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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Location: Friends of the Detroit River**  
20600 Eureka Rd, Taylor MI 48180  
**Monday January 23, 2017**  
**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

### 1.0 PAC Administration

Agenda Comments / Revisions / Additions  
Introductions

### 2.0 Priority Project Discussion

### 3.0 Updates

**Detroit River Canadian Cleanup** - Gina Pannunzio

- *Schedule meeting to discuss working together on outreach - Site to tell the story*
- *Potential PAC support – FEB 17<sup>th</sup> due date - Google Lake Superior map project.*
- *Gina will send link to sent to group*
- *International day of action for rivers - march – joint release*

**DEQ** – Melanie Foose

- *Detroit PAC Priorities – Annual DEQ/EPA Meeting January 25-27*

- *State of great lakes report – Melanie will send*

**EPA** – Rose Ellison - Riverview Legacy Act Project and other updates

- *Kick off meeting next week – Starting tech work for design*
- *Get power point on local communities*
- *Site cartelization reports on website*
- *Trying to put strategic plan together (like habitat plan)*

- *Belle Isle Round Table – Feb 23*

#### **GRANTS:**

- 2016 PAC Support Grant
  - Timeline June 2016~ July 2017
  - 2017 Grant proposals March – Ideas for proposal
  - *Sediment Technical Committee*
- Stony Island – *Bob Burns*
  - *Mid winner kick off meeting*
  - *Video for March Meeting?*
  - *Planning celebration for project*
- *Okonoka / Flatwoods Report– Paul Evanoff / Sam Lovall*
  - *Finishing Final Report*
- Wayne County Invasive Species – Bob Burns
- Detroit River Reefs – Mary Bohling
- NOAA Regional Partnership Opportunity – Sam Lovall
  - Year 1
    - Okonoka – Final Engineering and Design
      - *Public outreach and education – Talk with Mary about Reef signage also*
  - Year 2 Funding –



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- Celeron Construction & Okonoka Construction
  - Detroit Riverfront Parks –

**PAC Member Update Roundtable**

**3.0 Next Meeting Dates –**

*PAC Meeting - March 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm*

*AOC Meeting – March 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, Grand Rapids*

*Shiver on the River – Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Booths available and help promoting event*

*April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – Riverkeeper Dinner*

**Adjourn**



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20600 Eureka Rd, Taylor MI 48180  
**Monday March 13, 2017**  
**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**1.0 PAC Administration**

Agenda Comments / Revisions / Additions  
Introductions

**2.0 New Administration Budget Proposal**

**3.0 Updates**

**Detroit River Canadian Cleanup** - Gina Pannunzio  
**DEQ** – *Melanie Foose*

- *Detroit PAC Priorities – Annual DEQ/EPA Meeting January 25-27*

**EPA** – *Rose Ellison - Riverview Legacy Act Project and other updates*  
- *Site cartelization reports on website (pending)*

**Belle Isle Round Table – Feb 23**

**4.0 GRANTS:**

- 2016 PAC Support Grant
  - Timeline June 2016~ July 2017
  - 2017 Grant proposal Submitted
  - *Sediment Technical Committee*
- *Stony Island – Bob Burns*
  - *Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Event*
  - *Video Status?*
- *Wayne County Invasive Species – Bob Burns*
- *Detroit River Reefs – Mary Bohling*
- *NOAA Regional Partnership – Sam Lovall*
  - Year 1
    - *Okonoka – Final Engineering and Design*
  - Year 2 Funding –
    - *Celeron Construction & Okonoka Construction*
      - *Funding Pending*
- *Detroit Riverfront Parks –*

**PAC Member Update Roundtable**

**3.0 Next Meeting Dates –**

*March 28<sup>th</sup> – SPAC Meeting – Grand Rapids*  
*March 29-30 – Great Lakes AOC Meeting – Grand Rapids*  
*April 20<sup>th</sup> – Sea Grant Fishery Workshop - Taylor*  
**PAC Meeting - May 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm**  
- *Allison Turner AOC Presentation*  
*May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – IAGLR Conference - Detroit*  
*April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – Riverkeeper Dinner*

**Adjourn**



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**DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Location: EPA Office – Grosse Ile**  
9311 Groh Rd, Grosse Ile Township, MI 48138  
**Monday May 8, 2017**  
**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**1.0 PAC Administration**

