

Final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Sheboygan River and Harbor Site Released

In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, notice is hereby given that the Natural Resource Trustees (Trustees) for the Sheboygan River and Harbor site (the Site) have approved their Final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (Final RP/EA) for the Site. The Final RP/EA presents the types of restoration projects the trustees have selected to implement to restore natural resources and services injured by hazardous substances released in and around the Site.

In a settlement with Tecumseh Products Company, Thomas Industries, and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, the Trustees received approximately \$4,500,000 to support restoration, preservation, recreational enhancements, and past Trustee costs relevant to assessing natural resource injuries. In the Final RP/EA, the Trustees selected two habitat preservation projects as partial compensation for natural resources injuries: (1) The acquisition of Amsterdam Dunes property, approximately 184 acres abutting Lake Michigan within the Sheboygan River Basin; and (2) the acquisition of the Willow Creek property, a unique, 140-acre urban open space located within the City of Sheboygan. Future restoration projects at either of the habitat preservation sites or at other sites in the identified restoration area will cumulatively restore injuries to wildlife and aquatic habitat resources and their lost uses that occurred when hazardous substances were released at the Site.

The Trustees released their Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Site for review and public comment in November 2017. The Trustees considered the public comments received, which informed the Trustees' analyses and selection of the restoration projects in the Final RP/EA. The Final RP/EA is available for download from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Region Natural Resource Damage Assessment website at <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/es/ec/nrda/sheboyganharbor/>. The Trustees for the Site are the U.S. Department of the Interior (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), the U.S. Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), and the State of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources).