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Subject: RE: EPA Chicago - Daily News Clips - Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mary,

Sure, I will include Christine on the workgroup distribution list. I understand about the Centreville hesitancy and trust because they've been ignored for such a long time on this issue. This is exactly how it was when I first started working in ESTL. Their trust in government was nonexistence. However, over time, we were able to prove to them that we are here to assist them with their environmental and public health issues and was able to build their trust back in government.

I will be participating on a call with my EPA coworkers and the residents of Centreville tomorrow. We will report out on it next week at our meeting.

Great job in receiving the Letters of Support from those you mentioned below. Mayor Eastern, ESTL will be participating on the call next week. We have a great team and I feel by working together we can truly make a visible difference for the citizens in ESTL and surrounding cities in Metro East area. I thank you personally for your organization being a partner in this effort.

Rochelle

From: Mary Vandevord <mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org>
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Rochelle,

May I also suggest adding Christine Davis from IEPA to future discussions when appropriate. She is in charge of the watershed management division (not enforcement, but for preventative/planning aspects of Iepa) and is a great source of information. christine.davis@illinois.gov

I attended a conference call of the Centreville Resident Committee this week. My intention was to tell them about the proposal we are submitting for watershed planning. They agreed, with hesitancy, to be a participant in the watershed planning process. As this is the first time I've been able to connect with them, I understand that it will take some time to build some trust. Just wanted you to know that we had a conversation.

Also, we have received letters of support from East St. Louis, East Side Health District, SIerra Club, United Congregations, and Senator Duckworth. We are waiting on St. Clair County to submit a letter as well. We plan to submit this week.

In terms of a meeting, I have time on Tuesday after 10 am and Wednesday before 2 pm.

Thanks for keeping us all moving forward.
Mary

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On Thu, Jul 30, 2020 at 9:43 AM Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov> wrote:

EPA Collaborative Partners,

I wanted to share with you the signed letter from Senators Duckworth and Durbin to our Regional Administrator, which made EPA-Chicago news clip, regarding the flooding and sewage issues in the Metro East communities (attached). Although, we met with Senator Duckworth staff on these issues, the residents of Centreville has also brought it to their attention requesting assistance for their community.

Alan Walts, Director, Tribal and Multi-media Programs Office, U.S. EPA, Region 5, has been working and meeting with the Centreville residents. We also pulled in our Water Enforcement program staff to ensure facilities subject to the Clean Water Act are complying with both the federal and state regulations/requirements.

As a group, we have continued to meet, discuss and come up with long and short term solutions to the flooding and sewage issues in ESTL and the surrounding cities in the Metro East area. Although the city was closed due to COVID-19, I would like to convene a meeting with the group to discuss any updates on the Marybelle/Summit Avenue project, HeartLands Conservancy watershed planning proposal and SIUC (Professor Kalra) two proposal, one to assist in the watershed project and the other for the Marybelle/Summit Avenue flooding.

Please let me know your availability next week.

Thank you and please stay safe and well!

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