
Sault Area Freshwater Collaboration Meeting

The 'who does what' in fresh water and catalyzing new collaborations

February 16, 2022, 1:00-3:30pm ET (optional mingling until 4:00pm) | Zoom meeting

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WELCOME!

- Our purpose is to provide a space for regional freshwater updates and to increase collaboration across the St. Marys River/nearby area(s). Objectives:
 1. Share information about the Garden River First Nation community-based water quality monitoring pilot project.
 2. Explore how water quality monitoring (including benthic invertebrate surveys) and other related activities may be coordinated.
 3. Identify possible collaborations on freshwater actions in the next year (or more).
- With 59 registrants representing ~20 agencies/organizations across eight nations/communities, fresh water is a clear and growing priority in this area!

HOUSEKEEPING

- Please keep yourself muted unless you are speaking to avoid audio echo/feedback.
- This meeting is being recorded and will be made available to all registrants, along with this slide deck; please do not post it publicly (link sharing with colleagues is okay).
- Our discussion notes are being recorded on a shared Google Doc that will be made available to all participants until the end of March; then, a brief summary report of our discussion will be sent out instead.

STARTING IN A GOOD WAY

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ABOUT THE GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION PROJECT

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LET'S JAM(BOARD)!

- Purpose: a place to share and access information about activities of interest and potential collaboration. You will continue to have access to this for the next year, so feel free to check back or update it as needed.
- To read a sticky note in larger/full text, double click on it.
- **Note:** everyone is an editor, so be aware that any changes you make on your screen are reflected for everyone.
- Please take 10 minutes to populate our [jamboard](#). Feel free to overlap or resize sticky notes or insert text boxes instead!

NOW THAT EVERYONE HAS VIEWED THE JAMBOARD

Are there any questions anyone had about anything you have seen, or comments you would like to make on anything you have read or written?

LET'S DISCUSS

- Regardless of your own scope or capacity, what project(s) are most important to implement in the next 5 years?
- What are your 'dream'/priority projects/outcomes?





LET'S TAKE A BREAK

PLEASE RETURN AT 2:45

BREAKOUT GROUPS (~15 MINUTES)

Guiding questions (optional):

- Which of our current or intended activities can be (better) **coordinated** between us?
- Which projects existing or on the ‘dream’ list might we **collaborate** on?
- What **next steps** will we take?

You may choose any breakout room you wish, and you can move between them by leaving the room and joining a new one from this main meeting space. Groups will close at ~3pm, at which point we will summarize our discussion and next steps.

WELCOME BACK!

- Share a *brief* (e.g., 1-2 minutes) summary of each theme's discussion.
- What next steps emerged from your discussion?
- What other next steps would anyone in this group like to see?

CLOSING PRAYER

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Please feel free to
mingle and continue
discussing until 4pm.
Breakout groups are
available upon
request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Email Elaine with questions, feedback about this event, or
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