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# COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

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# Agenda



- Meeting Guidelines
- EPA's Superfund and Community Involvement
- What is a Community Advisory Group?
- McLouth Community Involvement
- Eliciting your Input
- Next Steps

# Meeting Guidelines



*Please follow these throughout the meeting so we can achieve the most productive outcomes*

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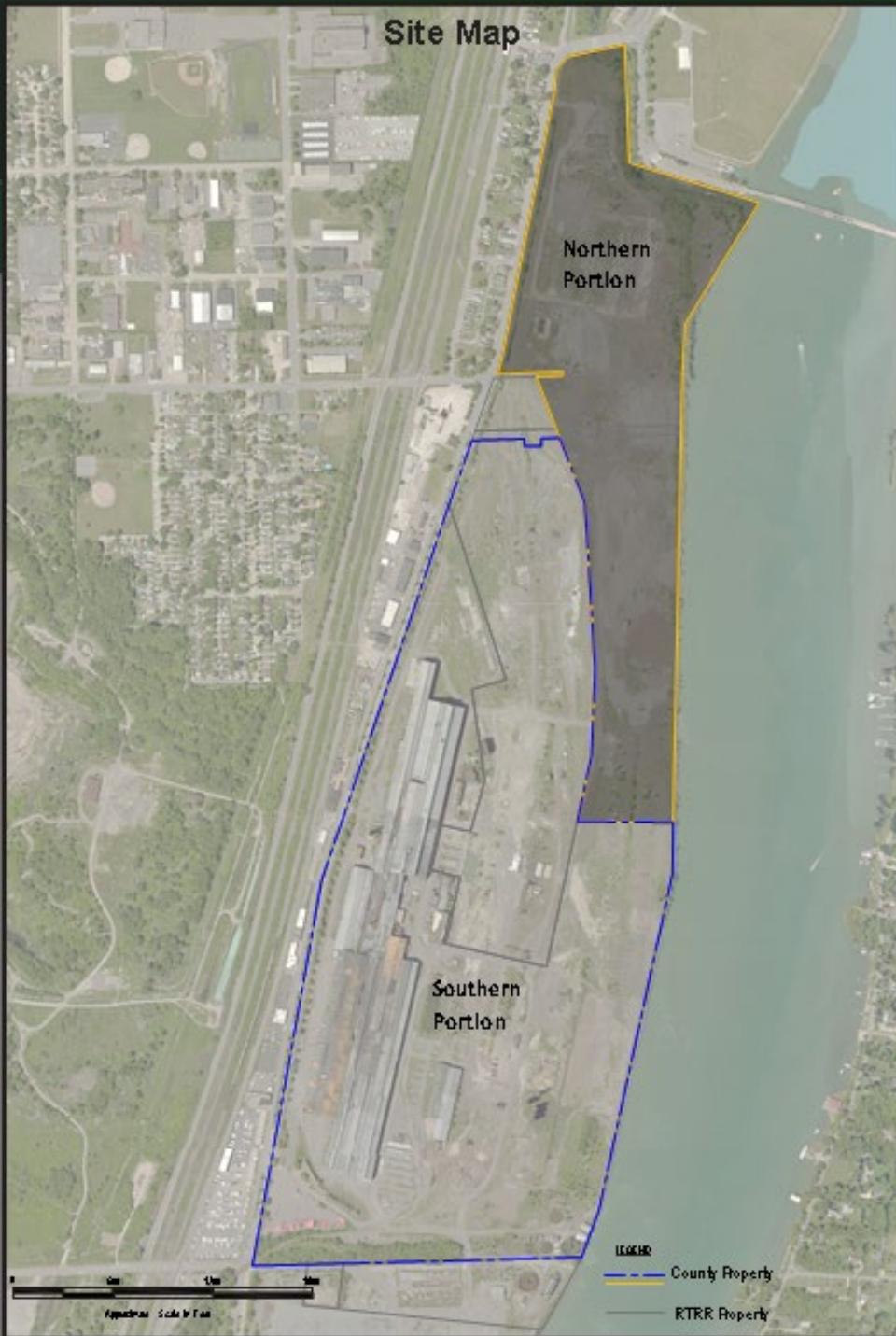
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# **EPA'S SUPERFUND & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**





