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September 26, 2013

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Windsor and Essex County Environment Committee is scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, October 3, 2013**  
**5:30 o'clock p.m.**  
***Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant***

The attached agenda will be considered. Please notify the undersigned at 519-255-6222, ext. 6430, if you are unable to attend.

Yours very truly,

Karen Kadour  
Committee Coordinator



**AGENDA**  
**WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
held on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
Meeting at 5:30p.m. At the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant (4155 Ojibway)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION**

Sigrid Mosmann – Preservation of Trees in Windsor Essex County: Discussing the potential for a private tree bylaw.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Response from Minister of Transport Lisa Raitt re. Detroit River International Crossing – *attached.*

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 8.1 Air
- 8.2 Transportation
- 8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands – *attached.*
- 8.4 Water Quality

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 10.1 Green Sun Rising letter to Minister Chiarelli (Energy) re. Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan – *attached.*
- 10.2 Windsor Essex EV Association formed – *The Windsor Star* – *attached.*
- 10.3 Link Detroit Construction Begins, Let's Celebrate! – *Mode Shift* Sept 6, 2013 – *attached.*
- 10.4 City of Windsor Council Report – Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Public Open House – *attached.*
- 10.5 Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority (LEEP) Draft Report Public Meetings – *attached.*

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minister of Transport



Ministre des Transports

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

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Mr. Alan Halberstadt and Mr. Charlie Wright  
Co-Chairs  
Windsor Essex County Environment Committee  
4155 Ojibway Parkway  
Windsor ON N9C 4A5

Dear Messrs. Halberstadt and Wright:

I am responding to your letter of June 12, 2013, to my predecessor regarding the environmental planning process with respect to the Detroit River International Crossing.

Comprehensive and coordinated environmental assessments for the Detroit River International Crossing were completed in 2009 in both Canada and the United States. Transport Canada is currently preparing an Environmental Management Plan for the Canadian Plaza and Bridge portions of the project, which includes mitigation and monitoring plans, a consultation and engagement strategy, a risk management plan and an adaptive management plan to address federal environmental assessment commitments. In the coming months, Transport Canada will share these documents with stakeholders, including the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LRaitt".

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Transport



**– SEPTEMBER 2013 –**

**ONGOING INITIATIVES**

**1. Smog Action Plan**

The WECEC coordinator has begun conducting research of various Smog Action Plans completed by other municipalities. A draft Smog Action Plan for the City of Windsor will be completed in consultation with the City of Windsor Parks & Recreation department and presented to WECEC.

**2. Eco Justice to attend December WECEC**

Liat Podolsky, Staff Scientist for Eco Justice and lead author of the latest Great Lakes Sewage Report Card will attend the December WECEC meeting via telephone to discuss the report. Paul Drca, Manager of Environment Quality at the City of Windsor, will also attend the meeting and offer comments.

**3. WECEC Budget – Summary**

<b>2013 Budget</b>		
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Website domain renewal		\$76.32
Conservation Campaign Ad		\$1,525.39
Pat on the Back room rental		\$246.00
June meeting at Ojibway		\$122.50
Promotional Items		\$347.92
Conservation Campaign Generator Design		\$596.06
Earth Day		\$40.00
David Suzuki		\$1,000.00
Dan Burden		\$1,000.00
Pat on the Back cheques		\$2,000.00
Pat on the Back food		\$123.13
Wildlife tour		\$793.23
Pat on the Back plaques		\$57.40
Website hosting fee		
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$7,927.95
<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>\$372.05</b>	

## PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

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### 1) Green Speaker – John Hartig

Both John Hartig and Richard Wyma are interested in participating as Green Speakers. The tentative date of Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> has been set. The event will be in the evening, 7:00pm-8:30pm. The subcommittee is in the process of selecting a venue and topic for the event. Advertising for this event will be similar to previous Green Speaker Series events and include media releases, posters, email invitations, as well as Facebook and website promotion.

