

SUBGROUP: Environmental Justice

Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group



MEETING NOTES

Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group – Environmental Justice

Thursday, March. 2, 2023

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Rm. G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2)
101 S. Webster St. Madison, WI 53703

Action items/assignments for next meeting

- **ALL:** Submit your feedback about the DNR outreach draft to Jody.Irland@wisconsin.gov by March 31, 2023. Whatever format works best for you is fine: email notes, picture of handwritten notes, or setting up a conversation.
- **ALL:** Share potential EJ contacts with Jody.Irland@wisconsin.gov, who will create a database with the information to be reviewed at a future meeting.
- **ALL:** Subscribe to the [RR EAG listserv](#) to receive information about future meeting dates, agendas, resources, and other EAG-relevant items. Zoom attendees are automatically added to the listserv; if you would like to opt out, please email Jody.Irland@wisconsin.gov

Introductions

In-person attendees

- Roy Irving, DHS
- Jodie Peotter, DNR
- Jody Irland, DNR
- Alyssa Sellwood, DNR
- Molly Schmidt, DNR

Zoom attendees

- Chris Valcheff, True North Consultants
- Bill Scott, WPS Law
- Patrick Kenny, WEC Energy Group
- Nathan Kloczko, DHS
- Rob Hoverman, DNR
- Mackenzie Thelen, Alliant Energy

- Carrie Webb, DNR
- Jenny Coughlin, Alliant Energy
- Ted Warpinski, Halling & Cayo
- Michelle Castille
- Michelle Cook, City of Racine Planning and Redevelopment
- Tom Kilian, Citizens for a Clean Wausau
- Noah Saperstein, Red Cliff Environmental Department Treaty Natural Resources Division Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Lina Trank
- Lisa Ashenbrenner Hunt, DNR

Review takeaways from last meeting

- [Fri. Dec. 9, 2022, Meeting notes and materials](#)

Task 1: Expand stakeholders and community partners

Outreach draft, discussion and feedback

- Discussion on areas of opportunity: Need to better connect how the EJ subgroup, EAG group, and RR program work together; offer meetings at times outside of the traditional workday; inform on the potential of expanding participation to the greater EAG or other subgroups
- Discussion about skillset in future participants: relationships or connections to various affected communities, passionate about the fair and equitable treatment of people in Wisconsin, no technical background needed
- Next step is to share the outreach draft at the April EAG meeting to gather more feedback

Adjourn

Call to action Heading



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group (RR EAG) provides recommendations to the Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) program. **The RR EAG Environmental Justice subgroup seeks input from diverse voices and perspectives to help reduce disparities in environmental outcomes for communities affected by contaminated soil, sediment and groundwater in Wisconsin.**

What does the DNR RR Program do?



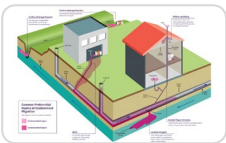
Oversees investigations and cleanup of environmental contamination that has already occurred.



Assists local governments in returning blighted properties to a more productive use.



Guides professionals on best practices for conducting investigations and cleanup to comply with Wisconsin laws.



Provides education and awareness on contamination you may not be able to see, smell or taste.



Uses available state resources, to address contamination when a responsible party is not taking the required action.



Goals of the RR EAG Environmental Justice Subgroup

- ✓ Cultivate strong partnerships with communities burdened by environmental contamination.
- ✓ Identify impacts and recommended adjustments, if appropriate, of, RR program policies and initiatives.
- ✓ Recommend ways the RR program can promote equitable environmental outcomes in the state.

What would my role be?

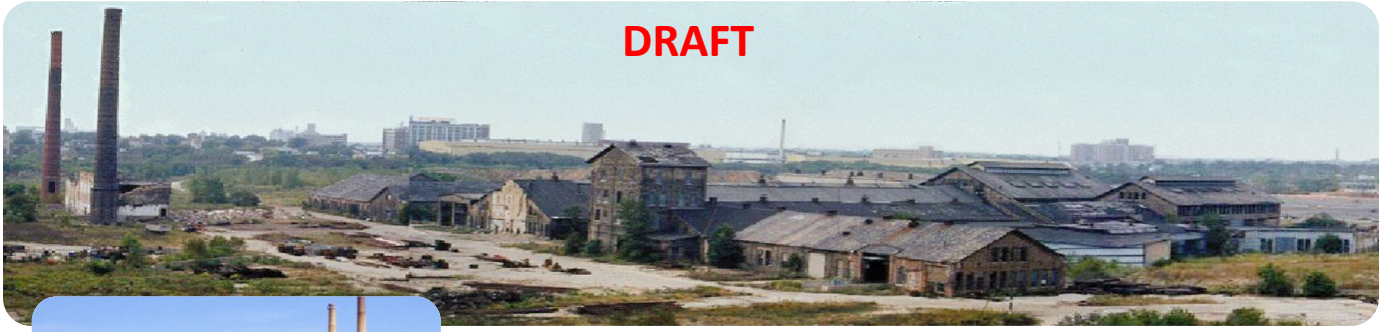
Lend your voice and perspective as a participant in the RR EAG Environmental Justice subgroup.

