


# Remediation & Redevelopment External Advisory Group Meeting

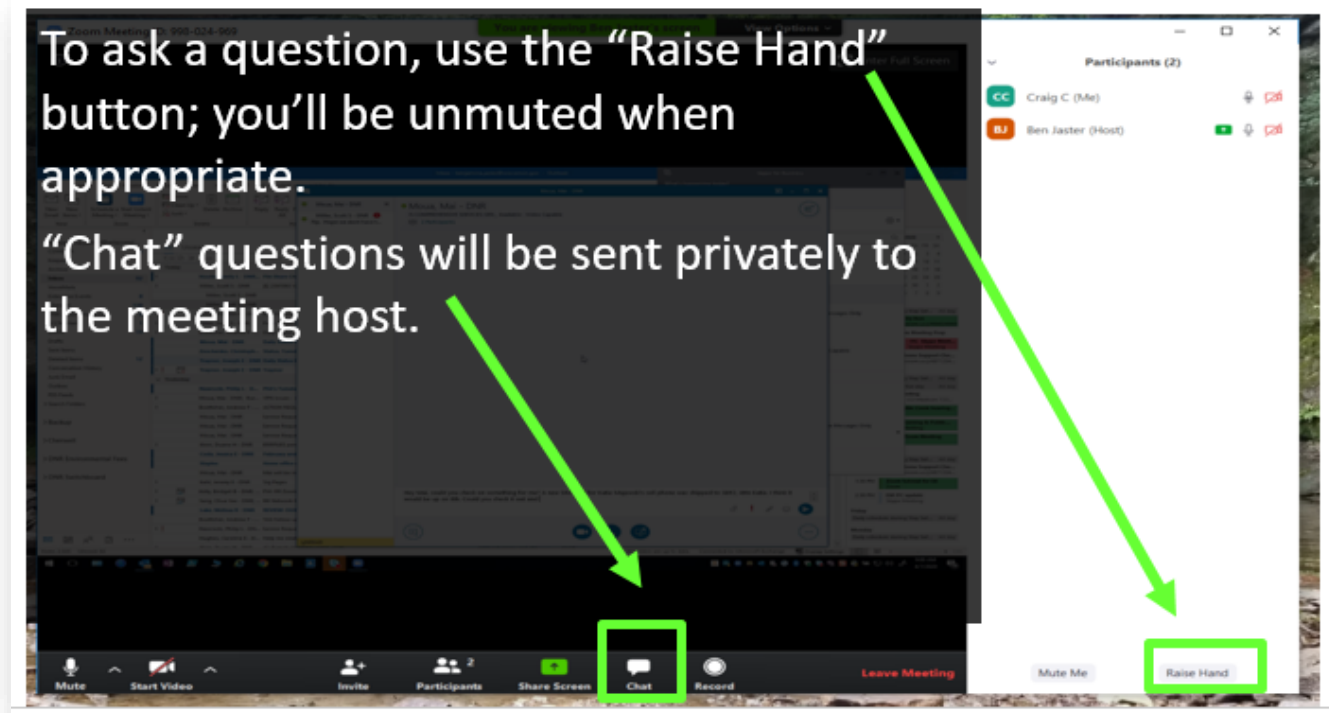
July 15, 2022



# Welcome, Logistics and Roll Call

# Zoom Meeting Logistics

- All attendees muted
- To comment/ask questions via **Zoom**
  - Use 'chat' to type questions to Jody Irland
  - Use 'raise hand' to request to be unmuted
- To comment/ask questions via **Phone**
  - \*9 raise hand
  - \*6 mute/unmute





# Member Introductions/Ice Breaker

# RR EAG Members

Brian Bartoszek  
WEC Energy Group –  
Business Services

Judy Fassbender  
DNR

Sarah Gruza  
U.S. EPA

Roy Irving  
Wisconsin Department  
of Health Services

Sheldon Johnson  
Northwest Regional  
Planning Commission

Dave Misky  
Redevelopment  
Authority of the City of  
Milwaukee

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Waste Management

Jodie Peotter  
DNR

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Red Cliff Band of Lake  
Superior Chippewa

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Wisconsin Economic  
Development  
Corporation

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Washington County  
Public Agency Center -  
Community  
Development  
Department

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of Transportation

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True North Consultants

Donna Volk  
Ramboll

Ned Witte  
Godfrey & Kahn

# Group Logistics & Planning

- Schedule setting through July 2023
- Charter overview
- Function of Group

# Schedule Setting

- Quarterly meetings through July 2023
  - Circle available dates
  - Give to Jodie or Jody
- Locations?

