

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

**SUBJECT:** A summary of proposals contained within the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group 2015 Report

**FOR:** December 2014 Board meeting

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Pat Stevens, Administrator, Air, Waste and Remediation and Redevelopment; Bruce Keyes, Foley & Lardner, Attorney (At Counsel), Milwaukee

**SUMMARY:**

The Brownfields Study Group presents to the Board a summary of the proposals in its 2015 Report.

The recommendations in the Report are entirely the ideas and opinions of Study Group members, arrived at through an open, consensus-based decision making process. The proposals cover a variety of financial, liability, local government, technical and waterfront issues. Additionally, the Study Group has commissioned the creation of an economic impact report, expected to be released by the middle of 2015. More than 60 people actively engaged in the creation of this Report. Over the course of a nine month period, more than 30 public meetings and conference calls were conducted and more than 100 draft documents were reviewed and revised.

DNR staff provided technical and logistical support to the Study Group, but the Report is entirely a publication of the Study Group and may or may not represent the views and opinions of DNR.

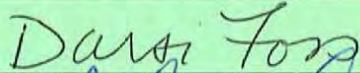
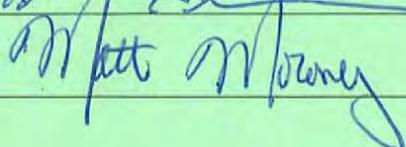
The Brownfields Study Group was created in 1997. Its charge is to study how the state can increase the number of contaminated properties that are cleaned up and returned to productive use. Members include representatives of local governments, environmental consulting companies, nonprofit organizations, law firms, state agencies, universities and more. Other stakeholders become involved and contribute based on their interest in specific topics and availability.

Current members of the Brownfields Study Group include: John Antaramian (ECC Corp., Kenosha); Eric Bott (WMC, Madison); Nancy Frank (UW-Milw., Milwaukee); Adam Gallagher (Dane Co. Treasurer, Madison); Ben Gramling (16th St. Community Health Center, Milwaukee); Arthur Harrington (Godfrey & Kahn, Milwaukee); Karen Harkness (Director of Economic Development, Appleton); Steve Hiniker (1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, Madison); Bruce Keyes (Foley & Lardner, Milwaukee); Dave Misky (RACM, Milwaukee); Mary Panzer (Panzer Public Affairs, Madison); John Stibal (Economic Development, West Allis); Mark Thimke (Foley & Lardner, Milwaukee); Sam Tobias (Planning & Development, Fond du Lac County); Scott Wilson (Ayers Associates, Madison).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Information only

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