What is the commitment?

Meetings are quarterly, adding up to approximately 10 hours per year and can be attended in person or virtually.

You determine the level of engagement right for you.

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Menomonee Valley before and after cleanup and redevelopment



The RR program focuses on restoring the environment and supporting safe redevelopment of areas where recent or historical practices have led to contamination. While pollution prevention is vitally important, the RR Program, protecting public health, focuses on investigating and cleaning up contamination that has already occurred.

This work is critical to protecting human health and the air, land and waters of the state, and to encourage reuse of polluted land.

The RR program oversees responsible parties that are accountable under state law for incidents or activities such as:

- ✓ Cleanup of a fuel spill on a highway.
- ✓ Assessing groundwater contamination near an industrial site .
- ✓ Addressing impacts to indoor air in homes near a former dry cleaner
- ✓ Excavating contaminated soil at a former gas station to make it ready for redevelopment.
- ✓ Addressing contamination in private drinking water wells caused by historical spills at a manufacturing facility in the community.
- ✓ Dredging contaminated sediment from a river to reduce PCB concentrations in the environment.

Participation in the RR EAG Environmental Justice subgroup will help make important initiative and policy recommendations that affect every Wisconsinite and their neighborhoods.



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Environmental Justice Subgroup

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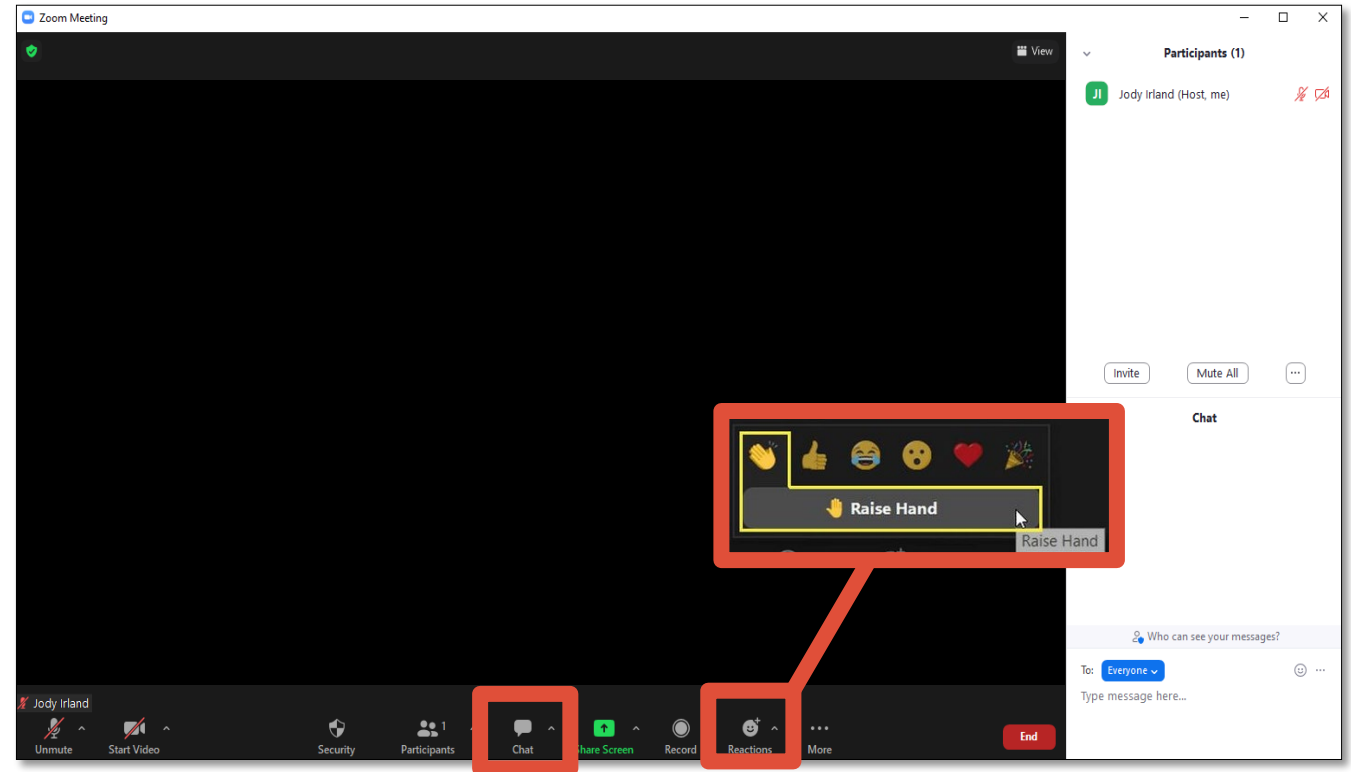


