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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 10th, 2022  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

Meeting URL  
<https://bluejeans.com/734288388>

Meeting ID: 734 288 388  
Call-in Info: +1 408 419 1715

**Attendees:** Mary Bohling, MI SeaGrant; Paul Powell, Army Corps; Anita Harrington, City of Detroit; Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club; Amber Falkner, US EPA; Melanie Foose, EGLE; Gina Pannunzio, DRCC; Katie Grantham, Semcog; Jackie Serran, DRCC; Kaylee Peterson, FDR; Bob Burns, FDR; Rose Ellison, US EPA; Tom Henderson, Canadian PAC Chair/DRCC; Tricia Blicharski, FDR; John O'Meara, ECT.

### 1.0 PAC Administration

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### 2.0 Upcoming Project Priorities

- EGLE will be talking about state of Michigan EGLE priorities for the Areas of Concern (AOCs). Looking at sampling in Harbortown area and looking to do outreach to find partners for other sites. If you have any questions, email Melanie Foose.

### 3.0 Agency Updates

#### *Detroit River Canadian Cleanup - Jackie Serran, RAP Coordinator*

- Peche Island – DRCC has been able to construct 6.5/9 shoals. Hoping to construct the revetment once ice flows have melted. In process of looking at outreach events but are current lockdown is preventing some events.

#### *EPA – Rose Ellison*

- EPA Great Lakes National Program office has received \$5 billion on top of annual budget. Now have the resources to step up efforts in the Great Lakes and AOCs.
- Rose will be retiring at the end of April 2022. Amber Falkner will be taking over for Rose.
- Amber has a background in surface cleanup and ecology research in Puerto Rico. Will be located in Chicago but hopes to make trip to Detroit to see the projects.
- Monguagon Upper Trenton Channel (MCUTC) Project Public Meeting – just completed predesign investigation. Will soon begin design phase. Anticipating dredging project. Construction will likely begin in late 2023.
- EGLE Sampling McLouth Steel shoreline data has been collected. Waiting on results.
- McLouth Super Fund Site - Remedial Investigation will begin soon. There will be three parts: sediments, upland and ground water.

#### *EGLE – Melanie Foose*

- Flatwoods – will extend into 2023 to cover plantings. Hoping to have DNR on another PAC meeting to give a presentation in the fall.



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#### 4.0 Project Updates

- PAC Support Grant
  - Quarterly Reports – report will be ready to be submitted at the end of the month.
    - PAC support funds will end at the end of February. Will plan to submit proposal for PAC support funds. Might be a gap in funding for a few months.
  - PAC Report Card
    - Mary just received the draft from graphic designer. Will need to have comments by the 20th, deliverable will be due at the end of February.
    - Jackie to send graphics that were used in Canadian report card.
- NOAA Regional Partnership – *Bob Burns*
  - Okonoka Construction – finished construction. Will be doing post-monitoring this spring/summer.
  - Sugar Island Feasibility and Design / Construction Funding
    - EC Korneffel has been working through the fall, just about to shut down at sugar because of water levels and wind conditions.
    - Some anglers are worried about navigational hazards. Bob said that EC Korneffel will have lights out there during construction, but it is up to boaters to know to navigate around shoals.
  - Hennepin Feasibility and Design
    - Moving rig to Hennepin. Contractors will be setting up this week to begin construction and will work through the winter before moving back to Sugar this spring.
  - 2022 Request – working on a new NOAA Partnership request, will be due 1/19/ 2022. Proposing projects not just for Detroit River but for Rouge River, River Raisin and Clinton River.
- Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Bob Burns*
  - Upper Riverfront Parks – design was completed but city is making some changes to park. Been working with the city to make sure these changes will enhance both projects. Designers will work on design revisions into the late summer/fall and will be ready for construction in 2023.
  - If FDR gets the NOAA partnership grant, FDR will take over construction of riverfront parks projects. If FDR does not get the grant EPA will continue to oversee construction.

