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## Natural Infrastructure Flood Mitigation Program (NIFMP)

**Advisory Board Meeting** 

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

August 17, 2023

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Microsoft Teams

1. Attendees

Tim Baumgartner, Bill Holman, Marc Recktenwald, Todd Kennedy, Will McDow, Marlena Byrne, Randall Etheridge, Kayne Van Stell, Ken Ashe, Noah Parsons, Madison Burnette, Periann Russell, Brian M. Radakovic

2. Welcome and Introductions

Periann Russell began the meeting by introducing new members to the team: Todd Kennedy, Madison Burnette, and Tim Baumgartner.

3. Stony Creek Pilot Project

Tim Baumgartner gave a presentation with an update on the Stoney Creek Pilot Project. He presented the goals of the project and the status of each goal. Tim also talked about project implementation and performance monitoring, as well as additional sites, and cost benefit analysis.

Next steps in the Stoney Creek project include developing a land protection instrument and specific site and practice selection.

Tim concluded his presentation by sharing the timeline for the project and answering some questions from the group.

Marlena Byrne asked how the Stoney Creek project will inform the blueprint process. Tim replied that DMS is the EPR's conduit to the blueprint process and DMS keeps EPR informed.

Kayne Van Stell asked if work on the project indicated acre-feet unit as still viable. Group discussion suggested yes, but other metrics may be viable as well. Ken Ashe suggested that qualitative metrics that relate to human impacts should also be considered.

Bill Holman emphasized the importance of including local municipalities in maintenance and operations discussions and decisions of completed projects.





## 4. Closing Statements

Periann discussed the upcoming creation of objectives for goals of the project.

Periann also proposed a workshop for the near future to define nature-based systems and natural infrastructure, as well as discussion regarding scale of projects. Periann informed the board of the need to contract someone to help develop a strategy plan for NIFMP development. Board members were asked to make suggestions.