## September 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## January 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

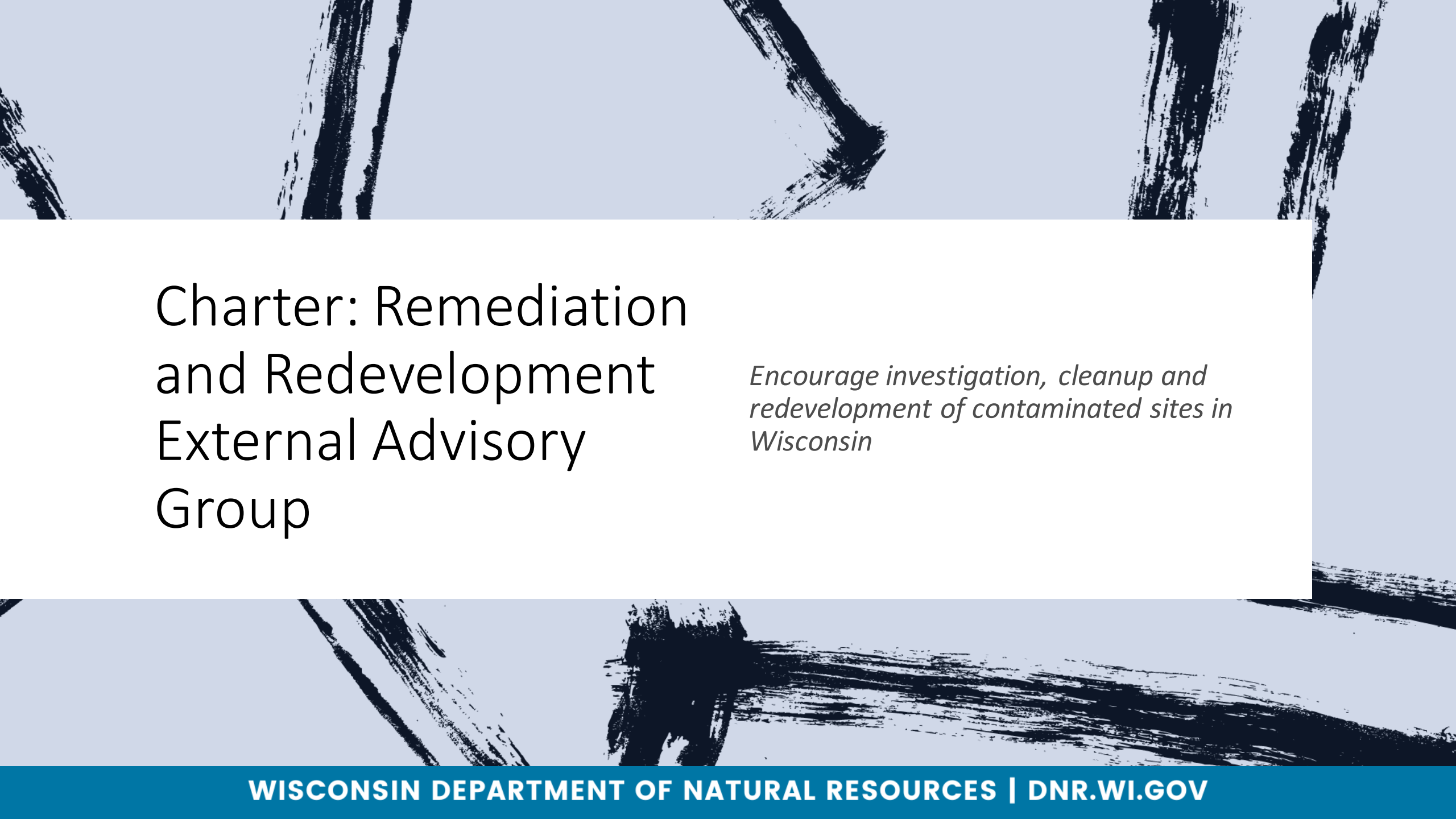
## April 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

## July 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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# Charter: Remediation and Redevelopment External Advisory Group

*Encourage investigation, cleanup and  
redevelopment of contaminated sites in  
Wisconsin*



# Purpose and Scope

- Investigation and cleanup policies
- Recommendations to legislature and governor
- Recommendations to the DNR on how the agency implements programs
- Funding sources and other financial incentives
- Collaborative efforts with other DNR programs and outside partnerships

# Membership

DNR

State Agencies

EPA

Local  
Governments

WEDC

Consultants

Interest Groups

Academia

RP  
Representatives

# Function of Group

- Attack issues methodically
  - Work together to identify issues
  - Make decisions on what the group would like to include in its work plan
- Subgroups
  - Work on issue papers or options for addressing issues identified by the RR EAG in its work plan
  - Membership team will evaluate and make recommendations to the program/DNR