#### 5.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable

- Councilman Scott Benson/Detroit Bulk Storage Letter – after our Nov 2021 PAC meeting FDR received a request for support by Councilman Benson. There were two breaches at Detroit Bulk Storage. This letter would permanently bar them from conducting operating along the Detroit River. This company has a history of breaches in the Rouge River. Both the PAC and FDR are in support of this Councilman Benson's efforts.
- SEMCOG – many will be receiving emails about Coastal Leadership Academy (March – April). Each session is about 3 hours, a few weeks between each session. Each Coastal community is invited to join and learn. Apply ASAP, spots are limited. Received national wetland data, working to get data on website. SEMCOG might have another GI grant program available. For any questions, email Katie Grantham.
- ECT – Land owner discussions are going forward in the Rouge Concrete Channel work.

#### 6.0 Upcoming Meeting Dates

DETROIT RIVER AREA OF CONCERN  
PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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- SPAC Meeting – January 20, 2022
  - MCUTC Public Meeting – January 31, 2022
  - PAC Meeting – Proposed February 28, 2022
  - State of the Strait Conference – May 11, 2022 at UM-Dearborn
  - US AOC Conference –May 24-26, 2022, in Muskegon, MI

**Adjourn**



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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday March 21st, 2022  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

Meeting URL  
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**Attendees:** Tricia Blicharski, FDR; Bob Burns, FDR; Jackie Serran, DRCC; Alice Bailey, ECT; Amber Falkner, EPA; Anita Harrington, City of Detroit; Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club; Melanie Foose, EGLE; Gina Pannunzio, DRCC; Lisa Perez, US Forest Service; Michal Helman, WUPSA; Raquel Garcia, Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision; Tom Henderson, Canadian PAC; Kaylee Peterson, FDR.

### 1.0 PAC Administration

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### 2.0 Agency Updates

#### *Detroit River Canadian Cleanup - Jackie Serran, RAP Coordinator*

- Peche Island – portion of the revetment was completed to help with erosion mitigation. Once fish spawning window closes the construction will be completed. Secured additional funding for the other shoals.
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada did some post construction monitoring – found a 40% increase in submergent vegetation coverage, from 10% to 50%. 20 new native species that were not recorded previously i.e., spotted darter.
- Research by Canadian Wildlife Service and Environment and Climate Change Canada found that there was no impairment for deformities or other reproductive endpoints for Herring Gulls, Snapping Turtles, and Tree Swallows.

#### *EPA – Amber Falkner*

- GLNPO tends **to delist all AOCs by 2030.**
- McLouth Superfund Site – remediation has been delayed a year and will now start 2023.

#### *EGLE – Melanie Foose*

- Gave two talks on sediment and habitat BUIs for the Detroit River at the State of Lake Conference. Chris Korleski, director of U.S. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office, talked about his interest in the work happening in the Detroit AOC.

### 3.0 Project Updates

- PAC Support Grant
  - Quarterly Reports – due at end of April. Will continue to do quarterly reports for the 6-month extension. If everything works out, there should be no lapse in funding for PAC report.
  - Secured a one month no-cost extension to the end of February. The state now has funding for the 6-month extension (6 months including February).



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- PAC Report Card – Melanie sent some updated maps and it's in the final draft stages by Michigan Sea Grant. Hopefully printing and distribution will be covered under PAC support grant.
  - NOAA Regional Partnership – *Robert Burns*
    - Okonoka Construction – no update.
    - Sugar Island Feasibility and Design / Construction Funding – Construction began Fall 2021, worked until ice came in. Due to the flow on the channel, construction was stopped in late winter.
    - Hennepin Feasibility and Design – construction began in early winter, putting stone in for the south shoal.
  - Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Amber Falkner*
    - Still undergoing design revision, on track to finish late fall. Construction still plans to start 2023.
  - Sediment Projects
    - MCUTC – beginning of design is under way. Proposed modeling is supposed to be conducted this summer.
    - McLouth Shoreline – Still waiting on validated results for analysis, which was conducted September 2021, results are expected by end of March.

#### **4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable**

- Sierra Club and Friends of the Rouge are doing a Green Your Neighborhood event. Erma to share flyer.
- Friends of the Detroit River - Riverkeeper Dinner on April 2 and Spring Cleanup on April 23.
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#### **5.0 Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- PAC Meeting – May 9, 2022
- State of the Strait Conference – May 11, 2022, at UM-Dearborn
- US AOC Conference – May 24-26, 2022, in Muskegon, MI
- SPAC Meeting – June 14, 2022

**Adjourn**



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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday May 9th, 2022  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

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**Attendees:** Mary Bohling, Michigan Sea Grant/PAC Chair; Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club; Melanie Foose, EGLE/AOC Coordinator; John O'Meara, ECT/FDR; McKenzi Waliczek, FDR; Bob Burns, FDR/Vice PAC Chair; Michal Helman, WSP USA; Tom Henderson, Detroit River Canadian PAC Chair; Tricia Blicharski, FDR; Lisa Perez, USFS; Andy McDowell, Detroit Zoological Society; Raquel Garcia, Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision; Amber Falkner, US EPA.