- Former steel facility
  - Operated 1950 – 1995
  - 273 acres
- Northern Portion
  - 76 acres
  - Owned by Riverview-Trenton Railroad Company
  - EGLE overseeing investigation and cleanup
- Southern Portion
  - 197 acres
  - 14 acres owned by Detroit Steel Co
  - 183 acres owned by MSC Land Company, LLC
    - Owner manages environmental requirements and conduct work specified in 2018 agreement
    - EPA's Superfund program will investigate and cleanup up the remainder of property

## Superfund Process Steps

- Gather historical site condition information to determine if further investigation is needed
- Use Hazard Ranking System to evaluate risks

- Publish notice in Federal Register and local media announcing proposed listing and public comment period
- Once listed, U.S. EPA publishes notice in Federal Register and responds to comments

- Determines the nature and extent of contamination, evaluates human health and ecological risk

- Presents the cleanup alternatives and is issued for a 30-day public comment period

### Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection

### National Priorities List Process

### Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study

### Proposed Plan

## Community Involvement Opportunities

- Provide any information you have about the site to the U.S. EPA

- Read information about U.S. EPA's proposal to list the site
- Contact U.S. EPA for questions or additional information
- If concerned, submit comments during the Public Comment period

- Consider forming a Community Advisory Group and applying for a Technical Assistance Grant
- Participate in public meetings
- Contact community involvement coordinator with questions

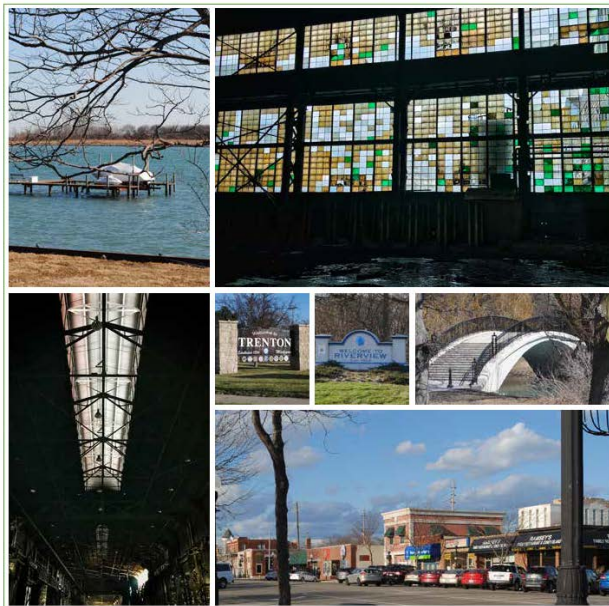
- Read proposed plan
- Participate in public meetings
- Visit Information Repository

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are  
Here

# Community Involvement



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 **Former McLouth Steel Facility Superfund Site  
Community Involvement Plan**

The goal of Superfund community involvement is to advocate and strengthen early and meaningful community participation during Superfund cleanups.



# Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs)



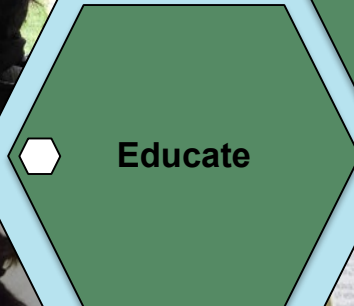
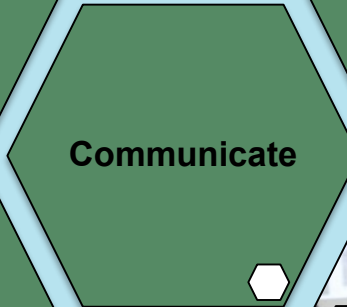
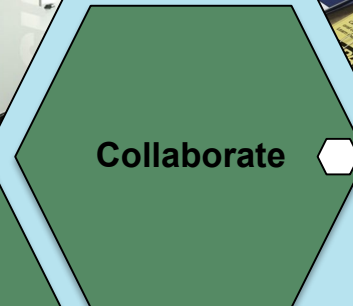
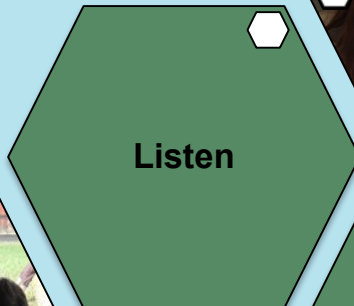
- assigned to specific projects to assist communities in their interaction with EPA
- ensure technical staff is aware of issues that concern the public in relation to the work EPA is doing
- as liaisons between technical project managers and the community, CICs provide opportunities for two-way communication throughout the life of a project.