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# Infrastructure Funding

# DNR-Level Infrastructure Funding

- State Revolving Loan Fund
- WIIN (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation) Grants
- Other funding to agency

# EPA Brownfield Infrastructure Funding – WI awards

## DNR

- Community-wide assessment funding for states and tribes/\$2M

## Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

- Community-wide Assessment/\$500,000

## Manitowoc Community Development Authority

- Phase I Cleanup Area of the River Point District/\$500,000

## Menasha

- Community-wide Assessment/\$500,000

## West Allis

- Community-wide Assessment/\$500,000
- Revolving Loan Funding/\$3.5M



# DNR \$2M Assessment Funding

## Wisconsin Assessment Monies – Contractor Services

- Qualified Environmental Professionals
- Phase I ESAs, Phase II ESAs, Site Investigation, Remedial Action Plans

## Wisconsin Assessment Monies – Community Managed

- Subgrant to Local Government
- Phase I ESAs, Phase II ESAs, Site Investigation, Remedial Action Plans

## Dry Cleaner Inventory

- Completed by the DNR

## Vapor Assessments

- Qualified Environmental Professional
- Activities to assess vapor intrusion

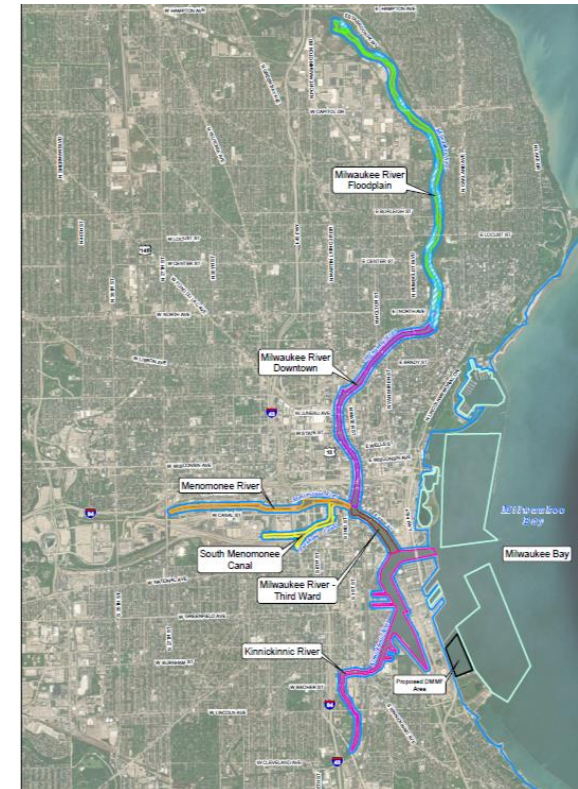
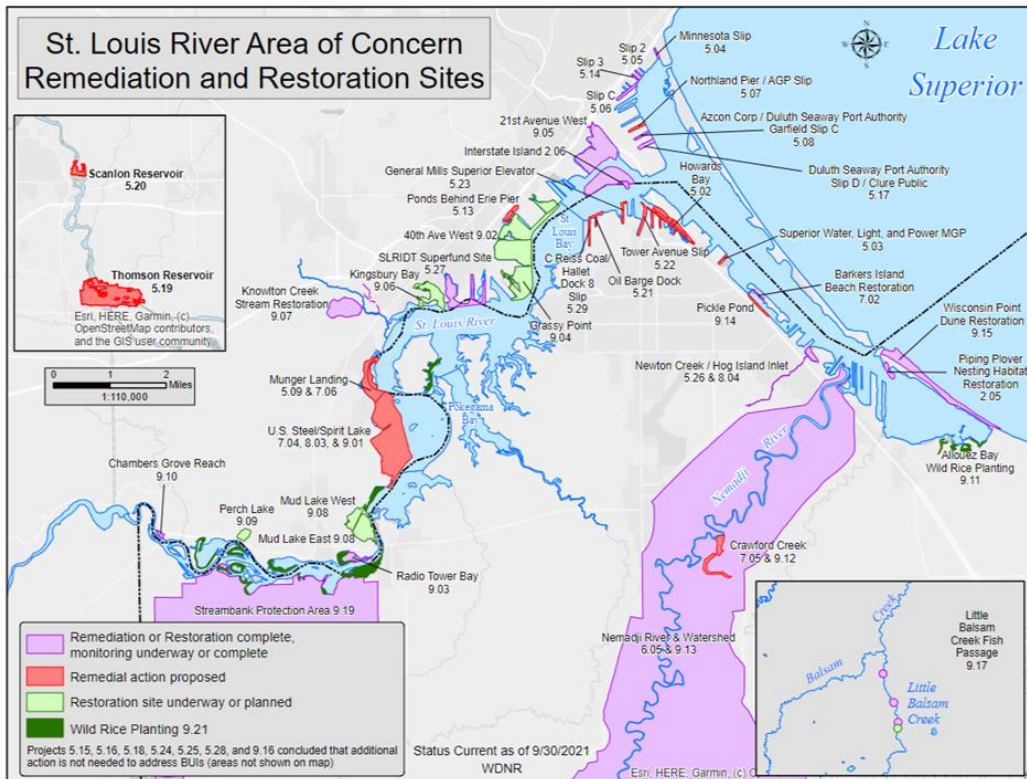
# GLNPO Infrastructure Funds