### 1.0 PAC Administration

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### 2.0 Agency Updates

#### *Detroit River Canadian Cleanup – Tom Henderson*

- Jackie has begun her year of maternity leave. Paul Drca will be her temporary replacement. Paul was former official with Public Works in Windsor.
- Windsor National Urban Park: no official word but hoping this gets official national park designation

#### *EPA – Amber Falkner*

- No update

#### *EGLE – Melanie Foose*

- State of Strait Conference is May 11, 2022. Theme is contaminated sediments. Will have representation from both sides of river
- Flatwoods Project – most of hydrological work is done. Boardwalks, trails and plantings will be happening throughout the summer. Hoping to be done with plantings by fall.
- Training for Implicit Bias for any PAC member – will happen May 13, 2022. Contact Melanie if you'd like to attend.
- Bob and Mary put in a request for funding for ecoli sampling in five sites people recreate along the river. Looking to put together a sampling plan for Summer 2023. The five sampling sites are: Black Lagoon at Elias Park, Celeron Island, Sugar Island Beach, back side of Sugar Island, Stony Bay.

### 3.0 Project Updates

- PAC Support Grant
  - Quarterly Reports – submitted, received six-month extension.
  - PAC Report Card – Finalized. The document will be sent to all members and posted on the Friends of the Detroit River website. Will be updated biannually.
- NOAA Regional Partnership – *Robert Burns/Paul Evanoff*



- Okonoka Monitoring – finished work summer 2021. Clean water has been free flowing since Fall 2021. Monitoring will take place late summer 2022.
- Sugar Island Construction – base part of the shoals is in. Will restart construction late May.
- Hennepin Feasibility and Design – worked through the winter. North and South shoal core stone are in. Placing armor stone in today, May 9.
- Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Amber Falkner*
  - AB Ford Park - Pushing for design revisions, took bioswale out of design. Working on renderings. Will share with PAC once they are finalized. Construction to start 2023 and end 2024.
- Sediment Projects – *Melanie Foose/Amber Falkner*
  - Final Report on findings from sediment sampling along McLouth and Grosse Ile Shoreline will be available in June.
  - Additional sampling along Upper Harbor Town and Riverside Park area will be conducted this summer.
  - MCUTC Pre-Design Investigation Report are being finalized

#### 4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable

- **Lisa Perez** – City of Detroit’s Reforestation Committee is working on Stewardship Directory related to stewardship efforts in the city.
- **Erma Leaphart** – Waters of the U.S. Roundtable for EPA. These discussions center around how we define “waters of the U.S”, trying to find broad definition of waters of the US to better regulate water under the Clean Water Act. Will share any reports or updates from this roundtable
- **John O’Meara** – concrete channel for the Rouge River is moving forward. Renderings are being constructed for site owners.
- **McKenzi Waliczek** – Kayak event on June 26 for National Canoe/Kayak Day at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Focus on invasive species.
- **Raquel Garcia** – working on electrification of vehicles and would like to work this into future PAC discussion.
- **Mary Bohling** – Michigan Sea Grant has awarded two internships to college students to do tree canopy research in Detroit.

#### 5.0 Upcoming Meeting Dates

- State of the Strait Conference – May 11, 2022, at UM-Dearborn
- SPAC Habitat Committee Meeting – May 23, 2022. If you’d like to attend, get in touch with Jennifer Tewkesbury from EGLE.
- SPAC Meeting – June 14, 2022
- PAC Meeting – July 11, 2022
- US AOC Conference –May 24-26, 2022, in Muskegon, MI

**Adjourn**



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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday July 11th, 2022**  
**1:30 – 3:30 pm**

