

# Detroit River PAC Meeting notes

Monday, November 9, 2015 2 – 4pm

ECT, Inc. Detroit Office, 1155 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 115,  
Lower Conference Room, Detroit, MI 48207

## 1. PAC Administration

- a. Agenda comments/revisions/additions
- b. Introductions – see attached sign in sheet.

## 2. Presentation

- a. EPA Sediment Characterization Status – Rose Ellison, EPA
  - Celeron Island (Spet 2013)
  - Mid/lower Trenton Channel (oct 2014)
  - Upper Trenton channel
  - River rouge/ecorse shoreline (Oct. 2013) Mouth of ecourse to rouge
  - Riverbend Area (Head of old channel to cobo) – Nov 2015
  - Harbortown area (April 2016)

Sampling completed for Celeron, mi/lower trenton channel, upper Trenton Channel, river rouge/ecorse shoreline. Layers of data created and evaluated. Concentration information was also digested to a level of comparison to determine toxicity. Methodology followed that which was done by the Rouge as it is transferrable.

## 3. Sediment Technical Sub-Committee Formation

- a. Share list of Committee Invites – Bob Burns
  - i. Will include original sediment team
  - ii. Any others that should be included, send their information to Tricia.
- b. Dates to avoid for meeting? – Late Nov, early Dec
  - i. Will send out a Doodle poll for participants.

## 4. Fish & Wildlife Project Prioritization – to be discussed further at next PAC meeting based on further discussions with NOAA and GLC.

- a. Stony Island Construction – funded
- b. Okonoka Construction – needs funding
- c. Miliken Construction - funded
- d. Celeron Construction – 2-3 years
- e. South Hennepin Marsh
- f. Detroit River Reefs – funded through other sources
- g. Sugar
- h. Detroit Parks
- i. North Hennepin
- j. Belle Isle Flatwoods (design)

## 5. Updates

### a. Grants

#### i. Stony Island – Approved, Sam Lovall

1. Officially funded through a portion of Phase 1.

#### ii. Lake Okonoka

1. Proposed to remove stoplog structure from between Blue Heron Lagoon and Lake Okonoka. Disconnect the roadway on the north side of the island. Dredging spoils to be placed onsite just north of the island to direct flow from the flatwoods to the northeast side of the lake.

#### iii. Belle Isle Invasive Species Control project – Sam Lovall

1. 2014 – 43 acres phrag, 1, jap knotweek, 3 purple loosestrife, 0 reed canary grass
2. 2015 – 30 phrag, 1 jap knotweek, 10 purple loosestrife, 16 reed canary grass

#### iv. Wayne County Invasive Species – Bob Burns

1. Did invasive mapping at Elizabeth Park and Gateway site.

#### v. PAC Support Grant –Tricia Blicharski

1. Received funding.

#### vi. Milliken State Park

1. Funded \$800,000 design/build.
2. Hoping to get additional funding
3. DNR needs to go through DTMB
4. Will bid a design contractor.

### b. Detroit River Reefs Status –

- i. Currently working on Grassy Island. Placed upper end of Grassy Island. Should be finished in next 2-3 weeks.
- ii. Small Fort Wayne site will then be completed after Grassy.

### c. PAC Member Updates

#### i. FDR

1. Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 15 at 6pm at FDR office
2. Shiver on the River, February 6
3. Water Fest Planning meeting November 17.

## 6. Next Meeting dates:

- a. November 15-16 – SPAC meeting, Lansing “Strategic Planning Nov 5<sup>th</sup>”
- b. December 9<sup>th</sup> – State of the Straight at EMU
- c. January 11<sup>th</sup>, PAC meeting – FDR office

## 7. Adjourn