



## Restoration Advisory Boards

Goal: To *provide* information and answer questions about Army Restoration Advisory Boards and TCAAP RAB specifically

US Army Environmental  
Command (USAEC)



## RAB Purpose

- A RAB provides the community with the opportunity to become involved in the environmental restoration process either as a RAB member or participation at RAB/public meetings
- RABs offer members the opportunity to influence cleanup decisions through discussions and to provide input to the Army decision makers
- Because representatives of the environmental agencies overseeing cleanup participate in the RAB, the RAB offers members and the public the opportunity to share their questions, concerns and ideas with agencies involved in the cleanup





## RAB Community Member Duties

- Attend meetings
- Provide individual input in an open, honest, and constructive manner
- Represent and communicate community concerns to the RAB
- Act as a conduit for exchange of information
- Review, evaluate and comment on documents and other materials related to restoration
- Represent and communicate RAB issues to the community
- Serve without compensation on the RAB







## RAB Non-Community Member Duties

- Attend meetings
- Serve as a referral and resource on restoration
- Review documents and other materials related to restoration
- Ensure that state, local and federal environmental standards and regulations are identified and addressed by the Army
- Facilitate flexible and innovative resolutions of environmental issues and concerns
- Assist in education and training for RAB members





## RAB Community Co-Chair Duties

- Coordinate with Army co-chair and community members to prepare meeting agendas
- Ensure that all RAB community members have the opportunity to participate in an open, honest, and constructive manner
- Ensure that community issues and concerns related to restoration are raised
- Coordinate with Army co-chair to ensure that periodic training assessments are conducted and training needs are met
- Assist with dissemination of information to the general public
- Report back to the community and coordinate with other RAB members to ensure that they are adequately representing segments of the community at RAB meetings
- Serve without compensation on the RAB
- Call RAB meetings to order and facilitate the meeting (TCAAP)
- Will serve a two-year term and may run for re-election (TCAAP)





## TCAAP Specific Member Duties

- The RAB shall develop and maintain an effective information network for information on RAB activities and RAB requests for public comment, opinion, and questions. The network may include the commercial media, libraries, schools, city councils, electronic media, direct mail, and others as determined beneficial
- As requested by city or civic organizations, the RAB shall provide representatives to attend meetings and to address RAB operations in general or specific subject requested by the organization





## RAB Solicitation

- Posted in newspapers April 2020 (The Star Tribune, Press Publications, Shoreview Press, Anoka County Herald, The Life, Pioneer Press)
- By November Army received sufficient community interest to continue the RAB
- In December, sent invitation to 10 stakeholders aka non-community members to appoint a RAB member to represent them on the board; received 5 responses so far (EPA, MPCA, Northrop Grumman, USFWS, Ramsey County)
- During the pandemic, RAB meetings will be held virtually using MS Teams, but all meetings are open to the public





# RAB Administration

- **Acting Army Co-Chair** – Linda Albrecht (US Army Environmental Command Environmental Support Manager)
- **Community Co-Chair** – Mr. Lyle Salmela was previous Co-Chair; need to elect new co-chair
- **Non-community members** (operating procedures included US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Orbital ATK). Army proposes including:
  - EPA, MPCA, Northrup Grumman (previously Orbital ATK), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), USFWS, MN Army National Guard Arden Hills Army Training Center (AHATS), Ramsey County, City of Arden Hills, City of New Brighton, City of Shoreview, St. Anthony Village
- **Community members** (no more than 19)
  - Verify those that submitted forms and are in the meeting still agree to be members
- **Operating Procedures** – need to be validated/updated by new RAB







## New RAB Members / New Co-Chair

**Anyone else participating tonight interested in serving on the RAB?**

**Any community members interested in serving as community co-chair?**





## Next RAB Meeting Agenda

- Review/approve minutes of last meeting
- Vote for Community Co-Chair
- Vote to accept Army's recommendations for non-community members
- Review Mission Statement and update as needed
- Review Operating Procedures and update as needed
- Provide update on cleanup progress at TCAAP for each open site





## More Information about RABs

- RAB Brochure  
[https://aec.army.mil/application/files/7816/0028/1223/RAB\\_Brochure\\_FINAL.pdf](https://aec.army.mil/application/files/7816/0028/1223/RAB_Brochure_FINAL.pdf)
- RAB Rule  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2011-title32-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title32-vol2-part202.pdf>
- RAB Rule Handbook  
[https://www.denix.osd.mil/rab/home/unassigned/rab-rule-handbook/RAB-Rule-Handbook\\_Final.pdf](https://www.denix.osd.mil/rab/home/unassigned/rab-rule-handbook/RAB-Rule-Handbook_Final.pdf)
- Operating Procedures  
<https://tcaaprab.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/RAB-Operating-Policy.pdf>
- TCAAP RAB Mission Statement  
<https://tcaaprab.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Mission-Statement-TCAAP-RAB.pdf>





## Twin Cities AAP Website

- The TCAAP RAB website was established some time ago but has been recently updated
- The website is available for review at:  
**<https://tcaaprab.org>**
- We invite your feedback on what additional information about the cleanup or Army environmental restoration in general that would be helpful so we can include it on the website
- Please send email to:  
**[usarmy.jbsa.aec.mbx@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.aec.mbx@mail.mil)**





## We need your feedback

- How often should the RAB meet?
  - Stakeholder meeting is held semiannually
- If you do not want to be a RAB member, would you like to have updates provided by email?
  - Please sign up for TCAAP mailing list
  - Email: [usarmy.jbsa.aec.mbx@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.aec.mbx@mail.mil)
  - Call Cathy Kropp: 443-243-0313
- There will be some requirements for documents to be available for public review
  - We can notify you by email
- Information repository is available at:
  - Arden Hills Army Training Site  
4761 Hamline Avenue North  
Arden Hills, MN 55112
  - Call Mary Lee to arrange access: 651-282-4420







## Questions

- We are here to answer your questions
- You can also reach us later by emailing:  
[usarmy.jbsa.aec.mbx@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.aec.mbx@mail.mil)
- If you want to be updated on the status of the cleanup, you can send email to that address and ask to be added to our mailing list (contact info also available on the website)

