

Explore & Restore the Milwaukee Estuary



Stakeholder Delegation Position Description

The Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern Stakeholder Input Group (SIG) includes dozens of people who have attended stakeholder input meetings. Due to the large number of individuals, we are forming a “Delegation” of SIG members that will serve as an outreach advisory panel on behalf of the SIG.

DELEGATE ROLE:

- ❖ To provide guidance and review of strategic material and programs developed to
 - 1) raise the knowledge base of the Milwaukee Estuary AOC and Remedial Action Plan
 - 2) create opportunities for meaningful public engagement, and
 - 3) elevate community awareness of the specific priority issues identified by the Delegation.
- ❖ Identify community partnership opportunities to foster new initiatives that advance community support for and endorsement of AOC clean-up and enhancement projects that lead to delisting
- ❖ Support and complement Milwaukee Estuary AOC outreach, education and public participation efforts
- ❖ Serves as a sounding board for AOC Agency Staff (UWEX and DNR)
- ❖ Generating new ideas and approaches
- ❖ Communicate to the SIG about Delegation actions and activities as appropriate
- ❖ Serve as a resource for SIG members
- ❖ When sanctioned to do so, serve as the “voice” for the SIG

Benefits of your commitment as a Delegate

- ❖ Special opportunities for delegation-specific field trips and workshops that will enhance your understanding of AOC projects & processes.
- ❖ Additional opportunities to visit locations in the AOC with guidance from experts and project staff
- ❖ Support to attend AOC-specific statewide meetings when funds are available

Time Commitment:

At this time we have funding for several field trips and 1 workshop that will hopefully give you a new perspective on the Area of Concern and generate new questions to consider and ideas for products or programs to heighten the awareness of the larger AOC community. I anticipate these opportunities will facilitate discussion about the future goals of the AOC program. Below I have included other offerings to the Delegation. These are opportunities, but are not mandatory

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components of your role as a Delegate. We do hope you will be able to take advantage of as many of these as your time allows.

These opportunities may include:

- Interpretive canoe trip
- Interpretive boat tour
 - One of the above two activities will include interpretation by Historian John Gurda
 - We hope to coincide these with the best viewing of current projects in the AOC
- Exploring the Grand Trunk Wetland Tour and Workshop that outlines various data surveys, monitoring and research methods that are a part of a baseline assessment of wetland communities
 - These two activities may take place on the same day depending on availability of the Delegates
- Other Delegation observation and learning opportunities may include:
 - Beach and River Citizen Aesthetics Monitoring Program
 - Hiking & Skiing Expeditions
 - Benthos Collecting and Study Demos
 - Other issue-specific presentations, hikes, etc... as identified as desirable by the Delegation
 - Wisconsin Great Lakes Areas of Concern statewide meetings when support funding is available

UW-Extension's Natural Resource Educator, Gail Epping Overholt, will serve as facilitator for the Delegation initially but will share that role with Delegates as appropriate.

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