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### 2) Meeting with the Port Authority

Members of the sub-committee attended a meeting with the Port Authority on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. A verbal update will be provided at the October WECEC meeting.



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Bob Chiarelli  
Minister of Energy  
880 Bay Street  
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Ontario Long Term Energy Plan (LTEP)

Dear Minister Chiarelli,

future generations will judge us by the condition in which we are handing this beautiful planet over to them. We have a fundamental responsibility to preserve this planet and to keep it livable for all species. Our record on this must get failing grades, in light of 400 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> and counting, adding on average 2 ppm per year at the going rate.

It is imperative that we become sustainable in all of our activities, as rapidly as possible. And the LTEP of Ontario must reflect that. While I applaud Ontario for shutting down all coal power plants, I object to the great focus on nuclear energy, for present and future Ontario investment.

I request the new LTEP to focus all new investment in energy and energy infrastructure into the following categories:

1. energy efficiency
2. energy conservation
3. renewable energy generation.

I suggest to adopt the same target as the European Union has with its Energy Road Map, at least 80% of all energy being used by 2050 coming from purely renewable energy sources. And nuclear does NOT count as renewable, it is a polluting and dangerous, non-renewable energy source which leaves a terrible legacy for future generations.

With the combination of energy efficiency improvements and energy conservation, we should be able to reduce the per capita energy consumption of Ontarians by up to 50%. Ontarians and Canadians are poor record holders for energy waste and high per capita energy consumption, and CO2 generation. This needs to change. Halving the Ontario per capita energy consumption would bring us in line with present European per capita energy consumption. Programs like ecoEnergy must be restarted, and expanded. Building codes and regulations overall must be changed to introduce clear and stringent efficiency and renewable energy targets.

All new investment into energy generation must go into purely renewable energy generation, and no more new investment into nuclear. The LTEP needs to show how renewable energies will provide at least 80% of all energy used in Ontario by 2050, and beyond. Ontario should become completely renewable and carbon-neutral by 2060 or 2065, at the latest.

We need a moratorium on nuclear, and develop an exit plan, by which we will phase out ALL nuclear power plants, over the coming decades. All moneys freed up by not dumping them into the black hole of nuclear need to be redirected into renewable energy generation, efficiency, and conservation.

I suggest to negotiate and enter into a long term contract with Quebec, for electricity purchase and sale, for a 2-way partnership in sharing the availability and the storage of renewable energy, making better use of the wealth of water power that Quebec has.

Only if we learn to live in a sustainable and peaceful way on this planet can future generations thrive, and only then will we have done a good job with our present responsibilities. And you with yours, Mr. Minister. Please act with determination and with a view of your responsibilities towards not only present, but future generations. It is called long-term plan, after all, and it needs to include the vision of a long-term livable Ontario and planet.

Regards,

Klaus Dohring

President

Green Sun Rising Inc

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## Local electric car club formed

Windsor has a new and growing car club devoted to enthusiastic electric vehicle owners: **The Windsor Essex EV Association.**

The group is dedicated to promoting and supporting plug-in electric vehicle ownership in Windsor-Essex and surrounding regions, according to organizer Sean Hart, who drives a Nissan Leaf.

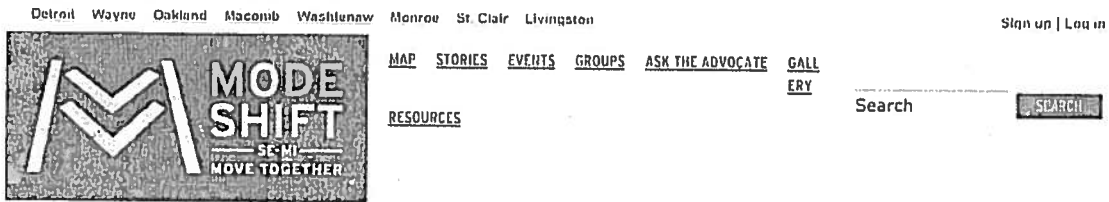
"Electric vehicle owners love their cars," said Hart, who launched a website at [weeva.ca](http://weeva.ca).

