

Wetland Task Force Meeting Agenda - 10.15.2025

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM @ RI City Hall

Wetland Task Force Members and Key Roles

Attended meeting

- Ashley Harris - RI Mayor
- Miles Brainard - RI Community Economic Development
- Thomas Flaherty - Assistant to RI City Manager & Economic Development Director
- Todd Thompson - RI City Manager
- Sarah Hayden - RI Community Engagement Manager
- Randy Hurt - RI Second Ward Council Member
- Tanner Osing - Planning & Zoning
- Missy Gasiorowski - General contractor with Hodge construction with the development
- Hannah Alexander - NTI Representative
- Mike Thoms - Resident
- Nina Struss - River Health & Resiliency Organizer with Prairie Rivers Network
- Tim Pressly - Land owner
- Jon Duyvejonck - Retired Wildlife Biologist (USFWS), Sierra Club
- Kathy Wine - Executive Director at River Action
- Lorraine Foelske - IDNR/INPC
- Guests:
 - Alyssa Klauer - Sustainability Program Manager, Upper Mississippi Center for Sustainable Communities (UMC) at Augustana College
 - Dr. Michael Reisner - Director, Upper Mississippi Center for Sustainable Communities, Co-Chair Environmental Studies Program, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Augustana College

Timeline

- **Fall/Winter 2025:**
 - a. City information: historical, utility, boundary work, deeds/title work
 - b. Ecological information from other groups
 - c. City/Task Force proposal for what is desired for the L&WR in terms of public uses
- **Spring/Summer 2026:**
 - a. Proposal & Management plan writing process begins
 - b. Recommended ecological assessments
 - c. Potential Bio-Blitz/community involvement?
 - d. Finalize easement design
 - e. Finalize recreation/hunting plans
- **Fall/Winter 2026:**
 - a. Finalize Proposal and Management Plan
 - b. Obtain signatures on documents
- **January 2027:**
 - a. Present final proposal to the commissioners at the INPC meeting.
 - b. Once approved - sign installation and activation of management plan

Agenda

- A. Introductions**
- B. Brief update on status and timeline of L&WR for Augustana staff**
- C. Discussion on potential partnership with Augustana for L&WR**
 - a. Available data
 - i. Lorraine shared parcels with Augustana staff

- ii. GIS layers?
- b. Task Force conservation goals and priorities
 - i. From Lorraine: “ Current priorities for biodiversity inventories are for birds (specifically, what species are breeding at the site?) and for herptiles. From a management perspective, knowing the locations where invasive species are a significant problem would be helpful. I don’t think we have any inventories on bats at this site, so that’d be a great addition to the current species list which is also attached (source: [2013MilanBottomsBioBlitz \(1\).xlsx](#)).”
- c. Augustana’s available resources
 - i. Surveys for birds, wildlife, fish, plants, turtles, perhaps bats.

D. Next Steps

E. Next Meeting: November 12, 2025