# On the Ground





# **WHAT IS A SUPERFUND COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)?**

# Basic CAG Facts



SIZE	• generally 15 to 25 stakeholders
FUNCTION	• provide affected and interested parties in the community a voice and opportunity to participate in the Superfund process
FREQUENCY	• meet regularly over the course of the cleanup project, most CAGs meet monthly or bi-monthly.
AFFILIATION	• CAGs are independent community organizations, they are not formal “EPA” groups.
SUPPORT	• EPA may provide administrative and facilitation support to help convene and manage the CAG
CAGs ADD TO EPA OUTREACH	• CAGs do not replace the other EPA public information and outreach activities.

# Important Aspects of CAGs



## **MEMBERSHIP MUST BE BALANCED.**

reflect all the interests  
and viewpoints in a  
community.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE  
PUBLIC.** CAGs are  
transparent and all  
meetings are open to  
the public.

**CAG MEMBERS  
WORK AT IT.** CAG  
members can spend 4  
to 8 hours a month  
learning about the site,  
attending meetings,  
and working on  
crafting input.





# Why a CAG?



**IMPROVED ACCESS:** People affected by Superfund sites have a right to know what the Agency is doing in their community and to have a say in the decision-making process.

**STRONGER VOICE:** An effective CAG is a very powerful way to give voice to the entire community.

**DEEPER UNDERSTANDING:** CAGs bring people together and promote understanding of a range of perspectives.

**BETTER INPUT:** CAGs provide EPA in-depth community understanding and input and

**COMMON GROUND:** CAGs help identify where the community holds common concerns and builds consensus community recommendations.

# CAGs



**...are designed as a mechanism for all affected and interested parties in a community to have a voice and actively participate in the Superfund process**

**...are informal and do not have any decision-making authority, and they do not receive any resources or special attention above and beyond what is normally provided to a community**

# What does a CAG do?



**Hold regular, typically monthly, meetings.**



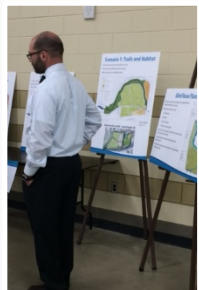
**Review technical information about site cleanup and other environmental problems.**



**Meet with EPA and state to learn about the site and related issues.**



**Work with EPA and state to solve problems.**



**Provide recommendations and advice about the cleanup and ensure that public input reflects the full range of community interests and concerns.**



