



Environment Canada
Great Lakes Areas of Concern Section
Regional Director General's Office
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RE: Great Lakes Sustainability Fund

Dear members of the Review Panel,

On behalf of the St. Marys River Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC), I am writing to express our support for the funding application proposed by Algoma University to continue the St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Coordination Office.

The RAP Coordinator and RAP Office, operating out of Algoma University, have been a huge asset to the BPAC over the last 5 years. The BPAC now has a fully functioning up-to-date website, which contains online records of meeting minutes and presentations, as well as relevant scientific reports, news articles, and AOC specific information, including the BPAC Library in digital form

The RAP Coordinator has been diligent in scheduling monthly BPAC meetings (in Ontario and Michigan), preparing meeting materials, booking presentors, recording and distributing meeting minutes, and ensuring prompt follow-up on all current issues. The RAP Coordinator has also been available to promote the BPAC through participating in multiple local tradeshow and events. Being a consistent front-line contact for the BPAC for the past 5 years, the RAP Coordinator has helped to foster the growth in BPAC membership since 2010.

The St. Marys River BPAC sees the RAP Coordinator as an important part of the RAP process in Sault Ste. Marie, and fully supports the continuation of the local Remedial Action Plan Office through Algoma University. We look forward to working with Algoma University and the RAP Coordinator in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Marles".

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