

Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group

September 15, 2017 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
UW-Washington County
400 S. University Drive | West Bend, WI | 53095
Room 101

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Attending

Mark Thimke	Foley & Lardner
Jason Scott	WEDC
Lanette Altenbach	AECOM
Margaret Brunette	DNR
Jennifer BuzECKy	
David Hanson	DNR
Chris Valcheff	True North Consultants
Mick Skwarok	DNR
Karen Dettmer	City of Milwaukee
Dave Misky	RACM
Mike Dews	Pace Analytical
Geoff Siemering	UW
Mat Reimer	RACM
Lori Huntoon	Tetra Tech
Chris Rogers	Omni Associates
Tina Reese	The Reese Group
Bernie Esselman	Test America Laboratories
Marita Stollewerk	TRC
Jeanne Tarvin	Ramboll Environ
Jolena Presti	Vandewalle & Associates
Laurie Parsons	NRT/OBG
Barb LaMue	WEDC
D.J. Burns	Drake Consulting Group
Nancy Frank	UW-Milwaukee
Judy Fassbender	DNR
Christine Haag	DNR
Michael Prager	DNR
Mary Panzer	Panzer Public Affairs Consulting
Deb Sielski	Washington County
David Holmes	Stantec Consulting
Jolena Presti	Vandewalle & Associates
Christian Tscheschlok	Washington County
John Torinus	Serigraph & former Business Editor, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
John Capelle	Former Director of Development, West Bend
Mark Piotrowicz	Director of Development, West Bend
Jodie Peotter	Ramaker & Associates
Erica Lawson	Ramaker & Associates

Ben Peotter
Art Harrington

Ayres Associates
Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

10:00 Welcome and Agenda Repair (Misky/Thimke)

5 min

10:05 RR Program Updates (Fassbender/Haag)

Judy Fassbender (Chief, Policy and Technical Resources) and **Christine Haag** (Chief, Brownfields and Outreach) provided a variety of updates on several initiatives including

- the RR Program’s Vapor Intrusion Prevention Partnership Initiative (VIPPI)
- the Program’s approach to dealing with PAHs as a cumulative measure
- the PAH background study in 2017 in Milwaukee
- an update on Superfund
- the Program’s revised (draft) guidance on vapor intrusion ([RR-800](#)) which may be finalized by the end of the year
- an update on NR 712 requirements, and
- lease liability “comfort” letters, when should these be issued and should the letters include?, it was determined that a small “task force” might need to examine the issue more closely and provide a recommendation.

Details of these presentations can be found in the file [WDNR Updates](#).

11:15 Case Study: Washington County’s Brownfields Initiative

60 min

Debora Sielski from the Washington County Planning and Parks Department provided the Study Group with an update on the county’s site redevelopment efforts and innovative use of EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants, with its concerted efforts going back to 2012. Joining Sielski with the presentation were **David Holmes** (Stantec Consulting), **Jolena Presti** (Vandewalle & Associate), and **Christian Tscheschlok** (Washington County Economic Development). The presentation can be found in the file [Washington County](#).

12:15 Lunch

60 min

The Study Group held a discussion of the history of brownfields redevelopment in the city of West Bend with member **Mary Panzer** and her guests **John Torinus** (CEO, Serigraph and former Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Business Editor), **John Capelle** (former West Bend Director of Development), and **Mark Piotrowicz** (West Bend Director of Development).

1:15 Contaminated Sediments (Robinson)

30 min

Northern Region RR Program Team Supervisor John Robinson gave the Study Group an update on recent activities with the Contaminated Sediments External Advisory Group. John’s presentation can be found in the file [Sediment](#). As John is about to retire from the DNR, the Group took time to thank and recognize John for his years of service, both to the agency and as one of the founding members of the Brownfields Study Group two decades ago.

**1:45 WEDC’s Small Communities Strategy (LaMue)
Presentation by VP Barb LaMue and Jason Scott**

30 min

Barb LaMue (Vice-President of Business and Community Development, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, aka WEDC) and **Jason Scott** (Regional Economic Development Director, WEDC) gave a presentation on WEDC's programs to assist with small-town economic development. That presentation can be found in the file [WEDC](#).

2:15 Legislative & Legal Updates (Thimke/Misky)

30 min

1. AB 179 (including Urban Mfg. Initiative) – Bill that includes several Study Group recommendations is stalled because of one legislator who had concerns about TIF modifications being included in the bill.
2. Demolition/Disposal – Mark Thimke mentioned a recent case (UNITED STATES v. DICO, INC. and Titan Tire Corp) that may be significant regarding a Superfund site in Des Moines, Iowa where companies were liable for cleanup costs at property resulting from industrial buildings they hired companies to demolish.

2:45 Lender Subgroup (Buzacky)

15 min

The subcommittee is in the process of completing a review of documents outlining the group's efforts. The subcommittee will present a summary of its efforts to the full group at the next BSG meeting.

3:00 Standing Items (Thimke/Misky)

15 min

- WMC Update (Vebber)
- BSG Membership and Structure Update
- 2015 BSG Report Recommendations Update
- Field meeting to Wausau's brownfields/waterfront project
 - Effort to get into northern communities
 - Send a Doodle?
 - Contact Co-Chairs? (Valcheff)
- Next Regular Meeting (Location/Timeframe)

Group briefly discussed the idea of field trip for members/guests to Wausau as part of a larger strategy to visit and raise awareness of land recycling efforts in northern communities. DNR staff will help develop this plan with the co-chairs. **Chris Valcheff** (True North Consultants) indicated interest in being part of the delegation.

3:15 Confirm Assignments & Adjourn (Misky/Thimke)

(Times are approximate)