# Section 3. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Report

A PPP was most recently developed for most permittees in the Middle Huron River watershed and submitted to the EGLE in July 2009. It was revised and resubmitted in July 2010. A PPP was also updated and submitted as part of the 2013, 2016, and 2020 stormwater permit applications as well as the 2022 reapplication by Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner’s Office.

Review and Revision of the WMP

A Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for the Middle Huron River was originally approved by EGLE in 2008. The 2008 version of the WMP was reviewed and updated by the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) in 2011, consistent with the schedule in the 2010 PPP. [Click here to view the 2011 Middle Huron River Watershed Management Plan](https://www.hrwc.org/wp-content/uploads/Middle_Huron_WMP-2011.pdf). The 2011 WMP is in the process of being revised in three sections, beginning with [Section 2 (Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti)](https://www.hrwc.org/what-we-do/programs/watershed-management-planning/middle-huron-WMP-section-2/) which was completed by HRWC and approved by EGLE 2020. In 2021 and 2022, a new WMP was developed for Section 1 of the Middle Huron River, which includes Mill, Honey, and Boyden tributaries plus direct drainage to the river in this section from the outlet of Portage Lake at Flook Dam to just above Barton Pond. The final draft, addressing all EGLE comments, was approved by EGLE in August 2022 and submitted to the EPA for final approval in September 2022. As of September 2023, the Section 1 WMP is still awaiting the final signoff from the EPA. The WMP for Section 3 of the Middle Huron River (Geddes to French Landing Dam) is in the midst of being developed. All data collection for the draft Section 2 WMP is done and a draft will be distributed to EGLE and all relevant stakeholders by October 2023.

During the development of these three WMPs, feedback and comments were solicited from relevant local and municipal partners throughout the focus watersheds. Draft plans were posted on HRWC’s website and shared via email for review by stakeholders and local municipalities.

Permittees within the Middle Huron River Watershed have continued implementing activities within the WMP and developed specific implementation plans to address water quality impairments. These activities are reported in other sections of the progress report.

[MS4s indicate if they have the old and/or updated WMPs posted or linked on your website]

The following TMDL Implementation Plans were also developed or revised and submitted to EGLE:

* Malletts Creek (biota impairment)
* Swift Run (biota impairment)
* Ford and Belleville Lakes (nutrient impairment)
* Argo to Geddes section of the Huron River (bacteria impairment)
* Honey Creek (bacteria impairment)

The above plans are all referenced in the WMP and are available through the Middle Huron Partners website at <https://www.hrwc.org/middle-huron-partners/>.

Municipal Advisory Committee

In 2008, the permittees within the Middle Huron River Watershed formed the Middle Huron Stormwater Advisory Group (SAG). The SAG met in conjunction with the Middle Huron Partnership, which was formed in 1997 and focuses on monitoring and reducing phosphorus. In 2019, both groups were merged under a single name: the Middle Huron Partners (Partners). The group is a public forum for planning, discussion, and reporting on stormwater treatment and management practices. During the reporting period, the Partners met on the following dates:

* October 12, 2021 (Virtual)
* February 17, 2022 (Virtual)
* April 14, 2022 (Virtual)
* August 18, 2022 (Hybrid)
* December 15, 2022 (Virtual)
* February 16, 2023 (Virtual)
* April 20, 2023 (Virtual)
* August 17, 2023 (Virtual)

Meeting agendas, notes, and lists of attendees are available upon request. All questions or requests should be directed to Andrea Paine at apaine@hrwc.org.

In addition to Partner meetings, HRWC and Partners also facilitate public meetings focused on planning and implementation activities within high priority tributaries that are impaired covered by Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) policies. These groups include the Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee (MC3), the Millers Creek Advisory Team (MCAT), and the Fleming Creek Advisory Committee (FCAC). During the reporting period, a new creek group in Arms Creek was developed with the support of Webster Township. These groups meet monthly to quarterly, as needed. All three groups also meet to review development proposals and master plans from within each tributary watershed. This function is highly valuable in support of goals and commitments under Section 5 – Post-Construction Controls. The groups review development plans, comment on compliance with Post-Construction rules and standards, and suggest additional considerations to reduce a project’s impact on water resources. Several Partners, including the City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Charter Township, and Superior Charter Township require review by these creek groups in their ordinances. It is the hope that two additional creek groups will be developed over the next few years as recommended in the newly developed WMPs.

[Permittees can add any additional public participation activities they have engaged in outside of the activities listed above.]