

AGENDA: Lower Neponset River Community Advisory Group Meeting
May 20th, 2025 6 PM- 8 PM

Milton Library Keys Community Room
476 Canton Ave, Milton

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805115401>

Meeting ID: 838 0511 5401

Call in Number: 929-205-6099

Date and Time: Tuesday May 20th, 6-8 pm
Attendees: Noted on Minutes
Meeting Outcomes: Finalize mission statement and membership criteria, Determine locations, language, and graphics for signage along the Superfund site, Finalize outreach poster

6:00 Greetings and Introductions

6:10 Steering Committee Updates

- a. Mission statement
- b. Membership discussion
- c. Goals and action items
- d. CAG email address
- e. CAG assessment form

6:45 EPA Updates

- a. General engineering updates

7:00 Signage Workshop

- a. Recap signage options
- b. Site walk
- c. Small group discussions
 - i. What signage and graphics do we want to see?
 - 1. QR codes, multilingual, etc.
 - ii. What locations along the site?

7:30 Outreach Committee Updates

- a. Review outreach poster

7:45 Technical Committee Updates

7:55 Closure

- a. Any topics you would like us to cover at the next meeting?
- b. Meeting feedback: process and content

8:00 Adjourn
<i>Thousands have lived without love, not one without water. W.H. Auden</i>
<i>To halt the decline of an ecosystem, it is necessary to think like an ecosystem.</i> <i>—Douglas P. Wheeler, EPA Journal, September-October 1990</i>

Facilitators: Emyr, Jay, Andres,

Time Keepers: Andres, Ian, and Karen

Notes: Jay

Mission:

The Lower Neponset Superfund Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) serves as a bridge between the EPA and the community:

- Facilitate communication;
- Public education;
- Provide insights and give the community a voice in decisions (about the clean-up and future use);
- Guide future community access to the river; and
- Reuses for sites along the river.

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The Lower Neponset River Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) helps connect the EPA with people who live, work, and spend time near the river. We share information about the river clean-up, help the public understand what's happening, and give the community a voice in decisions about how the clean-up happens, how people can access the river, and how the land around it can be used in the future. We want to make sure the river brings people together, that everyone has a say—especially those who've been left out in the past—and that the river is safe and healthy for the future.

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Our mission is to connect the EPA and the communities along the Lower Neponset River, making sure people are informed, heard, and involved in decisions about the river's clean-up, access, and future use.

We will pursue:

- **Open communication** – Share timely, clear information about the Superfund clean-up and encourage dialogue between the EPA and the community.
- **Community involvement** – Ensure everyone has a voice in decisions about how the river is cleaned up, used, and accessed.
- **Future planning** – Support plans that increase safe access to the river and promote long-term uses—like parks, greenways, or other community spaces—that reflect local needs and values.

We expect a clean Lower Neponset River to bring people together. Through this work, we aim to support a cleaner, healthier, and more connected Neponset River that benefits current residents and future generations.

SAMPLE: Membership

Article 1: Membership

Any residents of Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton and Lower Mills Dorchester are automatically **members**. Residents may attend all LNR/CAG meetings.

(Complete a *simple* registration/information form)

Any business owners, civic, educational, legal, community, environmental justice, food access and health organizations, advocacy partners, direct service providers and related retirees with a focus on communities included in the EPA Superfund LNR area are automatically **members** by virtue of the service they provide or have provided to residents in Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton, and Lower Mills.

(Complete a *simple* registration/information form)

Any individual may become a **voting member** upon accepting any responsibility to serve on a committee or working group. Such responsibilities include but are not limited to serving on LNR/CAG committees and includes actively assisting in organizing and supporting LNR/CAG activities.

(Complete the LNR/CAG skills inventory- SKEO)

- Serve on at least 1 committee
- Support the work of CAG generated by the CAG and/or committees
- Attend at least 8/12 meetings a year

- Uphold the mission (and values) of CAG

All LNR/CAG meetings are open to the public.

RPP may attend CAG meetings but are not voting members.

Any further question about membership will be decided by an absolute majority of the Executive Board.

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL

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