**Create a strong connection to the community. Help to communicate issues to the broader community.**

# Convening the CAG



Balanced representative membership

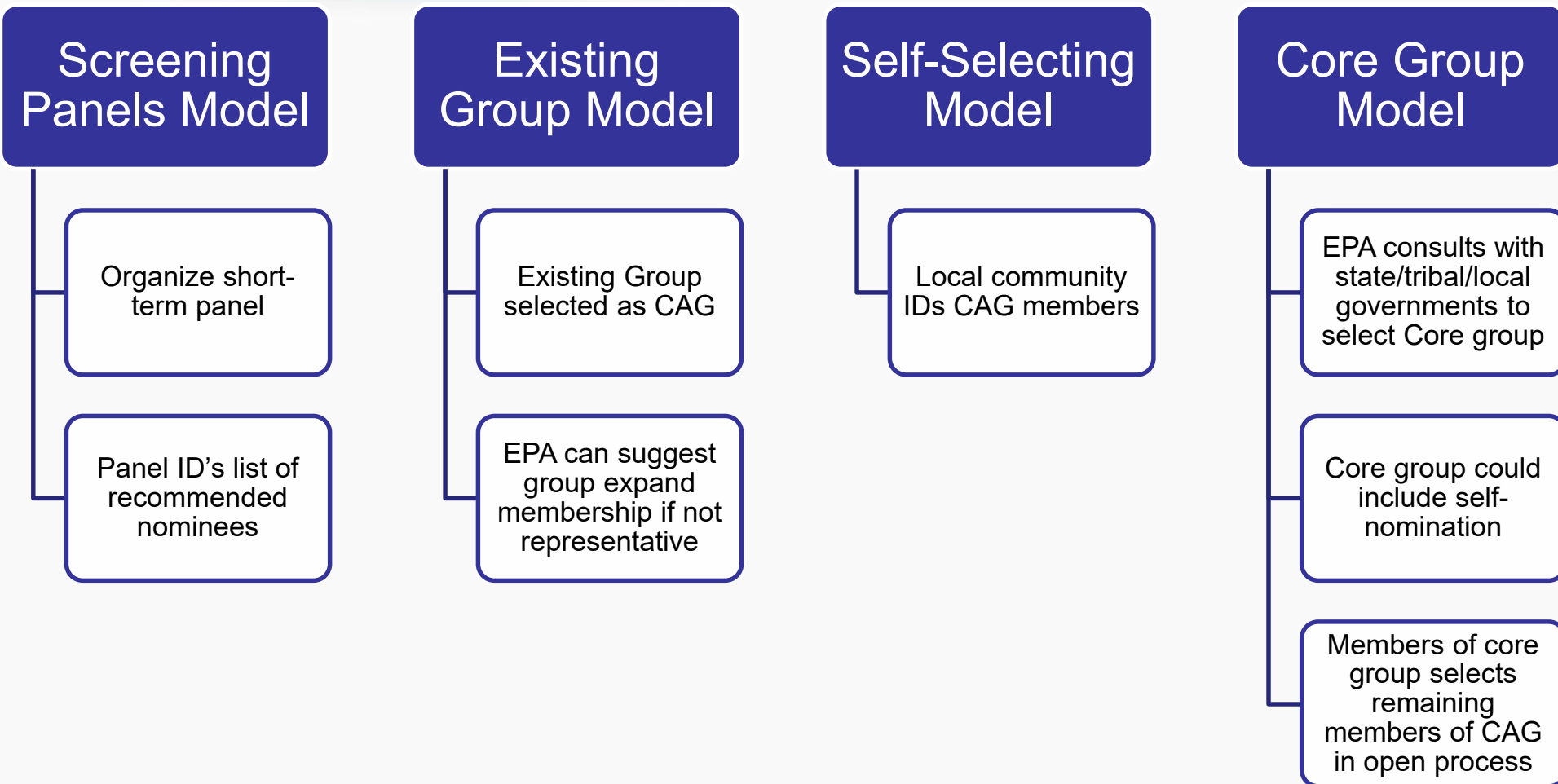
Include all key interest groups

Fair, open, and transparent process

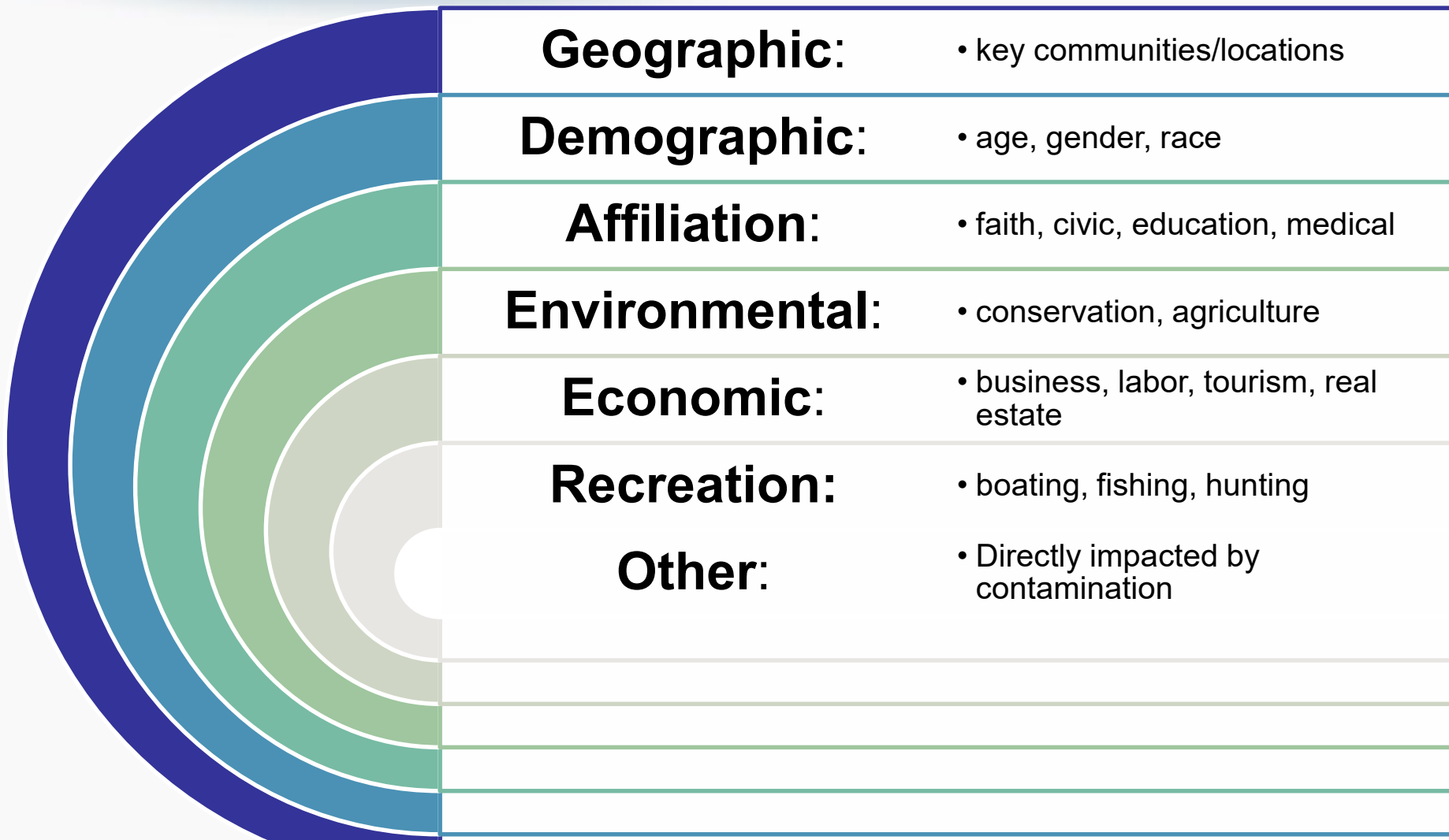
Community engagement and understanding



