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Here's your chance to weigh in on Renard Island's future Port of Green Bay holding public kickoff planning meeting October 2

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(Green Bay, WI) The [Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department](#) is seeking public input about Renard Island's future. A public kickoff meeting to learn about the planning process and gather feedback about the potential end-use opportunities for the island will be held October 2, 2018 at the Neville Public Museum. The planning and design consultant team for Renard Island's end-use plan, SmithGroup, will meet with stakeholder focus groups throughout the day and then host a **public listening session at 6:00 p.m.**

"It's very important for us hear from the community about their ideas for Renard Island, as well as for them to understand the upcoming planning process," explained Dean Haen, Port of Green Bay Director. "Public involvement has been a part of this project throughout the process, including the decision to construct a permanent causeway which could be used for future recreational opportunities. So, we know how beneficial it can be to hear from a variety of voices." The specific stakeholder group meetings will be with adjacent property owners, environmental groups, government entities and others to obtain their feedback prior to the public listening session.

The 55-acre Renard Island is one of the only areas in the Green Bay metropolitan area that provides direct access to the waters of the bay. It is anticipated that the end-use plan, the "Renard Island Strategic Master Plan," will include designs for a number of small projects that can be implemented over time, as an integrated approach. End use goals may include a mix of recreational projects that could include fishing piers, recreational trails and wildlife viewing areas as well as wildlife-related beneficial uses.

This initial day of kickoff meetings will begin a six-month design process for the Renard Island End-Use Plan. In addition to the October 2 stakeholder meetings, a three-day public involvement Charrette will be held October 16-18, 2018. The Charrette approach allows the planning and design team to work on the end-use plan, while brainstorming with the community. At the end of each of the three days in October, there will be additional opportunities for the public to review the progress as the plan is refined; allowing them to provide feedback at key decision points. The Charrette will take place at the [T2 Accelerator](#) space at 340 N. Broadway in the Rail Yard Innovation District.

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About Renard Island: Renard Island was constructed in late 1978 and operated until 1997; providing an area for placement of approximately 2.7 million cubic yards of contaminated, dredged sediment. The County, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) agreed to a final Closure Plan detailing the construction of a cover of clean dredged material protecting human health and the environment. As part of the closure process, the Corps built a causeway to access the island. Afterwards, ownership of the island was transferred from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Brown County in 2017. This year the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program provided a grant that, along with Brown County funding, allowed the Port to develop this end-use plan.

About the Port of Green Bay: The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary's Cement and U.S. Venture.

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