



Why am I Being Asked?

You are being asked to participate in a research study investigating community impacts of EPA-funded waterway cleanup efforts. Based upon your stake in an area surrounding a waterway cleanup effort, the researchers would like to conduct a short video interview with you to learn more about your experience. During the interview, you will be asked about your stake in the community, your sense of how things have changed over time, your perception of local community concerns, and your vision for the future of the community. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the research.

The research is being conducted by two University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign faculty members; Dr. Bethany Cutts (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) and Dr. Andrew Greenlee (Department of Urban and Regional Planning). Your participation is completely voluntary. You are free to terminate the interview at any time. If you do participate, you will contribute to a process that benefits the understanding of how communities respond to environmental cleanup efforts. The results of this study are likely to be disseminated to the public in community meetings, academic journal articles, book chapters and conference papers.

Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this research is to have a conversation with people who have a professional or personal stake in local environmental remediation efforts to understand their perception of change in their community. This research is funded by the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, who will use the findings of this work to shape public education and outreach efforts as well as policy.

What is the purpose of this research?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified many areas near the Great Lakes where past actions have increased the toxicity of local water ways. Our goal is to use social science research to help understand two things:

1. Are the concerns communities have about the waterfront being addressed during clean-up efforts?
and
2. How do different groups decide if clean-up is successful?

As a result of this work, we hope to improve communication between residents and technical experts managing clean-up so that both people and the environment are better off.

To accomplish our goals, we will study patterns of change using government data sources like the US Census and use video recordings to collect the stories of residents, community organizers, and other experts who have lived near and thought about the water ways for a long time.



What procedures are involved?

If you agree to participate in this research, we would ask that you do the following things:

- Participate in a 30-45 minute interview where a researcher will ask you questions about your experiences living and/or working in an EPA-designated Area of Concern.
- Be willing to have this interview either audio recorded or videotaped

Interviews will be conducted with approximately 60 individuals in EPA-designated areas of concern.

What are the potential risks and discomforts? Are there any benefits to taking part in this research?

No risks or discomforts associated with this research have been identified beyond the risks that exist in daily life, although we would like to make a video and audio recording of your interview. However, we would like to ask you potentially sensitive questions about your work history and interactions with local political figures and other community members. Your name and likeness will appear in print and video materials if you give us permission to share this information, however, they will otherwise be kept in a strictly confidential manner. You may refuse to answer any question that you do not wish to discuss, and you are free to stop the process at any time. Interview contents will either be audio recorded or video recorded (based upon your comfort), however, all audio transcripts or video recordings from the interview will remain confidential, unless you specify otherwise when signing below.

Although there are no direct benefits from taking part in this research, this research will benefit academic researchers and policy makers.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

Please contact either Dr. Cutts or Dr. Greenlee with any questions or concerns about the research. You may also call Professor Cutts or Professor Greenlee if you feel you have been injured or harmed by this research.

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If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670 (collect calls will be accepted if you identify yourself as a research participant) or via email at irb@illinois.edu. The Institutional Review Board is the office at the University of Illinois responsible for protecting the rights of human subjects involved in studies conducted by University of Illinois researchers.



Signature of Subject

I have read (or someone has read to me) the above information. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in this research. I understand that by signing below, the audio or video recording of this interview may not be confidential unless I request that it be so. I have been given a copy of this form.