"Here at WEEVA we want to share our enthusiasm of electric vehicles with others, whether potential buyers or just curious."

So far, the group has eight members driving everything electric from the Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf to the iMiEV.

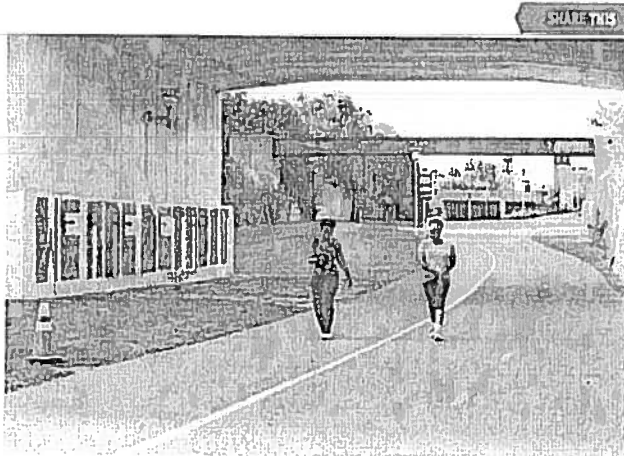
For more information go online to [weeva.ca/contact](http://weeva.ca/contact).  
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## LINK DETROIT CONSTRUCTION BEGINS, LET'S CELEBRATE!

By [David Sands](#) | September 6, 2013



DETROIT—On your mark, get set, go! Detroit's next big biking and walking project is about to rush past the starting line.

Construction on Link Detroit, a multi-modal enhancement plan put forth by the city to enhance and connect existing greenways projects is now underway. When completed in November 2014, it will create an accessible network of routes for cyclists and pedestrians between major destinations like Eastern Market, Hamtramck, the RiverWalk, downtown Detroit and Midtown.

The city of Detroit and other partner organizations believe the multimodal enhancement plan will spur the regional economy while providing cost-effective non-motorized travel options to local workers and residents.

Rather than a typical hardhat and shovel groundbreaking, sponsors are now planning a community celebration for supporters at Eastern Market. They hope to attract community members, runners, members of local bike clubs and rides and as many other potential users as possible. Mark your calendar for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Eastern Market.

Whoever shows up will certainly have a lot of reasons to be festive. Link Detroit is in reality five separate projects: a streetscape enhancement at Eastern Market, three non-motorized travel connections including an extension of the Dequindre Cut north, a new section of the Midtown Loop greenway and bike lanes that will connect with trails in the city of Hamtramck, and replacement of two bridges over the planned Dequindre Cut north at Adelaide and Wilkins Streets.

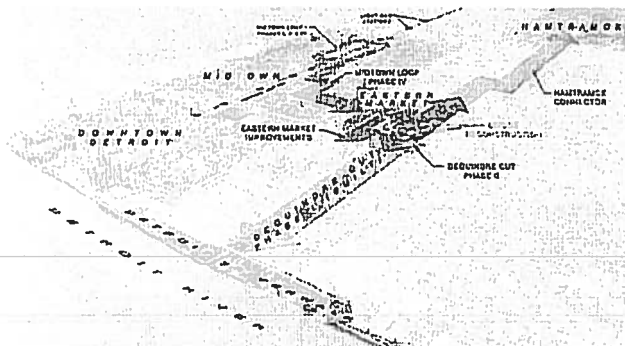
Together, these components will also serve as building blocks for a much grander endeavor, the [Detroit Inner Circle Greenway](#), a trail which will form a loop around much of the city.

"I think this is something that everybody should be excited about and everybody should celebrate." Jela Ellefson, manager of grants and special projects for the Eastern Market Corporation, told Mode Shift. "We see it as a major economic development. We want to see Dequindre Cut blossom."

A federal [Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant application](#) for the project estimated investment in the new infrastructure improvements would "create over 16,000 full-time equivalent jobs throughout Wayne County, largely in the retail, professional services, and construction sectors."

