

Wetland Task Force Meeting Agenda - 10.12.2025

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

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
 - d. **Important Dates:**
 - ~~October 15 - Task Force & Augustana & Upper Mississippi River Center~~
 - November 12 - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)
 - December 10 - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)
 - January 7, 2026 - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)
- **Spring/Summer 2026:**
 - a. Proposal & Management plan writing process begins
 - b. Recommended ecological assessments
 - c. Finalize easement design
 - d. Finalize recreation/hunting plans
 - e. **Important Dates:**
 - Feb-April 2026 - Community engagement opportunity
 - June 2026 - L&WR Designation Progress Review to the City Council.
- **Fall/Winter 2026:**
 - a. Finalize Proposal and Management Plan
 - b. Obtain signatures on documents
 - c. **Important Dates:**
 - Thanksgiving 2026 - Deadline for draft to INPC of Management Plan & Proposal
 - September 2026 - Management Plan & Proposal to City Council for Discussion/Approval
- **January 2027:**
 - a. Present final proposal to the commissioners at the INPC meeting.
 - b. Once approved - sign installation and activation of management plan
 - c. **Important Dates:**
 - TBD - INPC Presentation for L&WR Designation

Agenda

A. Land & Water Reserve Process Updates - Lorraine

B. Updates on [10.1 Meeting](#) Action Items:

a. City of Rock Island:

- i. Finalize list of job specifications for the RFP to Lorraine by 10/8/2025
- ii. Create a designated email for questions regarding the wetlands/L&WR process.
- iii. Discuss/brainstorm community engagement next steps (Tanner/Todd/Miles/Tom/Mayor/Sarah)
- iv. Remove Task Force meetings from calendars in 2025 for the following dates: October 29, November 26, December 24. Add Task Force meeting for January 7, 2026.

b. INPC: (Lorraine)

- i. Work with City for boundary survey RFP process
- ii. Management Plan & Proposal

c. Task Force:

- i. Connect Lorraine with USACE lead forester (Jon)
- ii. Provide feedback to the TF regarding landowner questions/concerns as needed (Tim)
- iii. Create a list of local orgs/people to invite to a future community engagement event that will be constructive to the conversation. (Nina/Jon/Kathy/Tim)

C. Updates from [10.15](#) & [11.6](#) Meetings:

a. City of Rock Island:

- i. Debrief potential Augustana partnership at next Meeting (November 12)
- ii. Develop a draft scope of work for Augustana in collaboration with INPC

b. Augustana:

- i. Provide a draft Memorandum of Agreement for City/Task Force/INPC to review by next meeting (November 12)

c. INPC:

- i. Develop a draft scope of work for Augustana in collaboration with City (if approved at TF meeting on November 12)

d. Task Force:

- i. Provide final answer to agreement of partnership with Augustana by early December

D. Other Updates

E. Next Steps

F. Next Meeting: December 10 - Task Force & INPC