- GLNPO (Great Lakes National Program Office) will be receiving \$200 million each year for the next 5 years, for a total of \$1 billion (in addition to GLNPO's regular allocation)
- Remediating and restoring the Great Lakes AOCs (Areas of Concern) and removing beneficial use impairments (BUIs)



# GLNPO Infrastructure Funds

- DNR is working with GLNPO to secure \$100 million in funding to conduct major sediment remediation projects in both the St Louis and Milwaukee AOCs



# Superfund Infrastructure Funds

- Site-specific grants to address “backlog” of Superfund work in the states
- Penta Wood first project to receive infrastructure funds in Region V
  - \$1.4M for continued PCP cleanup
- Several other grants for state Superfund landfills and electroplaters



# 128(a) Infrastructure Funds

- Provides up to \$2M per year, approximately double DNR's regular yearly allocation
- Utilizing a portion for mitigation of vapor sites investigated with the assessment grant
- Hiring additional staff to complete critical work

# Federal Justice40 Initiative

- Goal of 40% of overall benefits of certain federal investments to *disadvantaged communities* that are marginalized, underserved and overburdened by pollution. (direct or indirect benefit)
- EPA's Brownfields & Superfund Programs = pilot programs
- *Disadvantaged*: evaluate data, indices, and screening tools to determine whether a specific community is disadvantaged based on a combination of variables
- More information:  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>

# BABA – Build America, Buy America

- Build America, Buy American Act (11/25/2021)
- “none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure, including each deficient program, may be obligated for a project unless all of the ***iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials*** used in the project are produced in the United States.”
- Waiver process