- Yes No I am at least 18 years of age or older
- Yes No I agree to participate in this research process
- Yes No The researcher may audio tape my interview
- Yes No The researcher may video tape my interview

If you agree to participate in this research and agree to have your interview audio or video recorded, please select one of the following options regarding the use of your interview recording:

Yes No The researcher may use my responses in educational or public settings- this may include playing audio or video recordings of my interview **without my further approval** or review of the edited footage

- OR -

Yes No The researcher may use my responses in educational or public settings- this may include playing audio or video recordings of my interview **only after I have reviewed the edited footage** and provided written approval

If you agree to participate in this research and agree to have your interview audio or video recorded, please select whether you are willing to be identified by name in edited video products:

Yes No The research team may identify me by name in educational or public settings

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature of Researcher: _____



Video Release Agreement

Whereas, Dr. Bethany Cutts and Dr. Andrew Greenlee (the "Researcher") is engaged in a project (the "Video"), and

Whereas, I, the undersigned, have agreed to appear in the Video, and

Whereas, I understand that my voice, name, and image will be recorded by various mechanical and electrical means of all descriptions (such recordings, any piece thereof, the contents therein and all reproductions thereof, along with the utilization of my name, shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Released Subject Matter"),

Therefore, in exchange for \$0.00, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and whose sufficiency as consideration I affirm, I hereby freely and without restraint consent to and give unto the Researcher and its agents or assigns or anyone authorized by the Researcher, (collectively referred to herein as the "Releasees") the unrestrained right in perpetuity to own, utilize, or alter the Released Subject Matter, in any manner the Releasees may see fit and for any purpose whatsoever, all of the foregoing to be without limitation of any kind. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I hereby authorize the Releasees and grant unto them the unrestrained rights to utilize the Released Subject Matter in connection with the Video's advertising, publicity, public displays, and exhibitions. I hereby stipulate that the Released Subject Matter is the property of the Researcher to do with as it will.

I hereby waive to the fullest extent that I may lawfully do so, any causes of action in law or equity I may have or may hereafter acquire against the Releasees or any of them for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, copyright or trademark violation, right of publicity, or false light arising out of or in connection with the utilization by the Releasees or another of the Released Subject Matter.

It is my intention that the above mentioned consideration represents the sole compensation that I am entitled to receive in connection with any and all usages of the Released Subject Matter. I expressly stipulate that the Releasees may utilize the Released Subject Matter or not as they choose in their sole discretion without affecting the validity of this Release. This Release shall be governed by Illinois law.

I hereby certify that I am over the age of eighteen, and that I have read, understood, and agreed to the foregoing.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



If this person is under age 18, legal guardian must sign below. I certify that I am the legal guardian of the model named above. I give my consent to the foregoing on his or her behalf.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Frequently Asked Questions

Community Perspectives on Change and the Environment

What is the goal of the project?

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Who is involved in the project?

This research effort is being led by Bethany Cutts, Ph.D., and Andrew Greenlee, Ph.D., who are both faculty at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. However, the approach we take is participatory, which means that we want you to help determine project goals and procedures. This research is funded by the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, and Sea Grant staff are working closely with the researchers to develop and refine research questions and to make sure that the results are useful to future remediation and the process of working with local communities.

Why do you want to record interviews on video?

Video allow you to communicate your knowledge and experience to people you might never meet face to face. It provides a valuable record about what's important to you and how environmental remediation by the EPA fits in to the things you care about related to health, community, and the environment. By capturing different ideas about what people think and feel, we can better understand how communities affected by environmental remediation processes can inform the work that technical experts are doing. This could help your community and provide lessons to help other neighborhoods and communities or the government hear your voice.

Who else will you interview?

We are interested in talking with a wide variety of experts. We want to hear from residents, business owners and operators, community organizers, local church leaders, environmentalists, and government



officials to learn more about the many ways people value the waterfront, the type of changes they have seen, and the future they envision.

What happens to the video after my interview?

The videos are an opportunity for us to listen. They will be analyzed to identify common themes and questions. We will synthesize the interviews to produce a documentary film. You will have an opportunity to offer feedback before we help to organize public meetings and identify opportunities to inform and energize action to meet the social, economic, and environmental goals of the region and its residents.

Where are you doing this research?

This research focuses on neighborhoods and communities located in two U.S. EPA-designated Areas of Concern: the Grand Calumet River AOC in northwest Indiana, and the Milwaukee Estuary AOC in Wisconsin.

Who do I contact for more information?

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