



## **August 2022 Member Outreach Requests**

There were no requests to the GLWA Administration for the month of August. Attached is the executive summary from each work group meeting held in August that highlight the topics covered and the action items that stemmed from the meeting.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Water Analytical Work Group (AWG)

54 Participants

August 2, 2022

## MEETING TOPIC:

- Updates and Announcements:
  - Weekly notices are being sent to Members of WAMR volumes at 90% of contract values or above
  - Reminder of the 2022 Contract Reopener Process
  - GLWA's Water Master Plan update high level workplan will be shared at a future AWG
  - A Water Charge Methodology Review Subgroup has formed to evaluate potential changes to the current methodology
  - GLWA's annual review and update of its CIP is underway
- Units of Service & System Water Audit Update
- Member Discussion: Pressure Reducing Valves

## REQUESTS TO GLWA ADMINISTRATION:

- None.

## DECISIONS:

- None.

## ACTION ITEMS:

- GLWA to share the general schedule for maintenance of its PRVs.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**Wastewater Best Practices Work Group**

**36 Participants**

**August 10, 2022**

## MEETING TOPIC:

- Member sharing on recent events
- City of Omaha, Nebraska CSO facility
- June/July 2021 extreme rain events: Investigation findings

## REQUESTS TO GLWA ADMINISTRATION:

- None.

## DECISIONS:

- None.

## ACTION ITEMS:

- None.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



## Communications & Education Work Group

25 Participants

August 11, 2022

### MEETING TOPIC:

- Updates and Announcements:
  - One Water Partnership meeting, Thursday, 9/29, 10am - 2pm, *in person* at Macomb Community College.
  - Communications & Education Work Group meeting, Thursday, 10/13, 9am – 11am, *in person* at GLWA’s Water Works Park facility.
  - GLWA, in collaboration with Wayne State University’s Healthy Urban Waters initiative will hold a Research Symposium, November 15, 2022, 12pm – 2pm (virtual meeting).
- Economic Outlook Task Force
- Roundtable Discussion
- Surface Water Intake Protection Plan Grant Plans

### REQUESTS TO GLWA ADMINISTRATION:

- None.

### DECISIONS:

- None.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- None.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**Watershed Hub Work Group**

**12 Participants**

**August 24, 2022 via Zoom**

## MEETING TOPIC:

- Investigational grab sampling program
  - Letter of support and outreach next steps
  - Funding next steps

## REQUESTS TO GLWA ADMINISTRATION:

- None.

## DECISIONS:

- No edits are needed to the investigational grab sampling program letter of support at this time.

## ACTION ITEMS:

- Work Group members representing the counties will:
  - By 9/7 transmit the letter of support (LOS) to their respective sanitary district Boards for approval at their next meetings.
  - Send Dan the meeting dates when sanitary boards will review the LOS.
  - Work with these Boards to understand their preferences for who should perform which program tasks and report back to the Work Group information needs to determine their preferences.
- Annette and Work Group members will begin reaching out to GLWA Tier-1 members and communities within target watersheds but outside of the GLWA service area that have yet to be contacted regarding the proposed investigational sampling program to build understanding and buy-in for it.
- Annette will update the cost allocation spreadsheet to name the Macomb County communities that are included in the program but outside the GLWA service area.

## Watershed Hub Work Group Meeting Summary

August 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



### Next Meetings

Investigational Grab Sampling Grant Meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. via Zoom  
Watershed Hub Work Group: September 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

### Meeting Highlights and Discussions

#### 1. Investigational Grab Sampling Program: Letter of Support and Outreach Next Steps

- All grant deliverables are complete except Task 5B (signed letter of support or MOU)
- Dan has prepared a draft letter of support
- The grant concludes September 15, 2022
- The Oakland and Macomb sanitary district Boards meet monthly; the Rouge Valley Sanitary District meets quarterly
- The Work Group has not yet reached out to several first-tier members and communities within target watersheds but outside of the GLWA service area to begin building an understanding of and buy-in for the work plan.
- Based on the locations of these communities, sampling within them would be beneficial to the plan's goals, regardless of their level of interest in participation

#### 2. Investigational Grab Sampling Program: Funding Next Steps

- In Macomb County GLWA charges come through the sanitary districts
- Until the respective Boards meet and discuss, their preferences for how to pay for the program – directly or through GLWA – is unclear
- Counties will consider the complexity of charging areas outside of sanitary districts (i.e. septic areas), internal capacity and costs to complete work.
- Open questions:
  - How would in-kind services play into cost allocation?
  - Could there be a phased approach working within the GLWA service area first and eventually including places outside the GLWA service area?
  - Could the counties contribute in different ways (e.g. direct funding vs. in-kind/ doing the work in-house locally but feeding into regional program)?
  - Can we show that having GLWA leading the data collection could free up county staff to do the investigative work?
  - At what level is having a coordinated regional approach necessary to maintain the value of the program?
- If the Counties do data collection, the next task will be aggregation in the datamart.
- The overall program budget was rounded up from \$1.8 million to \$2.0 million to provide for flexibility; assuming a cost of \$135-\$150 per MST sample
- Costs related to data management were not included in the budget; it was assumed that GLWA would continue to provide these services in kind
- Advantages of GLWA performing the work include the opportunity to build up GLWA's capacity, data centralization, and potential efficiencies of scale
- It might be helpful to define a multiple scenarios (e.g. GLWA does all data collection, different counties contribute in different ways, the counties do all the work, etc.)

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