

ROCK RIVER RECOVERY – JULY QUARTERLY NETWORKING FORUM

## Rock River Recovery and Vibrant River Communities

Wednesday July 13, 2016, 9:00 – 12:00

**Watertown Senior Center – Terrace Room** <sup>NOTE: New Location!!!</sup>

514 S. First Street, Watertown, WI 53094

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### AGENDA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>9:00</u>	<u>Networking Reception (coffee, snacks)</u>
<u>9:30</u>	<u>Welcome, Introductions, Agenda</u>
<u>9:35</u>	<u>TMDL Implementation Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation – Mark Riedel</li><li>• Agriculture – Mike Gilbertson</li><li>• Education &amp; Outreach – Mark Riedel</li><li>• Monitoring – Mike Sorge</li><li>• MS4 – Eric Rortvedt</li><li>• Waste Water – Amy Garbe (AM, WQT, MDV)</li></ul>
<u>10:00</u>	<u>Testing the Waters – Event Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speaker – Joe Van Rossum, UW Extension</li></ul>
<u>10:30</u>	<u>Watertown Riverfront Redevelopment and Revitalization</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Augie Tietz – Alderperson, City of Watertown</li><li>• Kristen Fish – Redevelopment Resources, Llc</li></ul>
<u>11:50</u>	<u>Wrap-up: Summary of Day</u>
<u>12:00</u>	<u>Adjourn</u>



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### Report from Testing The Waters: A Paddle and Probe Adventure

The Rock River Coalition organized an eleven-day program that continually sampled water quality conditions of the Rock River from Mayville to Beloit in May. The project led by the coalition's Suzanne Wade and University of Whitewater's Eric Compas engaged community members along the route as well as students in the classroom. A summary of the program will be presented.

### The Rock River as a Community Asset – The City of Watertown

The City of Watertown has developed a redevelopment plan to create a physically and economically vital riverfront and downtown area. The city's downtown is bisected by the Rock River and makes for a natural focal point for residents, businesses and visitors. A primary goal of the plan is to elevate the role and profile of the river in the civic, cultural and economic life of the community. Additionally there is a goal to increase activities and access along the riverfront and for the community to serve as a center for regional recreation. The planning team has considered not only what would be beneficial for residents and visitors to the community, but also for the future of the businesses in downtown as well as the rest of the business community in Watertown.

Augie Tietz is an alderperson for the City of Watertown and has been participating in the process as an elected official and will share his views and perspectives about the city's efforts including work that has been done to develop a Riverwalk over the last 14 years.

Kristen Fish of Redevelopment Resources LLC will share her firm's role in the planning process as well as insights about how other communities located along rivers or bodies of water can take advantage of the resource.



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