**Meeting URL**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88451405337?pwd=2osEToqBrzu6K5s18DYQo5o1TeKtCs.1>

**Meeting ID:** 884 5140 5337  
**Passcode:** 2022  
**Call-in Info:** +1 301 715 8592

**Attendees:** Mary Bohling, MI Sea Grant; Erica Clites, MI Sea Grant; Paul Drca, DRCC; Tom Henderson, DRCC; Melanie Foose, EGLE; Genevieve Rattray, BIC; Christian Bako, EPA-GLNPO; Amber Falkner, EPA; Meghan Price, ECT; Bob Burns, FDR; McKenzie Waliczek, FDR; Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club; Katie Grantham, SEMCOG; Bailee Pazienza, SEMCOG; Anita Harrington, City of Detroit;

### 1.0 PAC Administration

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### 2.0 Agency Updates

***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup – Paul Drca, RAP Coordinator***

- Free Fishing Day – Held on July 2. 85 participants attended. There were 30-40 rods free for use, targeting people who haven't fished.
- Detroit River Evening – September 14, 2022. Bob Burns and Mary Bohling will participate. For more information,  
<https://essexregionconservation.ca/education-and-events/category/events/>

***EPA – Amber Falkner***

- Christian Bako is the newest EPA GLNPO hire. He's well versed in contaminated sediments. Christian and Amber are based at the Chicago office.

***EGLE – Melanie Foose***

- Waiting on final sediment sampling report, narrative and data. Sam Noffke is working with Amber Falkner on additional sampling at Upper Harbortown and Riverside Park.
- PAC support Grant Guidance will be released in August or September. Grant Timeline is 2-3 years.

### 3.0 Project Updates

- PAC Support Grant
  - Quarterly Reports – Q2 Report is due at end of July.
  - PAC Report Card – available on the website and has been printed. Paper copies will be available at the in-person meeting in September or by request at FDR's office.
- NOAA Regional Partnership – *Robert Burns*
  - Okonoka Monitoring – survey sampling as been completed. Waiting on report. Herp survey is completed and report has been uploaded to FDR website.





- Sugar Island Construction – placing armor stone on shoal #5. Will finish up work late fall, early winter. Positive evidence of vegetation behind existing shoals.
- Hennepin Construction – contractor has begun placing soil and plant plugs on shoals. Will be back to place shrubs this fall.
- Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Amber Falkner*
  - Finalized renderings. Army Corps of Engineers released flood mitigation plans. EPA met with the city to talk about flood mitigation. Need consensus before project moves forward.
- Sediment Projects – *Amber Falkner*
  - Wilson Park – no official start date.
  - MCUTC – finalizing reports before moving into design phase. Scheduled to finish design in fall of 2023.

#### 4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable

- SEMCOG – Information on Coastal Management Grants, <https://semcog.org/blog/southeast-michigan-awarded-five-coastal-management-grants>
- FDR – The Detroit River Water Festival is back! It will be held near the Belle Isle Nature Center on September 27. We're still looking for volunteers. For more information, head to <https://www.detroitriverwaterfestival.com/>
- Great Lakes Public Forum – Will be a hybrid event happening September 27-29. For more information, head to <https://www.glc.org/event/2022-09-great-lakes-public-forum/>
- Melanie to check with DNR and EA about Flatwoods Project tour for September's PAC meeting.

#### 5.0 Upcoming Meeting Dates

- SPAC Meeting – Oct 11-12 in Monroe, MI.
- PAC Meeting – Sept 12, 2022 and Nov 14, 2022
- HOW Conference – Oct 18-19 in Milwaukee, WI

**Adjourn**



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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday September 12, 2022

2:00 – 3:30 pm

### Meeting Location:

Friends of the Detroit River Office  
20600 Eureka Rd., Suite 250  
Taylor, MI 48180

### Meeting URL

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82370689050?pwd=Q2ZDenFmS0NoNDFYRzIGWG51NkNVZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 7068 9050

Passcode: 2022

Call-in Info: +1 301 715 8592

**Attendees:** Rose Ellison, EPA; Amber Falkner, EPA; Christian Bako, EPA; Erica Clites, Michigan SeaGrant; Bob Burns, FDR; Mary Bohling, MSU Extension/PAC Chair; Kaylee Peterson, FDR; McKenzi Waliczek, FDR; Tom Henderson, DRCC; John O'Meara, ECT; Melanie Foose, EGLE; Paul Drca, DRCC/Essex Regional Conservation Authority; Steve Check, Army Corps of Engineers; Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club.

