



Chemistry and Flow Monitoring Talking Points

What is the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC)?

- The Huron River Watershed Council is a local nonprofit organization that has worked continually to **protect and restore the Huron River** since 1965.
- HRWC's programs and projects **help fight pollution** and **manage the area's water resources**.
- Largely through HRWC's work, the Huron is now recognized as **the cleanest urban river in Michigan**.

What is the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds (ADW)?

- The ADW is a watershed organization comprised of 23 public agencies in the Ecorse Creek, Combined Downriver and Lower Huron River Watersheds in southeast Michigan.
- Established in 2007, the ADW and its members collaborate on stormwater management and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

Why do we monitor chemistry and flow of waterways?

- To evaluate progress towards improving overall water quality.
- To track municipal pollution reduction efforts.
- To better understand and identify nutrient and pollutant loading dynamics.

General Points

- When referring to our organization, we say the "Huron River Watershed Council" or HRWC—never "the Council" or the "Watershed Council."
- It's better to say "I don't know" with questions cannot answer. Provide HRWC staff contact information or website information.
- If someone asks how they can get involved, offer to take their email for an HRWC staff person to add them to our e-newsletter list.
- Be yourself! Feel free to share ways you contribute. Telling your story is a great way to help other understand how they can get involved.

Additional Information

- If individuals have additional questions or concerns, please have them either:
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