10.3

Detroit's Department of Public Works, which secured that \$10 million TIGER grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, has taken the lead on the project, while the [Detroit Economic Growth Corporation](#), [Midtown Detroit Inc.](#) and [Eastern Market](#) are participating as active partners.



"This project is called Link Detroit for a reason," said Ellefson. "We want to show people that organizations that maybe in the past would have been more territorial in terms of location ... are working together."

In addition to the federal money, funding for the approximately \$24 million undertaking is coming from a spicy mix of different city, state, private and philanthropic sources. The [Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan](#), which funds Mode Shift, is one of these sponsors and has provided financing to study, plan and support various aspects of the effort.

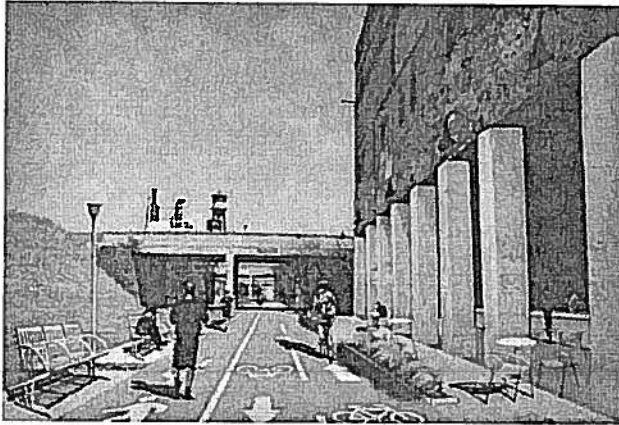
As for the folks drafting up the routes, they're no strangers to the project. [Smith Group JJR](#), the firm handling Link Detroit's design, previously worked on the Midtown Loop, the first phase of the Dequindre Cut and various district plans at Eastern Market. Construction will be overseen by [Parsens Brinckerhoff](#) and carried out by the [Angelo Iefrate Construction Company](#) with the assistance of several subcontractors.

### So what will the project actually look like?

To start with, Eastern Market will be getting a major upgrade. The street curbs on Russell Street will be lined up in a consistent manner, and the area will be spruced up with trees and greenery. In addition, new bike parking structures will be installed at the district's main parking lot and at the corner of Russell and Wilkins.

The market will also feature easy access to the [Dequindre Cut](#), a below-street level biking and walking path built on an old railroad line in downtown Detroit, which will be extended as part of the project. Currently, it runs from Woodbridge Street near the Milliken State Park at the riverfront to Gratiot Avenue. The extension will take it a mile north to Mack Avenue. Three bridges spanning the Cut will also be repaired and another taken down.

"You will be able to get up to Wilkins Street, where there will be an exit and entrance ramp... and you will be also able to continue to go further up to Mack Avenue," said Ellefson. "You will be able to continue biking on Dequindre Cut without having to cross the crazy seven-lane freeways at Gratiot at that point."



Another connection will link Eastern Market with Detroit's Midtown neighborhood, home to cultural attractions like the Michigan Science Center and the Detroit Institute of Arts. A new phase of the 1.8 mile [Midtown Loop greenway](#) will allow cyclists and pedestrians easy access to the market along a route that stretches across Mack, Brush and Wilkins.

A final component of Link Detroit, called the Hamtramck Connector, will join the Dequindre Cut with trails in Hamtramck via a striped bike lane running east on Mack and then north on St. Aubin.

Todd Scott of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, who helped draft Link Detroit's TIGER grant application, is glad the renovation work is finally set to begin.

"It's exciting," he told Mode Shift. "When the original Dequindre Cut was opened, it made a lot of people see what was possible, and it took it to the next level to build this Link Detroit. So I'm excited to see what people will think we can do next on an even grander scale."

Stay tuned to Mode Shift for this and further updates on the project.

