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**Subject:** Twin Cities Sustainable Harbor Initiative Governance Retreat

Dear Community Partner,

Your community has taken the first steps to adopt a shared vision that has been informed by local leadership, community champions, informed stakeholders, and the public. After meetings with the individual stakeholder groups (City of Benton Harbor, City of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Charter Township and Berrien County), there was general consensus that a multi-jurisdictional retreat should be organized to discuss how to implement elements of the Preferred Alternative for the Twin Cities Harbor and how best to govern the shared resource that is the harbor/waterfront. The first phase of the retreat was held on September 20. The next phase is scheduled for October 23 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM in the Lighthouse Room at Kinexus (499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor). Lunch will be served.

Even if you did not attend the meeting on September 20, you are encouraged to attend this meeting which will focus on *Retreat Goal 5: (Maintaining) Determine governance and operational strategies to advance goals, foster community relationships, and maintain open communication among community leaders and members.*

Please RSVP by October 21. If you are unable to attend, but would like to send someone in your place, please email Donald Carpenter at [dcarpenter@drummondcarpenter.com](mailto:dcarpenter@drummondcarpenter.com) so we can get the correct contact information.

Best,

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