### 1.0 PAC Administration

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### 2.0 Belle Isle Flatwoods Tour Discussion

- Bob Clancy (DNR) and Kevin Kowalk (EA Engineering) provided a guided tour of the Flatwoods project.
- Questions were raised on the decrease in tree canopy. DNR said there isn't one specific reason i.e., record high water levels, oak wilt, and blight. Further investigation is needed.

### 3.0 Agency Updates

#### ***Detroit River Canadian Cleanup – Paul Drca, RAP Coordinator***

- Sandwichtown Environmental Walk – toured some restoration project sites. Talked about combined sewer overflows.
- Peche Island – working on revetment on north end of island. Nine shoals are being created. Five have been finished, four are still being constructed. About 25% of island has been lost to erosion.
- Detroit River Evening – 9/14 from 6-7:30pm. Mary to present US habitat restoration project updates with info from Bob

#### ***EPA – Amber Falkner***

- EPA and State of MI are having their AOC planning meeting November 16-18, will be discussing priority projects for the state.

#### ***EGLE – Melanie Foose***

- EGLE needs to follow up on McLouth sampling. Final results for McLouth should be available soon. Results for ongoing and current sampling will be available in about a year.
- SPAC – first in person meeting since covid. Will be in Monroe on October 11-12.
- Fish Tumor BUI – Three AOCs that have this BUI (Detroit, Rouge, St. Mary). Fish sampling will happen in the three AOCs, as well as the Huron River. Sampling will begin



as early as next spring. Been a little more than 10 years since the last sampling for fish tumors. Erma asked if they are looking for PFAs contamination. Melanie responded: EGLE will not be looking for contaminants during fish tumors sampling, they will be looking at internal liver tumors at brown-bullhead. Some PFAs analysis was done during sediment sampling.

#### 4.0 Project Updates

- PAC Support Grant
  - Final Report – Due at the end of the month. Will be ready to submit.
  - PAC Support Grant RFP – Melanie reviewed and added verbiage in about including expanding DEI efforts for PAC, not sure when it will be released.
- NOAA Regional Partnership – *Robert Burns*
  - Sugar Island Construction – putting stone along five shoals around the island. Have some contingency money that we are proposing to put in some new island structures near the openings of existing shoals and extend shoal 5 to slow down wave action coming into bay area.
    - Lost a lot of shoreline near south end. Currently in discussion between agencies for separating shoal work from shoreline work.
  - Hennepin Construction – vegetation installed on shoals were cover crop. Due to where these shoals are located, they are much more visible, so native shrubs will be planted there this fall. Cover crop hasn't come in due to dry summer season. Will be removing and replacing top due to seagull excrement.
    - NOAA has approved an additional small shoal to be placed at west-end of stony, paid for with contingency money. Upper area was getting a lot of water flow due to current.
- Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Amber Falkner*
  - On temporary hold until City of Detroit does an additional feasibility study on flood control. EPA will be meeting with the city.
- Sediment Projects – *Amber Falkner*
  - Wilson Park – has been awarded. Had preliminary meeting with Army Corp, majority of construction will begin next year.
  - MCUTC – project team received feedback from Detroit River PAC. FDR has asked Amber to provide the feedback that was received.
  - PR/Future Engagement – Christian and Amber have been meeting to discuss future projects. Further investigation is projected to begin in 2024.
  - Upper Trenton Channel – project is in final design stages and waiting for proposal from non-federal sponsor.

#### 5.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable

- DRCC - National Urban Park is scheduled to open by 2024.
- FDR – Detroit River Water Festival is happening on September 27. Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile Program will be in Detroit in October, teaching students how to canoe and connecting them to local waterways. FDR's Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 13.

#### 6.0 Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Great Lakes Public Forum – Sept 27-29 in Niagara, ON/Hybrid
- SPAC Meeting – October 11-12 in Monroe, MI.
- PAC Meeting – Nov 14, 2022



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**Adjourn**



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## DETROIT RIVER RAP PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday November 14, 2022  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

**Attendees:** Mary Bohling, MSUE/PAC Chair; Tricia Blicharski, FDR; Bob Burns, FDR; Kaylee Peterson, FDR; Erica Clites, MI SeaGrant; Paul Drca, DRCC; Tom Henderson, DRCC; Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club; Christian Bako, EPA; Meghan Price, ECT; McKenzi Waliczek, FDR; John O'Meara, ECT; Amber Falkner, EPA; Melanie Foose, EGLE.