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Zoom Logistics

- Attendees can unmute themselves
- Speak freely, use chat, or raise hand
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- Mute when not speaking
- Identify yourself before speaking



Agenda

- Introductions
- Review takeaways from last meeting
- Task 1: Expand stakeholders and community partners
 - Outreach draft, discussion and feedback
- Next steps discussion and task assignment
- Set next meeting date(s)
- Adjourn

Introductions & Community Building

- Name and affiliation
- When is the last time you tried something new?



Review takeaways from last meeting

- Level-setting
- EPA definition
- Disproportionate burdens and what it looks like in Wisconsin (EPA EJ Screen)
- DNR EJ authority through NR 700 and ch. 292
- Places for opportunity
- Review work plan and end-product
- Prioritized tasks

...providing recommendations for integrating environmental justice into remediation and redevelopment policies and practices, cultivating strong community partnerships to improve on-the-ground results, and charting a path forward for achieving better environmental outcomes and reducing disparities in the state's most overburdened communities by identifying and addressing resource and policy gaps.

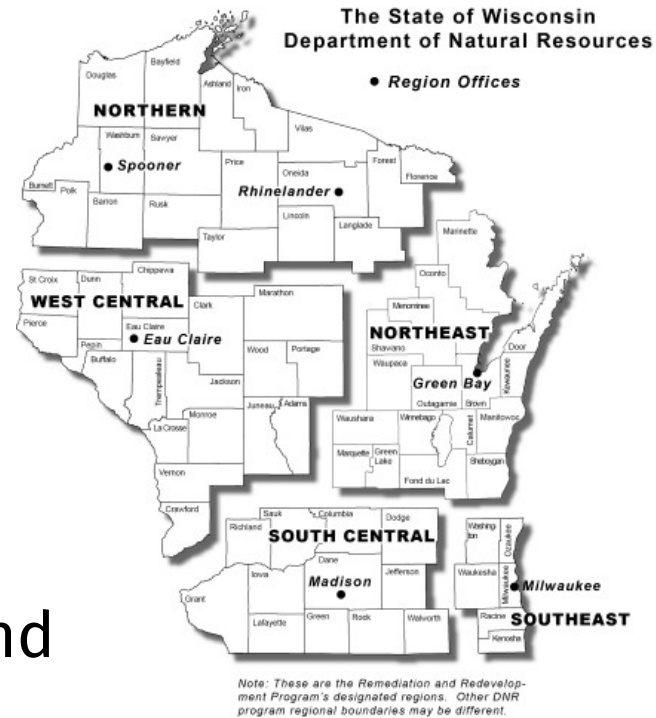
[RR EAG EJ Work Plan](#)



Task 1:

Identify stakeholders and community partners who may be interested in participating or providing input to the RR EAG

- DNR outreach draft, discussion and feedback
 - Access draft online dnr.wisconsin.gov, search “RR EAG,” bundled with **Agenda** under **Upcoming Meetings**
- Create a list of potential contacts



Task 1: DNR Outreach Draft

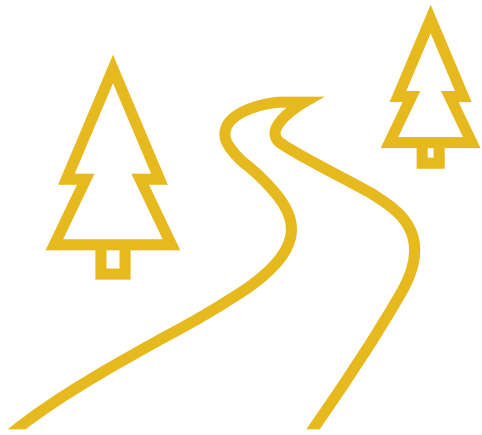
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- ▶ Is the **purpose** and **authority** of the RR program clear and understandable?
 - ▶ And the EAG? EJ subgroup?
- ▶ Is the scope of work for the EJ subgroup clear and understandable?
- ▶ Are the expectations of participation in the EJ subgroup clear and understandable? (i.e., what input is being sought after)
- ▶ Are the benefits of participation in the EJ clear and understandable?

Additional

- ▶ Need a hook/title
- ▶ Possibility of working with EAG or other subgroups ?

Task 1: Create a List of Potential Contacts



What are our next steps and tasks?



Set next meeting date(s)

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Thank You!

DNR RR Program Contacts:

dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html



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