunities. We are the missing link to the water trail. The hold up before was the safety of portaging the dams but now we have a plan in place to get people safely around the dams during construction.
        2. Should hopefully hear back within the next few weeks.
      - ii. National Park Service – rolling applications
        1. Technical assistance - we will apply for this if we don't get the River Network grant.
    - c. Grand River Expedition postponed until July 2021.
  4. Watershed Resilience Plan
    - a. Presentation at [River Rally](#) and [Spring Forum](#)
      - i. Action plan for the Subwatersheds. In the final stages of this plan.
    - b. Draft available – volunteers to review?
      - i. We are ready and interested in people reviewing our plan. Threats and variabilities and our strengths and what our opportunities are.
      - ii. Appendices for each Subwatershed.
      - iii. Email Wendy if you are interested in looking at the plan.
      - iv. Deadline for review?
  5. Farmland Preservation
    - a. New employee at the County focused on Farmland Preservation
    - b. Conservation Innovation Grant – KCD?
  6. Grand River Clean up
    - a. September 12-19 for a full week of clean up. Localized clean ups and hoping to advertise the Adopt a Drain program to promote sustainable clean rivers.
  7. 2020 meeting schedule – @ GVMC 1:30 – 2:30 pm
    - a. September 14, 2020
    - b. November 16, 2020
  8. Adjourn @ 2:30 pm