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# CALUMET STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

MEETING SUMMARY – May 4, 2018  
Metropolitan Planning Council  
140 S. Dearborn, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60603

## Attendees

John Mick II, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.  
Hal Sprague, Center for Neighborhood Technology  
Kate Evasic, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Monica Rockstroh, Christopher Burke Engineering  
Christopher Rollyson, CSRA, Inc.  
Ray Bell, Faith in Place  
Peter Toth, Foresight Design Initiative  
Eric Otto, Forest Preserves of Cook County  
Matt Bardol, Geosyntec  
Karoline Qasem, Geosyntec  
Patrick Lach, Hey and Associates  
Lisa Cotner, Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Annie Turek, Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Margaret Schneemann, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant  
Jeff Edstrom, Illinois Coastal Program  
Jerry McGovern, Independent  
Sarah Cardona, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Josh Ellis, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Danielle Gallet, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Bob Newport, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Shehara Waas, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Saki Handa, Mott MacDonald  
Ted Haffner, Openlands  
Katherine Moore Powell, The Field Museum  
Moira Zellner, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Justin Keller, University of Illinois at Chicago



## Member Updates

Annie Turek from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program announced they will be hosting a free, two-day workshop on [Planning Effective Projects for Coastal Communities](#) on Wednesday & Thursday, May 23-24 at CMAP (233 S Wacker Dr). Bring your project ideas to this interactive workshop to build skills in project planning, evaluation, and strategic thinking needed to achieve project success. RSVP to [Catherine.Buchalski@illinois.gov](mailto:Catherine.Buchalski@illinois.gov) or call (312) 814-6365.

John Mick from Baxter & Woodman, Inc. invited everyone to the American Society of Civil Engineers Environmental Water Resources Institute and the American Public Works Association's luncheon on May 16 from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm in Willow Springs, Il. This event will feature Joe Kratzer who will explain the MWRD Green Infrastructure Partnership Program. Ahead of the

upcoming 2018 call for projects, Joe will give an update on the results from last year and share insights on identifying meaningful project partnership opportunities with local government organizations. To register, click [here](#).

Hal Sprague from the Center for Neighborhood Technology provided a legislative update on HB4748 which was passed by the House and is currently under consideration on the Senate floor. This piece of legislation would allow 86 additional counties in Illinois to have the authority to adopt stormwater management plans by referendum, which would expand the breadth of stormwater planning initiatives state-wide.

Josh Ellis from MPC reminded everyone of this year's River Day on Saturday, May 12 where all are invited to participate in the Beaubien Woods cleanup near the Altgeld Gardens community along the Little Calumet River. Don't forget your boots and long pants!

Josh also announced that the Chicago Community Trust has opened up a new round of funding for the Our Great Rivers grant by [issuing an RFP for community-led proposals](#) that align with the [Our Great Rivers Vision](#). This funding opportunity would be eligible for community-led projects directly impacting Chicago's river system, incorporating elements of two or more of the Trust's funding arenas – sustainable development, economic development, public health, and arts & culture. The geographic eligibility of this opportunity is the City of Chicago and suburban communities that share a land or river border with the City of Chicago and have a river or tributary identified in the Our Great Rivers Vision. Submissions are due June 3. For more information, visit CCT's [website](#).

Moira Zellner from the UIC shared that the Urban Data Visualization Lab will be hosting an event on May 11 from 4 pm – 6 pm at the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, 412 S. Peoria St. All interested in networking and discussing data visualization and geo-spatial analysis are welcome to attend. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP [here](#).

### **May 2018 Work Planning**

The May meeting advanced the CSC work planning by adopting a basic framework that visually describes how the collective efforts of the CSC add up to a bigger picture aspirational vision for the Calumet region's ability to handle stormwater and how the group plans to get there. Based on the ultimate vision that the CSC holds for the Calumet region—that it can effectively manage wet-weather events today and is resilient to future events under a changing climate—this framework gives a general picture of the fundamental goals the CSC wants to see progress on, the measurable and actionable objectives that reflect the role that the CSC can play in advancing the fundamental goals, and the activities over the next three years that the CSC can undertake to advance its objectives.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing alignment between proposed potential activities, the objectives and goals. Small groups, one for each of the four fundamental goal, worked to prioritize activities or generate new activities that map onto objectives and goals. Members began drafting Action Plans for a few of the activities in small groups, and each small group reported back to the Collaborative their emerging ideas around objectives and activities that could best track to each goal.

## Meeting Wrap-up and Final Remarks

Sarah thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the high energy around brainstorming activities and objectives that articulate the collective impact and direction of the Collaborative. She also reminded everyone of the CSC meeting, which will be Friday, June 1.

## Next Meeting

\*Work group-focused meeting\*

Friday, June 1, 2018

10:00am to 12:00pm

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