



Subwatershed Committee

Thursday, July 14, 2022 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Zoom Agenda

1. Present
 - a. Gerry Koning (Rush)
 - b. Carlos (WMEAC)
 - c. Joel Betts (KCD)
 - d. Alex Svoboda (OCD)
 - e. Rachel Frantz (BCD)
 - f. Bill Otten (RRWP)
 - g. Greg Madura (IMC)
 - a. Senci Pace (LGROW)
 - h. Courtney Marek (LGROW)
 - i. Josh Arnold (LGROW)
2. Committee Goals
 - a. To support and coordinate with all existing subwatershed groups in the Lower Grand River Watershed by sharing ideas and resources.
 - b. To improve public awareness, increase membership and activity and provide support for leadership in subwatershed groups.
 - 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.
3. 3. Summer Events
 - a. a. River and Drain Cleanups
 - i. Please let LGROW know if you, your groups or others you might now are interested borrow out kits to host there own clean ups! LGROW has 2 of each kit. Kits can be signed out here: <https://www.lgrow.org/communityservice>
 - ii. LGROW also has games that you can borrow to fill out an event
 - b. b. Block parties c. Kayaking trips
 - KCD: Farmer Lunch and Learn August 12th focus on farmers and no till drill BMPs
 - OCD: Annual Cultivating Resilience August 18th full day focused on farmers @ Shady Side Farms
 - WMEAC: 2022 Mayor Grand River Clean up, information to be released soon. More traditional event. Still weeklong but September 10th will be the big day event with beer garden, food, and live music.
4. 2022 Jamboree, September 17th
 - i. Will be the first Jamboree since 2019.
 - b. Subwatershed groups will set up displays at their table for the public to obtain more information about each watershed. It is recommended to have some sort of poster/tri

fold board display, brochures, membership/donation information, maps, and any other giveaway/swag items you would like to bring.

- c. Location/ Host Rush Creek (Thanks Gerry!)
 - d. ii. Theme (2019 Theme “upstream, downstream”)
 - i. What’s in the Creek? Macro ID Sampling ECT...
 - e. iii. Eventbrite/Facebook Event: LGROW
 - i. Consensus to use both to reach a wider audience
 - ii. LGROW will use a paid ad to reach more
 - f. iv. Sharing event on social media: All v. Food vi. Drinks
 - i. LGROW is planning on providing some food but feel free to help and bring food as well to support the event
 - ii. LGROW to keep in contact with rush to help with the cooking / menu
 - 1. Volunteers from rush creek can run the grill
 - 2. Picnic/BBQ style
 - g. vii. Games/Activities
 - i. 1. Soil Painting: LGROW
 - ii. Rush Creek has a wooded kids playground
 - iii. 2. Corn Hole: LGROW
 - iv. 3. Macroinvertebrate Identification and sampling?
 - 1. Carlos to volunteer with macro sampling /ID Joel to possibly help out
 - v. Lawn Trout (to get from TU)
 - h. viii. Music
 - i. In the past Pete and Mary from Coldbrook Creek have played music, not confirmed to be around for the meeting
 - ii. Rush creek can provide sound equipment to make it easier on whomever provide music.
 - i. ix. Time of event (2019,3:00pm – 4:00pm (4:00pm – 5:00pm set up/prep, 5:00pm – 8:00pm Event!))
 - i. Tentative time: Closed Meeting (2-4)
 - ii. Public Meeting (4- Whenever)
5. Other Discussion
- a. If your group is interested in hosting a clean up, LGROW is looking to schedule a clean up to highlight each month. Looking to fill out the 2023 calendar
 - i. IMC in May
 - ii. Rush Creek: August/September
 - b. Insurance/ 501c3
 - i. How do subwatershed have insurance to host events
 - 1. Rush creek has comprehensive insurance
 - a. Volunteers are covered
 - b. Liability for events that get in the water
 - ii. Photo release also used to allow you to use photos for social media
 - c. Subwatershed Updates
 - i. LGROW
 - 1. Awarded a micorp grant to sample in the Rogue

- a. Sampling dates to follow
 - 2. Summer Science and Leadership
 - 3. Stream girls in June
 - a. Looking to continue on this event in the future
 - b. For middle school age girls to get them outdoors
 - c. Look for sign up next year through Blandford
 - 4. Working of resilience plan for several watersheds
 - a. Plaster, IMC and Mill, Buck Creek
 - ii. WMEAC
 - 1. August will host 3 rain barrel event
 - a. See WMEAC website
 - 2. Also awarded the Micorp
 - a. Plaster and Buck Creek
 - 3. Mayors river clean up
 - a. Sep 10th -17th
 - iii. KCD
 - 1. Lunch and Learn event/ Farmers field day
 - 2. Eco stewardship dates
 - a. 7/14 at Canonsburg
 - 3. Looking to do some event to advertise the no till drill rentals
 - 4. Applying to grants to get more money to purchase the no till drill
 - iv. Rush Creek
 - 1. Camp for kids
 - a. Outdoor classroom
 - 2. Planning on a mussel survey August 5th
 - 3. Looking to schedule a clean up
 - 4. Macro sampling 1st week of October
 - v. BCD
 - 1. Has a no till drill if KCD needs to borrow one
 - vi. RRWP
 - 1. To release a series of videos talking about BMPs, no till, riparian buffers. Called my eco buzz
 - 2. Also working on the no till drill with KCD
 - 3. Working on finding insurance for the group.
 - vii. OCD
 - 1. Hosting a "Cultivating Resilience" August 18th at Shady Side Farm 8-2:45
 - 2. <https://ottawacd.org/cultivatingresilience/>
6. . Adjourn a. Next Meeting:
 - a. Jamboree September 17th
 - i. Possible planning meeting before the Watershed Jamboree to make sure everything is in place
 - b. Overall consensus to skip the October meeting