

Wetland Task Force Meeting Agenda - 12.10.2025

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
- Angella Moorehouse - IDNR/INPC
- (Optional) Alyssa Klauer - Sustainability Program Manager, Upper Mississippi Center for Sustainable Communities (UMC) at Augustana College
- (Optional) 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
 - d. **Important Dates:**
 - ~~October 15 - Task Force & Augustana & Upper Mississippi River Center~~
 - ~~November 12 - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)~~
 - December 10 - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine/Angella)
 - January 7, 2026 - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine/Angella)
- **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. Introductions

B. Land & Water Reserve Process Updates - Lorraine

C. Updates on [11.12.2025 Meeting](#) Action Items:

- a. Remove recurring TF meetings (added by Colleen) and create new invites to occur on the first Wednesday of each month (except for January). Add a virtual component to these meetings for TF members & INPC/Augustana staff.
- b. RFP/boundary work - to be completed by the end of 2025
- c. Draft MOA for City/Council in collaboration with Augustana
- d. Create a draft webpage for the L&WR information to present to the TF at the December 2025 meeting.

D. Community Engagement

- a. Open House/Forum/1:1 Meetings - Any updates?
- b. Litter Clean-Up
 - i. Potentially move to late summer/fall? - Nina has more insight to share

E. Other Updates

- F. **Next Meeting:** January 7 or 21 – Need to decide as a group if we want to meet on the first Wednesday or the third Wednesday moving forward.