

Working Group on Contaminants of Emerging Concern in the Huron-to-Erie Corridor - Participant List October 2021

Name	Organization	Introductions
Mandy Annis	United States Fish & Wildlife Service	Serving the FWS Environmental Contaminants Program, Annis coordinates sampling and analysis of risks to wildlife, and evaluates beneficial use impairments (BUIs) and other impacts under Federal surveillance.
Tracie Baker	University of Florida	Previously an Assistant Professor in the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and Department of Pharmacology in the School of Medicine at Wayne State University, in multidisciplinary, translational toxicology research that bridges human, animal, and environmental health, Baker is now an Associate Professor at the University of Florida.
John Barkach	Great Lakes Environmental Center	Barkach leads GLEC's contaminated sediment activities and works closely with partners to evaluate water quality and contamination sources, and develop remedial action alternatives.
Erica Bloom	Ecology Center	Toxics Campaign Director, Bloom leads the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network which is highlighting human impact stories of communities affected by contaminated surface and drinking water, and testing fish to evaluate impacts on subsistence anglers.
Jennifer Boehme	IJC Public Health Group	Science Advisor and Secretariat for Health Professionals Advisory Board at the International Joint Commission, Boehme works at the interface of research and policy to assist the governments of the United States and Canada in resolving water quality issues affecting the Great Lakes.
John Bratton	Limnotech	Bratton designs and oversees research on multi-stressor impacts on the Great Lakes, including microbial, nutrient and contaminant impacts, and serves as adjunct faculty at Wayne State in Oceanography.
Bob Burns	Friends of the Detroit River	Detroit Riverkeeper and Vice-chair of the Detroit River Public Advisory Council, Burns coordinates public engagement, identifies sampling sites and monitors the Detroit River
Andrea Busch	Great Lakes Water Authority	Busch oversees Energy, Research and Innovation Group investigations into PFAS, microplastics and cyanobacteria inputs source water.
Rochelle Chapman	Wayne State University, Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors (CURES)	As Community Engagement Coordinator, Chapman's role is to create bi-directional relationships with community members, to disseminate research in a relatable way, and support community involvement in research.

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Eric Diesing	Clinton River Watershed Council	As Watershed Ecologist, Diesing coordinates community science programs such as Adopt-A-Stream, road stream crossing surveys, the Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project and field data collection and monitoring.
Rosanne Ellison	United States Environmental Protection Agency	Ellison is the leader of EPA Great Lakes National Program Office initiatives in Detroit, and the Federal liaison for Areas of Concern in SE Michigan (the Detroit, St. Clair and Rouge Rivers).
Ralph Haefner	United States Geological Survey	Deputy Director of Data for the USGS Upper Midwest Water Science Center, Haefner oversees studies of water impacts on people and wildlife throughout the region.
Alex Haimbaugh	Wayne State University, WATER Lab	PhD student researching impacts of contaminants of emerging concern in water on zebrafish, a model animal for making inferences about human health impacts.
Abigail Hendershott	EGLE, Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)	MPART's Executive Director, Hendershott previously oversaw Remediation and Redevelopment Division projects and currently is responsible for statewide documentation of public drinking well water quality and many surface water sites sampled for PFAS.
Jamie Konopacky	Erb Family Foundation	Director of the Foundation's Great Lakes Programs, Konopacky is the grant officer for this project, with previous research and policy background in watershed solutions for nutrient pollution, nitrate drinking water contamination, and algal blooms.
Erma Leaphart	Sierra Club	Leaphart oversees Detroit public engagement for Sierra Club's Great Lakes Program, serves on the governance board of the Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Coalition, chairs the Detroit Green Task Force Water Committee and advises many other environmental initiatives.
Nick Leonard	Great Lakes Environmental Law Center	Leonard coordinates environmental legal strategies and oversees attorneys representing frontline and impacted communities, with a focus on hazardous materials, corporate violations of rules, new rulemaking and defense of environmental rules against corporate challenges.

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Monica Lewis-Patrick	We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective	Serving as WPD's President and CEO since co-founding the organization, Lewis-Patrick oversees water affordability and access initiatives while also serving as an advisor to national and international water and environmental justice councils, boards and committees.
Carol Miller	Wayne State University, Civil and Environmental Engineering	Professor, Director of Healthy Urban Waters, and Co-Director of WSU's One Health Initiative. Miller is also the U.S. Chair of the Great Lakes Science Advisory Board of the International Joint Commission.
Genevieve Nowak	Belle Isle Conservancy	BIC's Environmental Initiatives and Affairs Director, Nowak mobilizes and educates the community to protect, preserve and improve Belle Isle and leads the Detroit River Binational Coalition.
Sally Petrella	Friends of the Rouge	FOTR's environmental monitoring manager, Petrella oversees community-based science on fish, amphibians, benthic macroinvertebrates, invasive aquatic plants and PFAS, and promotes water trail recreation along the Rouge River.
Daryl M. Pierson	Wayne State University, Office of Sustainability	Director and strategic leader of Wayne State sustainability initiatives, Pierson has implemented innovative programs for composting food and landscaping waste that are being evaluated for potential mitigation of human impacts in urban areas.
David Pitts	Wayne State University, Pharmaceutical Science	Associate Professor researching the endocrine-disrupting properties of contaminants of emerging concern, Pitts has developed novel assays for sublethal toxicity of chemicals and mixtures on aquatic organisms, including unexpected physiological and behavioral responses.
Joan Rose	Michigan State University	Rose is the Homer Nowlin Endowed Chair in Water Research and Co-Director of the Center for Water Sciences and Center for Advancing Microbial Risk Assessment in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, and studies water quality and health using molecular techniques.
Balvinder Sehgal	Great Lakes Water Authority	Manager of Special Projects, Sehgal oversees water quality evaluations of source water inputs, including real-time monitoring and special studies such as for microplastics and PFAS.

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Michelle Selzer	EGLE, AOC Coordinator for Lake Erie	Selzer oversees action plan implementation for removal of beneficial use impairments in Areas of Concern, in collaboration with national and international scientists through initiatives such as the St. Clair Detroit River System Initiative, and the IJC Great Lakes Early Warning System.
Mary Lynn Semegen	Great Lakes Water Authority	Water Quality Manager for the Great Lakes Water Authority, Semegen oversees innovative monitoring programs relating to microcystin, PFAS and other potential drinking water contaminants.
Ana Sirviente	Great Lakes Observing System	Chief Technology Officer at GLOS, Sirviente is responsible for leading adoption of new technologies and overseeing the existing observing system, connecting people, organizations, and technologies.
Jamie Steis Thorsby	Wayne State University, Healthy Urban Waters	As Program Coordinator, Steis Thorsby oversees research relating to water quality, green infrastructure and stormwater management and manages program activities.
Deborah Stewart Anderson	Michigan Environmental Council	MEC's Zero Waste Detroit Coordinator, Stewart Anderson has also been instrumental in shutting down the Detroit incinerator, advocating for environmental justice and has advised Wayne State projects on the Food-Energy-Water nexus.
Lara Treemore-Spears	Wayne State University, Healthy Urban Waters	As Strategic Planner, Treemore-Spears oversees the development of collaborative processes and supports partner engagement activities.
Adrian Vasquez	Wayne State University, Healthy Urban Waters	Post-doctoral researcher in the School of Medicine, Vasquez evaluates water impacts on macroinvertebrates and draws inferences relating to human health.
Yongli Wager	Wayne State University, Civil and Environmental Engineering	Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Sustainable Engineering, Wager's research relates to water contamination by endocrine-disrupting compounds, microplastics, algae and other substances.