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Subject: RE: FW: City of East St. Louis Meeting

Thanks

From: Mary Vandevord <mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2020 9:30 AM
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On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 9:27 AM Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Could you forward my email below to Simon because it came back as undeliverable for his email? Also, could you provide me with his correct email? Thanks.

Rochelle

From: Marceillars, Rochelle
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 6:22 PM
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Subject: City of East St. Louis Meeting

Thank you everyone for participating on the conference call this morning. We discussed and shared a lot of good information. Overall, I feel the meeting was very productive. Now it's time for action. As promised, below are the agenda items discussed with actions for follow-up. Please feel free to add if I missed something.

Participants

- Heartlands Conservancy Organization (HCO): Mary Vandevord, President & CEO; Laura Lyon, Director, Strategic Initiatives; Simon Nogin, Environmental Planner
- City of East St. Louis (ESTL): Brooke Smith, City Manager
- U.S. EPA (EPA): Jim Vanderkloot, Brownfields Program; Rochelle Marceillars, Community Lead, City of East St. Louis

Items

1. Marybelle Avenue (around Summit/North 60th Street) looks like a swamp, not a declared wetland. The level of materials present rises when it rains and will eventually cover the road. If this happens, this unsanitary material will flow into the community where the homes are located.

   Follow-up Actions: (1) HCO will take a tour of area in the next couple of weeks, photograph and send ESTL and EPA information on what type of assistance they can provide as a resolution; (2) ESTL will check with the Mayor for any additional information about the area to send to HCO and EPA.

2. During heavy rain, flood waters (sanitary/sewage) flows into Frank Holton State Park where residents fish. Warning signs are not posted nor is there any type of communication provided to the community on the unhealthy conditions of the lake/fish.

   Follow-up Actions: (1) HCO to coordinate with ESTL and State on notifying residents; (2) HCO has contact(s) at IDNR and will discuss if there is funding available to separate storm water from State park; HCO will provide update on discussion.

3. A lot of flooding throughout ESTL in residential and commercial areas; infrastructure (sewer system) really outdated; ESTL having discussion with Illinois American Water on issue. Center for Neighborhood Technologies (CNT) has a Rain Ready program that deals with flooding in urban communities.

   Follow-up Actions: (1) EPA scheduled call with CNT for 1/15 to discuss issue in ESTL and what assistance can be provided through Rain Ready program; EPA will provide update on discussion; (2) EPA will look into information and contacts on mold remediation.

4. Air Quality - The number of emergency visits and hospitalization for children with asthma in St. Clair County is 3x higher than other counties in the U.S. per IDPH survey conducted. HCO currently working on a regional plan where they identified the areas with the highest rate of return. EPA inspections to be conducted in the Metro East area (2 facilities in ESTL) for the Air Program. EPA also looking at facilities to inspect in Water, Land and Chemical programs.

Follow-up Actions: (1) HCO will send plan to ESTL and EPA; (2) EPA will share results with ESTL from inspections once completed.

5. Demolition projects going on in ESTL for residential and commercial structures; City filed liens against owners of properties, however, owners still retain ownership of land once structure is demolished. HCO working on pilot project in Belleville where they work with residents in the community on their vision for the land.

Follow-up Action: HCO can work with owners to buy property; additional discussion between HCO and ESTL to be held on this topic.

6. Brownfields Program - Choice Neighborhood Planning grant update: currently trying to obtain additional parcels within the footprint (232 units but only estimated 100 units). EPA held a call in October with project manager at Urban Strategies (US); follow-up actions from US included (1) keep EPA up-to-date on the planning project; (2) share environmental analysis report for HUD with EPA; (3) provide EPA scheduled date(s) for the design model workshop that will be shared with the community.

Woolworth Building - Tested for present of asbestos, however, ESTL does not know cost for abatement.

Follow-up Actions: (1) City Manager will follow up with Mayor on his vision for the building; (2) HCO and ESTL to schedule call to further discuss projects for Brownfields; (3) HCO to talk with Dave King on Prairie Hills project; (4) HCO could apply for grant for project in ESTL.

7. Opportunity Zone – ESTL has 5 Opportunity Zones; promoting as an incentive to developers.

8. Clean-up Initiative – ESTL focus on 3 Zones; Eastside H.S. – 2/15 (Zone 1), Downtown district – 5/15 (Zone 2); Dunbar Elementary – 9/15 (Zone 3)

Follow-up Action: ESTL Community Director will contact EPA on logistics for Clean-up Initiative