**VIEW ON MAP**



Attend the celebration 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Eastern Market, Lot 1. Adjacent to Shed 2. Brief remarks, music, refreshments.



**About [David Sands](#)**

Staff Writer

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**RECOMMENDED STORIES**



**LINK DETROIT INITIATIVE AWARDED \$10M TO IMPROVE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT**



**DEQUINDRE CUT NORTH PURCHASE MOVES PROJECT FORWARD**



**DETROIT'S INNER CIRCLE GREENWAY PROJECT RECEIVES NEEDED FUNDING**



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LiveLink REPORT #: 16729	Report Date: Sept 5, 2013
Author's Name: Mike Clement	Date to Council: Sept 9, 2013
Author's Phone: 519 253 2300 ext. 2736	Classification #: Communication
Author's E-mail: mclement@city.windsor.on.ca	

To: Mayor and Members of City Council  
Subject: Parks & Recreation Master Plan- Public Open House

COUNCIL AGENDA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
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1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

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CITY OF WINDSOR  
COUNCIL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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2. **BACKGROUND:**

**RECEIVED**

In 2010 Council approved \$50,000 in the capital budget to commence a review and update to the existing 1989 City of Windsor Culture and Recreation Master Plan. Parks has undertaken a number of studies to update the background data and information required for the master plan study. The studies include a park inventory, amenity inventory, bench marking etc.

In 2013 Council approved \$ 140,000 in the capital budget to undertake public consultation and prepare a master plan report for approval by Council.

3. **DISCUSSION:**

Public consultation is essential to the development of the parks master plan and will include surveys, stake holder meetings, public open houses and communications through traditional forms and the social network on the internet.

Four open houses have been scheduled for the fall of 2013 and are advertised in the fall Parks & Recreation Activity Guide. The open house dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Ward 1 Sept 17, 2013 6-8pm South Windsor Recreation Complex, 2555 Pulford
- Ward 2 Oct 8, 2013 6-8pm Mackenzie Hall, 3277 Sandwich St. W.
- Ward 3 Nov 5, 2013 6-8pm Windsor Water World, 400 Wyandotte St. E.
- Ward 4 Dec 5, 2013 6-8pm Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave.

Parks & Recreation will work with Communications to insure that the public is notified in advance of each meeting. The balance of the master plan open houses will be scheduled for the first quarter of 2014.

The purpose of the open houses is to provide the public with information regarding the master plan scope, process, timelines and how to participate. The public will be encouraged to attend any or all meetings to provide their ideas and comments regarding the future of the parks and recreation system. Group and stakeholder meetings will be scheduled separately in the fall of 2013.

A preliminary schedule for the master plan project is provided below:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Time Line</b>
1.	Project Charter	Sept 2013
2.	Public Consultation Ward 1-4	Fall 2013
3.	Public Consultation Ward 5-10	Jan – Mar 2014
4.	Master Plan Development	April- Dec 2013
5.	Public Consultation	Jan- Feb 2014
6.	Table Master Plan Report	March –April 2015
7.	Final Draft Review	May-June 2015
8.	Final Report - Council Approval	July 2015

The meetings will include displays, plans and charts of the particular ward and the city-wide park system. Documents such as the 1989 Culture and Recreation Master, Parks Usage Report, Park History, Park Inventory and other relevant studies will be available for reference. Surveys and comment sheets will be made available at the meeting for the public to provide feedback. Examples of the existing park classifications (neighbourhood, community and city-wide/regional), will be described and illustrated on the plans.

A future report regarding the project charter will be submitted through the Environment Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee then through City Council.

#### **4. RISK ANALYSIS:**

The Master Plan will be used to gather input on stakeholder's needs, parks standards, and consolidations and programming so that risks can be addressed as well as expectations. The intent of the meeting is to introduce the public to the process and the scope of the plan. The plan will provide an analysis of levels of services and resources and make recommendations.

Adequate means must be provided for the public to participate in the master plan process to insure that their input is captured and considered. Ten public open houses have been planned along with stake holder meetings for the various groups and organization that are partners.