Introductions

Tricia Blicharski, Director of Operations FDR; Allison Turner, University of Waterloo; Rose Ellison, EPA; Robert Burns, Riverkeeper FDR; Melanie Foose, MDEQ; Mary Bohling, PAC Chair/ Michigan SeaGrant; Jane Mackey, FDR; Gordon Harding, Canadian PAC; Mckenzi Bergmoser, Natural Community Services; John O'Meara, ECT; Sam Lovall, FDR; Anita Harrington, City of Detroit, Buildings, Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department

**2.0 Presentations**

*Upper Trenton Channel Legacy Act project – Heather Williams (Presentations Attached)*  
- *Follow up on Habitat placement*  
*University Waterloo AOC study – Allison Turner*

**3.0 GLRI Budget Update - \$300 Million Approved**

**4.0 Updates**

***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup*** - Gina Pannunzio/ Claire Sanders **DEQ** – *Melanie Foose*

- DNR is going to be doing a meeting for flatwoods project then it will go out for bid. Milliken State Park project kickoff meeting a couple of weeks ago, it went for bid, hopefully we get some good proposals
- **Great Lakes Echo Article** –

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2017/05/04/clean-up-of-great-lakes-hot-spots-may-get-one-year-relieve-but-supporters-fear-longterm-cuts/>

**EPA** – *Rose Ellison*

- Upper Riverfront Parks project had an open house with local community and it went really well, field work happens in June and will work on design rest of the year. Supplemental environmental project because of a dioxin air violation in Detroit, looking for ideas for a project in the Detroit area that deals with air/dioxin to give the violation money to. Perhaps we have something (related to fish consumption advisories?), though public education and outreach probably won't be a good candidate for the \$\$\$\$. Tree planting? Or perhaps the Riverwalker program with the Michigan health dept? Or perhaps it would be better for the EJ folks downtown



**5.0**

**GRANTS:**

- 2016 PAC Support Grant – Waiting for approval
- Stony Island
  - Contractor is in process of getting ready to mobilize, should start work in next week or so, save the date for Aug celebration but will have more details at July meeting,
  - *August Celebration event – Date TBD*
- Detroit River Reefs – Mary Bohling
  - also planning celebration potentially for August for Belle Isle reef, having a planning meeting for that on May 25. FDR, Belle Isle Conservancy, MI Water Center, EPA, etc. already looped in, mtg will decide if we even want to have an event and what it might look like. Hoping to have the celebration in conjunction with Belle Isle advisory committee mtg. Perhaps we coordinate the two August celebrations?? Still on track for Ft. Wayne construction this year
- NOAA Regional Partnership – Sam Lovall
  - Year 1
    - Okonoka – Final Engineering and Design
    - Finishing up, working on planning final partnership meeting.
  - Year 2 Funding –
    - Celeron Construction & Okonoka Construction
      - Funding Pending – Should be a few weeks.
- Detroit Riverfront Parks –
  - invasive species funding: Currently on an invasive species grant with Wayne County, have some money left over because partners dropped out, the riverfront parks were brought up and NOAA was agreeable to using leftover funding for that, parks people were happy to hear that, when EA survey is happening they will also do an invasive species survey to submit to NOAA.

**6.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable**

- We may need to return to 2-hour meetings instead of 90-minute ones (Maybe only when there are scheduled presentations)

**7.0 Next Meeting Dates –**

*May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – IAGLR Conference – Detroit*

*June 12-13 - SPAC Summer Meeting*

*July 10<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting (Also Gordon's Birthday)*

**Adjourn**



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***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup*** - Gina Pannunzio

