Drainage Work Group Meeting

**When:** Friday February 10, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hybrid

**Registry Response thoughts on a timeline?**

MCEA received comments on the registry portal concepts and made some fairly important structural adjustments to the proposed language. The substance of the bill remained largely unchanged but the structure changes were intended to make other adjustments easier as well as provide more clarity on what was subject to the proposal and what the submission requirements would be.

A very robust discussion led to two very clear needs from some workgroup members. 1) Repairs needed to be removed to have a chance to garner drainage authority support. 2) the timing of the submissions should be adjusted so the opportunity to provide feedback would be more timely within the drainage processes.

In the end of the conversation two stakeholder groups indicated their respective boards had passed resolutions to not support any registry concept. At that point the DWG’s role moving forward this session was minimized given timelines that would be needed to achieve consensus for the current session deadlines.

Proponents of the bill also indicated they had been working to have a placeholder for the language this session and that their inten3tion was to move forward with a proposal during the session with or without DWG support.

The meeting closed with conversations about continued discussions through the legislative process however the need for additional DWG meetings at this stage on the topic for this year are minimized with resolutions opposing the concept and the proponents intention to introduce language in motion.