

Detroit River Restoration Tour

10:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 17

Morning Program Agenda

10:00 a.m.	<p>Short program under tent, Grosse Ile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and brief introduction – Mary Bohling, Michigan Sea Grant• National perspective – Debbie Dingell, U.S. Congresswoman• Value of partnerships – Pat Montanio, Director of the Office of Habitat Conservation, NOAA• Public-private partnership – Matt Shackelford, Biologist, DTE Energy
10:30 a.m.	<p>Boat tour of Stony Island project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants board seven boats for short guided tour in two waves:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>River Keeper</i> – Bob Burns, Friends of Detroit River2. <i>Cisco</i> – Stacy Provo, USGS; John O’Meara, ECT3. <i>Stonecat</i> – Dustin Bowser, USGS; Alice Bailey, ECT4. <i>Nme</i> – Jim Boase, FWS and Meghan Price, ECT5. <i>Temple of Boom</i> – Justin Chiotti, FWS; Susan Rusinowski, ECT6. <i>Research VI</i> – Ben Clark, DTE Energy; Sam Lovall, FDR <p>Shoreside activities for those not on vessels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about biological monitoring – David Mifsud, Herpetological Resource & Management• Decorate a rock that will be used on a Stony Island shoal
Noon	Wrap-up; guests drive themselves to Belle Isle

Morning Program Logistics

- **Address:** Stony Boat Yard, 24183 E. River Road, Grosse Ile Township, MI
- **Parking:** Grosse Ile High School, 7800 Grays Drive, Grosse Ile Township, MI (0.2 miles from Stony Boat Yard, shuttle is provided)
- **Day of Contact:** Tricia Blicharski, cell: 989-400-8579

Sponsors:

Morning and afternoon refreshments sponsored by: Riverside Kayak Connection, Herpetological Resource & Management, E.C. Korneffel, Environmental Consulting & Technology, and SmithGroupJJR.

Afternoon Program Agenda

1:30 p.m.	Lunch and reception, Dossin Great Lakes Museum
1:45 p.m.	<p>Program presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Belle Isle restoration – Mary Bohling, Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant ● National perspective – Brenda Lawrence, U.S. Congresswoman ● Comments via video – Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator ● Value of restoration for local economies – Michael Curis, Member, Belle Isle Advisory Committee ● Multi-sector partnerships – Jim Diana, Director, Michigan Sea Grant ● Role of Area of Concern program and GLRI – Dale Meyer, Acting Deputy Director, EPA Great Lakes National Program Office ● Ecological impacts of restoration – Melanie Steinkamp, Landscape Science Program Coordinator, USGS ● Investing in fishery recovery efforts – Charlie Wooley, Deputy Regional Director, FWS ● Protecting Belle Isle’s habitat for people and wildlife – Karis Floyd, Belle Isle Park Manager, MDNR Parks and Recreation ● Connections to Michigan’s Water Strategy – Emily Finnell, Chief Strategist, MI Office of the Great Lakes ● Bioblitz presentation – Environmental stewardship interns and Amy Greene, Belle Isle Nature Center
2:30 p.m.	<p>Fisheries stations, just outside the Dossin Great Lakes Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● View lake sturgeon – Jim Boase, Justin Chiotti, and John Hartig, FWS ● Field monitoring equipment – Ed Roseman, Jason Fischer, Stacey Ireland, USGS Great Lakes Science Center
3:00 p.m.	<p>Bus tour of restoration sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lake Okonoka ground breaking – Pat Montanio, NOAA; Dale Meyer, EPA ● South Fishing Pier ● Blue Heron Lagoon & sign unveiling – Jim Diana, MSG; Karis Floyd, MDNR ● Flatwoods Forest <p>Tour guides: Sam Lovall, Friends of the Detroit River; Glenn Palmgren, MDNR; Paul Evanoff, SmithGroupJJR; and Amanda Hertl, MDNR</p>
4:30 p.m.	Return to Dossin Museum; adjourn

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- **Address:** Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle, Detroit, MI
- **Parking:** Dossin Great Lakes Museum
- **Day of Contact:** Lynn Vaccaro, cell: 607-342-0156; Mary Bohling, cell: 313-410-9431

Map for Morning Activities on Grosse Ile