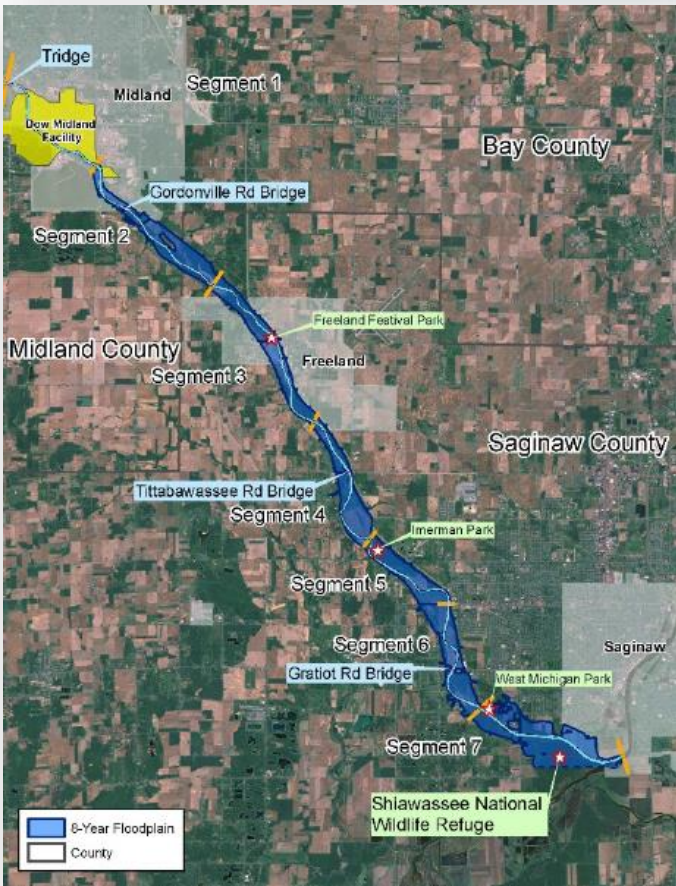
# Methods for establishing CAGs



# Balance of Interests



# Other CAGs in Michigan



## Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River & Bay Site

- Tittabawassee -Saginaw Rivers Contamination CAG
- [www.saginawcag.org](http://www.saginawcag.org)

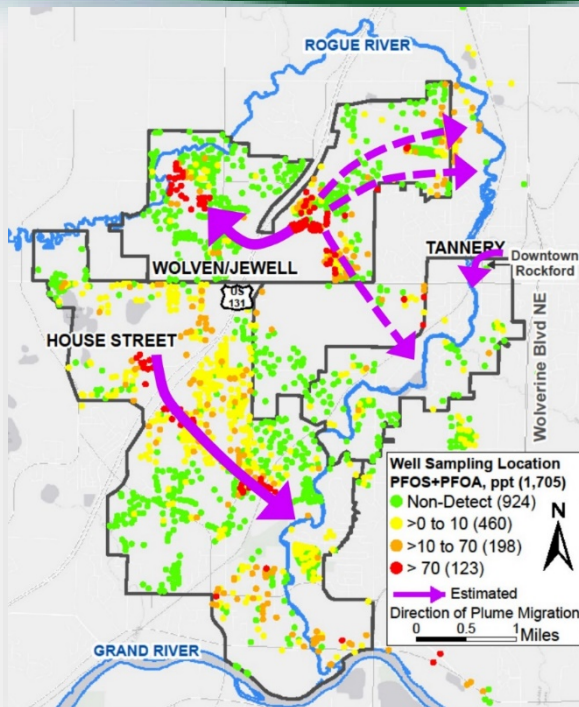


