

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?



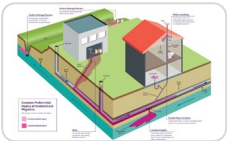
Oversees investigations and cleanup of environmental contamination that has already occurred.



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?

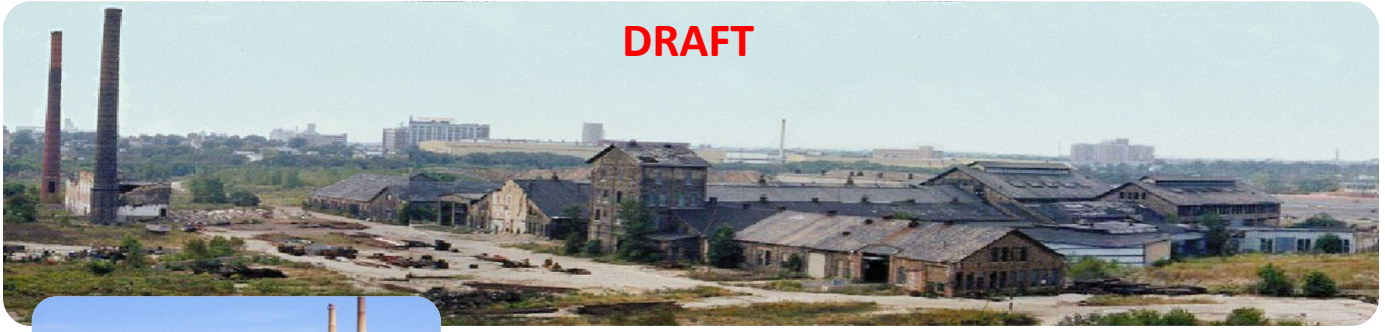
Lend your voice and perspective as a participant in the RR EAG Environmental Justice subgroup.

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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