



## Subwatershed Committee

Thursday, January 12, 2023 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Zoom

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Courtney Marek - LGROW

Senci Monasterski – LGROW

Josh Arnold - LGROW

Gerry Koning – Rush Creek

Ben Jordan – Ottawa Conservation District

Carlos Calderon - WMEAC

Amber Snow – Montcalm Conservation District  
/ Flat River

Dana Strouse – EGLE NPS

Betsy Ludwick – Crocker Lake association

Pete Lewandoski – Coldbrook Creek

Renee VanHouten – Thornapple

Janet Staal – Indian Mill Creek

#### 2. Schedule for 2023 - Meeting times 2:00-3:00 PM – Quarterly; Virtual until further notice

a. 2023: January 12, April 13, July 13, October 12

b. July 13 meeting in person. Senci will send out doodle poll for location.

#### 3. Data Repository

a. Watersheds data needed

i. <https://www.lgrow.org/data-repository>

ii. Watersheds data needed – tutorial on how to access it on our website. If you have a lot of data to be entered Courtney can enter your data for you. Contact her directly.

iii. Gerry got a water quality monitoring logger and is putting it in Rush creek on the church property. LGROW can add it to the data repository once up and running.

#### 4. 2023 Events

a. Hosting Events

i. River cleanups –Please let Senci know when you are planning on hosting your river cleanup. LGROW can help with logistics, promotion, and will attend the cleanup.

1. **Please sign up here:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18JoD3IABPBzID\\_km6ztSXGZG-EVaZuGld44i0XlcDYw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18JoD3IABPBzID_km6ztSXGZG-EVaZuGld44i0XlcDYw/edit?usp=sharing)

ii. Drain cleaning events – Let LGROW know if you are interested in borrowing a Storm Drain Cleaning Kit. We can help promote your drain cleaning event and potentially attend. Request kits here or email us directly: <https://www.lgrow.org/volunteering>

iii. If you are hosting watershed meetings or sharing the information on social media, we will share the information and can possibly attend. We attend both in person and virtual meetings.



- b. 2023 Jamboree
    - i. Thornapple is interesting in hosting the 2023 Jamboree. Senci and Courtney will meet with Renee to assist and discuss the next jamboree.
    - ii. There was talk about removing the food aspect of the jamboree. Planning the jamboree in between lunch and dinner to eliminate that challenge of planning a meal for the community.
  - c. LGROW Spring Forum
    - i. Save the date for June 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>!
  - d. Watershed Group Newsletter
    - i. Please let us know if you have a newsletter. LGROW can help provide you with articles and share your newsletter on social media.
5. MiCorp resources
- a. <https://micorps.net/events/2022-annual-micorps-conference/>
6. Round Table
- a. Crockery Lake Board meets the third Wednesday of the month from March through October. Information on their website. They are hoping to form a lake improvement board in the future. Doing studies on the lake and it is hyper eutrophic. They found more external loadings than internal.
  - b. WMEAC adopt a stream program is back! They are hosting a Macroinvertebrate ID workshop on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm. <https://wmeac.org/volunteer/adopt-a-stream/>
  - c. Janet Staal is spearheading the Friends of Indian Mill Creek group. She is a teacher at Westside Christian and is hoping to get the group restarted and active again.
  - d. Coldbrook Creek is meeting with Aquinas college Sustainability and Science department for potential collaboration. There is trailside access to the creek at Wilcox Park and they are hoping to do more with that in the future with the school.
  - e. Flat River Watershed Council meeting is every other month. This month is at the Library in Greenville on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - f. EGLE will be releasing the request for proposal (RFPs) for watershed council grants soon. Watershed groups are encouraged to apply as they cover administration costs. EGLE is currently reviewing the watershed management plan for Cedar Creek.
7. Other Discussion
- a. LGROW has reassigned rolls with committees and Senci will now be leading this Subwatershed group. Courtney will still be involved and on the meetings but is no longer the main point of contact. You can contact Senci at [senci.pace@gvmc.org](mailto:senci.pace@gvmc.org)
  - b. Subwatershed webpages have been updated on LGROW website. Subwatershed maps were updated and can be printed off for groups to use.
  - c. Water Trail Update
  - d. Izaak Walton League, who hosts the Salt Watch, is releasing Nitrate Watch and will have kits available this spring.
  - e. Quiet Water March 4<sup>th</sup>: <https://quietwatersociety.org/>
8. Adjourn
- a. Next meeting
    - i. April 13<sup>th</sup>