## Velsicol Chemical, St. Louis, MI

- Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force
- [www.pinerivercag.org](http://www.pinerivercag.org)

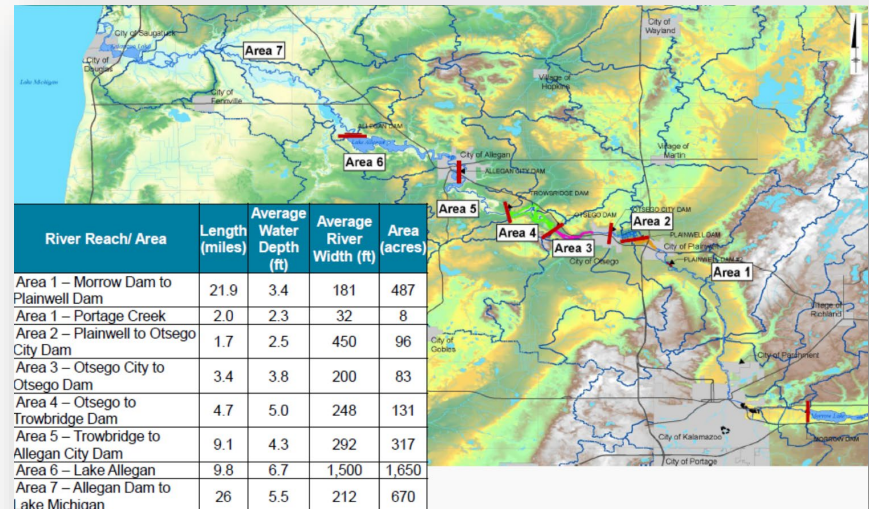


# Other CAGs in Michigan



**Wolverine World Wide,  
Rockford and Belmont, MI**

- Wolverine CAG
- [www.wolverinecag.org](http://www.wolverinecag.org)