- DRCC participated in three Earth Day events: two outreach booths and tree planting – engaging 1400 people from the Windsor-Essex community
- Communications and Outreach plan is being finalized and approved by our Steering and Implementation Committee to help guide our initiatives over the next few years
- Litter River cleanup: removed 8 tonnes of debris from the sub-watershed...most was illegally dumped
- Recently participated in the Fish Consumption BUI#1 workshop hosted by GLIER with guests from Canadian and American researchers to present multiple research projects/lines of evidence. Not ready to re-designate that BUI and will continue to work towards meeting delisting criteria.
- Spring monitoring includes: tree swallows, coastal wetlands, recently installed acoustic recording devices to determine whether sensitive amphibians/birds are in the wetlands, macrophyte sampling and fish populations monitoring
- Working towards developing a benthos re-designation assessment report and zooplankton (not phytoplankton section yet) content for a re-designation assessment report.
- Presently, DRCC released the Dredging BUI re-designation assessment report and is soliciting public feedback until Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>2017. Routine maintenance dredging takes place every 3-4 years on the Detroit River, and with restrictions on the disposal (sediments also being slightly above LEL), open water disposal or beach nourishment reuse is not an option. As the sediment is now able to be disposed in a regulated facility, the de-listing criteria is considered met. Please visit our website, download the report and submit written comments by e-mail to [postmaster@detroitriver.ca](mailto:postmaster@detroitriver.ca)
  - o <http://detroitriver.ca/drcc-launches-public-consultation-on-dredging-re-designation-assessment-report>



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**DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Location: FDR Office**  
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Lower basement conference room LL  
**Monday July 10, 2017**  
**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**1.0 PAC Administration**

Agenda Comments / Revisions / Additions  
Introductions

**2.0 Updates**

***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup*** - Gina Pannunzio/ Claire Sanders  
***DEQ*** – *Melanie Foose*

**3.0 GRANTS:**

- 2016 PAC Support Grant (Ends July 31<sup>st</sup>)
- 2017 PAC Support Grant (Pending)
- Stony Island – *Bob Burns*
  - *August 17th Celebration event*
  - *Save the Date*
- Detroit River Reefs – Mary Bohling
- NOAA Regional Partnership – Sam Lovall
  - Year 1
    - Okonoka – Final Engineering and Design
  - Year 2 Funding –
    - Celeron Construction
    - Okonoka Construction
    - Sugar Island
- Detroit Riverfront Parks –
  - Invasive Species funding?

**4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable**

**5.0 Next Meeting Dates –**

*September 11, 2017*  
*November 13, 2017*

**Adjourn**



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**DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Location: FDR Office**  
20600 Eureka Rd., Taylor MI 48180  
Lower basement conference room LL  
**Monday September 25, 2017**  
**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**1.0 PAC Administration**

Agenda Comments / Revisions / Additions  
Introductions

**2.0 Updates**

***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup*** - Gina Pannunzio/ Claire Sanders  
***DEQ*** – *Melanie Foose*  
***EPA*** – *Rose Ellison*  
***August 17<sup>th</sup>*** – *Detroit River Restoration Celebration* – *Mary Bohling/Tricia Blicharski*

**3.0 GRANTS:**

- 2016 PAC Support Grant (Ends July 31<sup>st</sup>) – Submitted final report
- 2017 PAC Support Grant - Awarded
- Stony Island – *Bob Burns*
- Detroit River Reefs – *Mary Bohling*
- NOAA Regional Partnership – *Sam Lovall*
  - Year 1
    - *Okonoka*– Final Engineering and Design
  - Year 2 Funding –
    - *Celeron Construction*
    - *Okonoka Construction*
    - *Sugar Island*
- Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Bob Burns*
- NFWF Grant to DNR - *Melanie Foose*
  - *Milliken SP*
  - *Belle Isle Flatwoods*

**4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable**

**5.0 Other**

**Water Festival** – Oct 19<sup>th</sup>  
Presenters and Sponsors needed  
**Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival** – Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Hawkfest – Lake Erie Metro Park** - Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
**FDR Annual Meeting** – Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

**6.0 Next Meeting Dates –**

*November 13, 2017*  
*January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*





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**Adjourn**



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**DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Location: Flynn Pavillion**

Belle Isle Park

Detroit, MI

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Flynn+Pavilion/@42.3345199,-82.9944677,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x883b2b559d8a949b:0x1775082a5d0e2a57!8m2!3d42.334516!4d-82.992279>

**Monday November 13, 2017**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**1.0 PAC Administration**

Agenda Comments / Revisions / Additions  
Introductions

**2.0 Updates**

***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup*** - Gina Pannunzio/ Claire Sanders  
***DEQ*** – *Melanie Foose*  
***EPA*** – *Rose Ellison*

**3.0 Public Meeting – Milliken State Park Habitat Project**

**4.0 GRANTS:**

- Pressing Issues with any of the grants that require action before January PAC mtg

**4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable**

**6.0 Next Meeting Dates –**

*January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

**Adjourn**