### 1.0 PAC Administration

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### 2.0 Agency Updates

#### *Detroit River Canadian Cleanup – Paul Drca, RAP Coordinator*

- National Urban Park is moving along. This Thursday, Parks Canada has an open meeting to discuss park plans. This will be the last remaining shoreline on Windsor.
- Looking to retain a biologist that's qualified to do at risk-species. DFO approves plans for report to Department of Fisheries and Oceans, federal regulator. erosion control and habitat replacement.
- Canadian PAC meeting – Oct 25. Dr. John Hartig gave presentation on ecosystem approach.

#### *EPA – Amber Falkner*

- Planned AOC meeting for EPA and EGLE for later this week.
- Hybrid meeting for the AOCs.

#### *EGLE – Melanie Foose*

- Looking to prioritize sediments, fish tumors.
- Using Huron River as comparison site for the fish tumor sampling. Will begin sampling next spring.
- Oct 10 – took EGLE staff out to four aesthetics monitoring locations. Did dry weather. Looking to do wet weather monitoring. Most sites look good, but Ed Levy Site needs more vegetation and breakdown of calcification of shoreline but normal beach sand has begun building up. Aesthetics BUI will remain impaired due to CSOs. There is information related to CSOs and aesthetics BUI on Detroit River PAC Report Card, more info [here](#).
- E coli Monitoring – Will be monitored at islands along the lower Detroit River. EGLE plans to have this completed this summer. Erma mentioned that there's a possible Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) coming from Grosse Pointe and dumping into the canals at Jefferson Chalmers. Erma will reach out to Melanie to investigate this further.
- New Posting for Lake Erie Coordinator – Job is open to everyone, please share with folks. More information on the position is [here](#).

### 3.0 Project Updates

- PAC Support Grant – Grant was submitted to EGLE. Going through EGLE's grant process, hoping to get it out by end of November.



- NOAA Regional Partnership – *Robert Burns*
  - Sugar Island Construction – Addressing shoreline erosion on south end of island, put in 2,300 feet of stone around. Looking at fallen trees for habitat structure. Will begin dredging for channels after shoreline construction is finished. Construction plans to be completed by Fall 2023.
  - Hennepin Construction – hoping to complete additional work at Hennepin by spring.
- Detroit Riverfront Parks – *Amber Falkner*
  - Upper Riverfront Park - EA submitted 90% revised design. Project is still on hold until City decides on flood mitigation. Still remains on management action list.
- Sediment Projects – *Amber Falkner*
  - Wilson Park – site walk happened beginning of November. Lack of available material is preventing shore stabilization work from starting this year. Contractor will apply sheet stone walls. Waiting on construction schedule from upland contractor.
  - MCUTC – PAC comments were received and will be incorporated in design. Final design is expected Fall 2023. Slight pause to discuss shoreline stability issues, proposed slope would not remediate shoreline contamination.
  - McLouth Shoreline –Sediment Committee will meet to determine final decisions for the future of this project.
  - Harbortown – Sampling was complete in September. RI Reports will be drafted Spring 2023.
  - Upper Trenton Channel – GLNPO completed the water treatment treatability study and will be incorporating results into final design. Anticipating application from NFS for action plan phase by end of 2022.
  - Engagement and Future Projects – EGLE and EPA have drafted some proposed RI sampling locations.

#### 4.0 PAC Member Update Roundtable

- SPAC Meeting – First in-person meeting in a while. Nice to see the work that's going on in Monroe.
- Great Lakes Public Forum – DRCC attended virtually. Strong Indigenous representation from Canadian side.
- Will invite EGLE and GLWA to give talk on Combined Sewer Overflows – possibly for March meeting.
- Erma – GLWA and HUW are having research symposium 12-2pm. 10-15 5 min presentations.
- FDR – Dec 8 Holiday Party. Shiver on the River – Feb 4, 2023 at the Dossin Museum.
- AOC Conference – Will be in Green Bay, WI in September 12-13, 2023.
- Whose Water – Erma mentioned this educational documentary, from filmmaker Kate Levy, relating to access to drinking water with specific focus on BIPOC and low-income communities. Not yet released.

#### 5.0 Upcoming Meeting Dates

- PAC Meeting – Jan 9, 2023

**Adjourn**

3/9/2023