

Friends of the Maple River
Minutes of September 18,2013
US HWY 127 N Wetland, Ithaca, MI

PRESENT:

Duane Platner
Jack Nutter
Brian Valentine
David Hart
Joe Latoff
Joel Morgan
Charles R Smith
Dawn Reinhold
Justine Williams
Larry Plowman
Scott Heller
Edward Mikula
John Smitner
Mike Pennington

FIELD TRIP MEETING

Located at restoration wetland site Hwy 127 North, North and West of M57/US 127 Interchange

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

J. Morrison welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves

GUEST SPEAKER AND FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday September 18th, a group of 15 Friends of the Maple River participated in a field trip tour of a Michigan Department of Transportation Mitigation Wetland project in Gratiot County. The wetland area was in Gratiot County west of Highway US-127 on Garfield road, just North of the M-57 interchange. The field trip was led by Mr. Michael Pennington Wetlands Mitigation Specialist with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The 40+ acre wetlands was former farmland that was converted back to a wetland. This project is an example of the State Highway Department's program to replace wetlands that have been destroyed by a highway project. These mitigation projects can be located anywhere within the same watershed.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be to be determined

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