PUBLIC MEETING

Changing Lake Michigan Water Levels and Coastal Bluffs/Ravines

NARAYAN MAHON

Villages of:
Shorewood
Whitefish Bay
Fox Point
Bayside

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17

5 – 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
1111 E. Brown Deer Road
Bayside, Wis.

The University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute is leading an 18-month study of changing Lake Michigan water levels and their impacts on coastal bluffs from Port Washington to Shorewood. The study, known as an integrated assessment, is funded by the Graham Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan and the approach is used to address complex and challenging problems where facts are uncertain, values in conflict, stakes are high and decisions are urgent. The project will result in the identification of a set of possible actions that coastal property owners could take with the goal of increasing the stability of bluffs, while maintaining healthy coasts. The project will also generate policy options and decision tools for local governments to consider.

The purpose of the meeting is to listen to the hopes, wishes, concerns and issues of citizens for a healthy and vital future for coastal bluffs, ravines and shores. The meeting on August 17 at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Bayside is the third opportunity scheduled this summer. The first was on June 15 at the American Legion Hall in Saukville and covered the northern part of the study area in Port Washington and the town of Grafton. The second was in Mequon on July 27.

For more information about the Wisconsin coastal bluff integrated assessment, visit go.wisc.edu/glwlia. For more information about the broader study of Great Lakes water levels led by the Graham Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan, visit graham.umich.edu/science/ia/water-levels.

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