**Allied Paper/Portage Creek/  
Kalamazoo  
River**

- Kalamazoo River CAG





# **MCLOUTH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

# Community Involvement Activities 2018-2019

Date	Meetings/Tours	Factsheets/Informational Materials	Notices and Updates	Public Comment
Summer 2018	Trenton City Council (Aug. 8)	Proposed Settlement of Liability and Cleanup Process (Aug. 2018)	Federal Register notice of proposed settlement agreement (Aug. 14)	Proposed Settlement 30-day Public comment (Aug. 14-Sept. 14)
	Trenton Visionaries (Aug. 27)			
	EPA Public Meeting on Proposed Settlement Agreement (Sept. 5)	Frequently Asked Questions - McLouth Steel Cleanup (Aug. 2018)	News Herald advertisement of public meeting and comment period (Aug. 19)	
	Grosse Ile Township Board Meeting (Sept. 10)			
	Grosse Ile Civic Association (Sept. 19)	How to Get More Information postcard (Sept. 2018)		
	MSC, Trenton Visionaries and Friends of the Detroit River Meeting (Sept. 26)			
Winter 2019	MSC, Friends of the Detroit River and Trenton Visionaries Site Tour (Feb. 7)		News Herald advertisement for two rounds of community interviews conducted by EPA (March 3)	
	EPA Community Interviews (March 25-27)		April Email Update	
	EPA Community Interviews (April 9 - 11)			
Spring 2019	Riverview City Council Meeting (May 5)		May Email Update	
	Trenton Visionaries Meeting (June 10)		EPA Press Conference announcing NPL listing (May 13) June Email Update	
Summer 2019	Public Site Tour (July 17)	Community Involmtent Plan issued (Aug. 2019)	July Email Update	
		National Priorities List Placement Paves the Way for Investigation (Aug. 2019)	August Email Update September Email Update	
Fall 2019	Public Site tour (Oct. 16)	CAG Workshop Flyer (Oct. 2019)	News Herald Advertisement Announcing CAG Workshop (Oct. 30)	
	CAG Workshop (Nov. 14)		Email announcement of CAG Workshop November Email Update	

# “What Defines Your Community?”

“Honest and hard-working”

“A lot of potential”

“People have your back- they watch out for each other”

“Family and memories- I know the people”

“Small, stable, quiet, simple”

“That Upper Peninsula feeling without being in the UP”

“Nature- fishing, kayaking, boating”

“Safe, good schools”

“People move back later in life”

“A good place to ride your bike”

“The river is peaceful”

“People are very proud of Downriver- you’re part of a community”

“Comradery and togetherness. Hockeytown!”

“When someone is ill, people come out to support- it’s close-knit”

“A lot of parks and the International Wildlife Refuge”

“Good property values- people keep their homes up”

“It’s home!”

# Community Issues of Concern



**Proper, safe, and full  
clean-up**

**Accountability and  
Oversight**

**Zoning and use of the  
redeveloped site**

**Transparency and  
timely information**

**Traffic**

**Air, water, and soil  
contamination**

- Health impacts, groundwater, river sediments, pollution

**Community access and  
benefits**

- Recreational, aesthetic, economic



# Potential Participants



## Officials:

- EPA
- State Agency Counterparts
- Site Owners

## Local Government:

- City of Trenton
- City of Riverview
- Grosse Ile Township
- Downriver Community Conference

## University Groups

- Michigan Sea Grant
- Others?

## Community Groups:

- Friends of Detroit River
- Trenton Visionaries & Stakeholders
- Grosse Ile Civic Association

## Business Interests:

- S Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
- Trenton Business Assoc.



# ELICITING YOUR INPUT

# Key Questions



Exercise to gather community input on the CAG process

1. What interests/groups should participate?
2. How should we select representatives?
3. What issues should we address?
4. What ground rules would be helpful for the CAG?
5. How can we ensure information transfers between the CAG and the community?

# Next Steps



**Dec: CBI  
develop draft  
CAG process  
ideas**

**Jan: Public  
meeting to  
improve and  
refine  
process**

**Jan/Feb:  
Convene  
CAG**

**Feb/March:  
First CAG  
meeting**





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