During the development of the master plan report additional temporary resources will be required in the form of internal and /or contracted personnel services which will be determined. Funding has been provided for this eventuality.

**5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Funding for the Parks & Recreation master plan has been provide in the 2013 Capital budget Project ID# 7129013 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Development.

**6. CONSULTATIONS:**

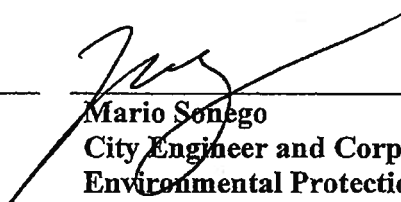
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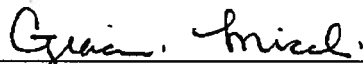
The public open houses will initiate the public's participation component of the Park Master Plan update.



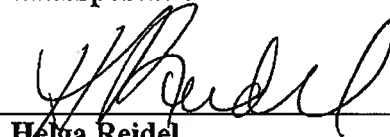
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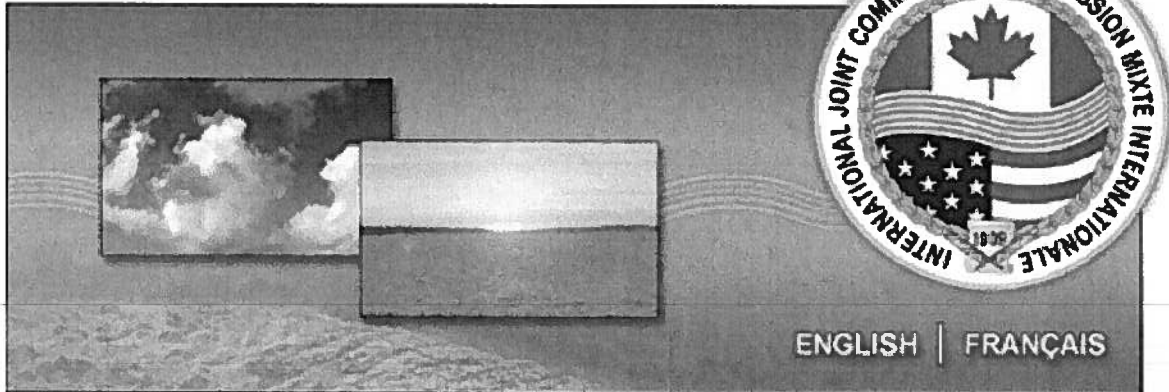
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### Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority Draft Report Comments Welcomed Public Meetings/Open Houses



Make plans to attend a public meeting/open house to learn about the [draft Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority Report](#) and to provide comments. See the table below for the location near you. Please, note the updated address for the Walpole Island First Nation meeting.

Copies of the draft report will be available at the meeting, but you can [click here to review the report on our webpage](#). At each location below, we'll have an open house/poster session from 6 pm to 7 pm. At 7 pm, there will be a short video highlighting the findings and recommendations in the draft report, followed by a comment period until 9 pm.

If you can't attend one of these meetings, it's easy to comment online. Just [click here](#) and fill out the form. You can also watch the public meeting [video here](#).

Following the close of the comment period (October 5), the draft report will be revised and submitted to the governments later this year.

Sept. 18	Sandusky Area	Erie County Conservation League 815 E. Mason Rd Milan, OH, 44846
Sept. 19	Toledo Area	Maumee Bay Lodge 1750 State Park Road #2 Oregon, OH, 43616
Sept. 24	Walpole Island	Walpole Island Sports Complex

	First Nation	770 Tecumseh Road Wallaceburg, ON, N8A 4K9
Sept. 25	Port Stanley, ON	Port Stanley Arena 332 Carlow Road, N5L 1B6
Sept. 26	Leamington, ON	Seacliffe Inn 388 Erie Street South, N8H 3E5
Oct. 2	Cleveland Area	Rocky River Nature Center 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH, 44070

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