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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. Even as we gather additional community input, the Twin Cities Sustainable Harbor Project is transitioning into the implementation phase. 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.

We are convening a governance retreat with government leadership from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, and St. Joseph Charter Township to discuss how best to develop a mechanism for implementing shared ideas from the preferred alternative. The retreat will be held on Friday, September 20, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at Berrien Hills Golf Club, 690 West Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Attached is the invitation and attendee list as of August 13th. If you have not already, please RSVP by 5pm on September 13.

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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