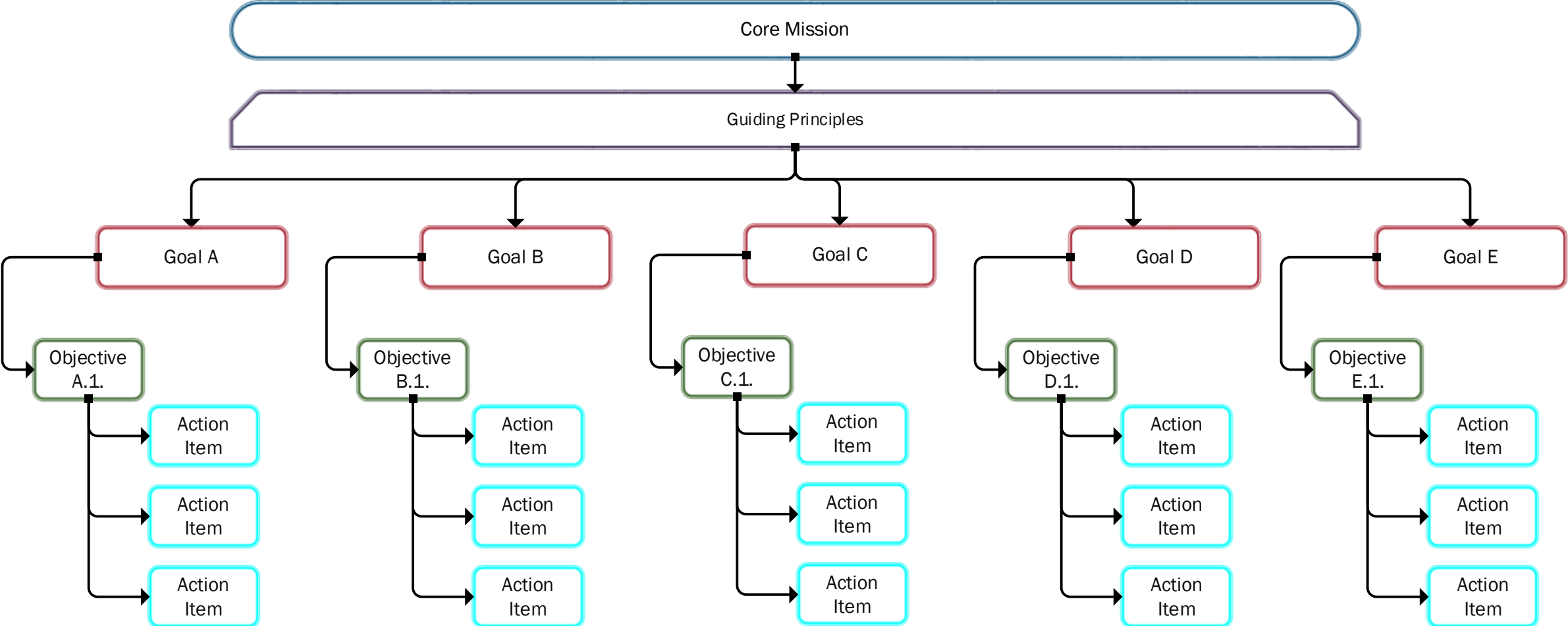


# Strategic Work Planning

# RR Strategic Framework

- RR finalized FY23 – FY26 plan on July 1, 2022
- Requesting RR EAG work plan consider RR strategic priorities when identifying issues
- Priorities include day-to-day feedback (e.g., new and updated guidance development) as well as major policy initiatives

# RR Strategic Framework - Structure



# RR Strategic Framework

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026

## CORE MISSION

Protect human health and the environment and support the remediation and beneficial reuse of contaminated sites

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Address high risk sites (with specific focus on vapor intrusion and PFAS)
- Consider environmental justice and improve the focus on diversity in all RR programs, processes and opportunities
- Focus efforts on actions that provide the largest return on investment, specifically those that increase staff capacity and help us earn federal funding
- Communicate proactively and transparently with internal and external stakeholders
- Encourage and support brownfields assessment, cleanup and redevelopment
- Promote consistency in processes to improve communication, quality, decision making and customer service

# Goals & Example Priority Action Items

## Goal A

Invest in the success of our staff

- Support efforts to increase diverse representation in recruitment and work roles
- Invest in specialized teams of topic experts by providing training in high priority issues

## Goal B

Efficiently & effectively utilize funding

- Identify opportunities to increase capacity for state lead projects
- Prioritize and support a long-term state funding source of brownfields assessment and cleanup (including innocent landowner funding)
- Ensure environmental justice and disadvantage communities are considered in federal funding decisions to meet the President's Justice40 Initiative

# Goals & Example Priority Action Items

## Goal C

Embrace a culture of continuous improvement

- Evaluate approach to site reviews corresponding to site size, contaminant type and level of risk
- Continually review processes for inefficiencies

## Goal D

Build & maintain effective working relationships with partners & customers

- Prioritize a revived Consultants Day
- Revive regional LGU round robins to discuss stalled sites and funding opportunities
- Enhance guidance, training and processes to ensure submittal of comprehensive site investigations (i.e., complete conceptual site models (CSMs) – NR 716.17(01) based on complexity of the site)

# Goals & Example Priority Action Items

## Goal E

Ensure positive environmental & public health outcomes through informed & consistent decision-making

- Develop long-term stewardship policies for vapor mitigation systems post-closure
- Evaluate notification and method of documentation of off-site contamination to ensure property owners, developers and well drillers are aware of potential risks
- Develop guidance on CSMs for vapor intrusion investigations and mitigation
- Develop procedures to ensure environmental justice and health equity are considered in enforcement
- Identify regulatory revisions that are needed to address environmental justice issues in NR 714



# Workplanning exercise

- Identify potential action items and assignments considering overall RR Strategic Goals/Objectives and priority work items of EAG members to create robust workplan
- Support staff will draft in workplan format for review

# Example EAG Workplan Objective – Funding Sustainability

Objective (Strategic Goal)	Expected outcomes	Deliverables & Milestones	Assignments
<b>Funding Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustainable funding for DNR staffing (support budget initiatives)</li><li>• Establish new state-funded grant programs</li><li>• Enhance existing grant programs (Wisconsin Assessment Monies, Ready for Reuse RLF) including marketing grant programs/working with LGUs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EXAMPLE: Identify additional funding sources for stalled sites</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EXAMPLE: Establish LGU funding subgroup</li></ul>



# Assignments



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# CONNECT WITH US

Thank You!

**DNR RR Program Contacts:**

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html)



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