

Renew Harbor Island



Community Treasure

Harbor Island has been, and still is, a critical asset and treasure to our community and all those that visit!

A Healthy Harbor Island Starts with a Plan



- » Following public engagement within the community, the future of Harbor Island is likely one serving its citizens as a destination site within the city.
- » Visitors to the island should be safe to enjoy all that Harbor Island has to offer, making environmental remediation vital to future use.

Challenging Site

Harbor Island is located prominently in the center of the Grand River as it flows into Lake Michigan. Over the previous hundred years, the island has served a variety of industrial purposes; all of which have compounded, creating the environmental concern as it stands today with issues of co-mingled Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) materials and Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Harbor Island has been subject to environmental impacts from decades of using dredged materials as fill, the historical dumping of municipal and industrial waste, and the operations of a coal fired power plant.

Island History

100+

YEARS OF INDUSTRY

The island has been used for industrial purposes for over 100 years.



Committed to a Healthier Island

The City is committed to long term health of the island and its ecosystem.



Committed to Health and Safety

The City is committed to protecting the health and safety of those visiting the island and surrounding areas.



Committed to Remediation

The City is committed to remediation of Harbor Island in a manner that meets regulations.

Conflicting Regulations

As new and evolving regulations are proposed, implemented, and altered, from both the EPA and EGLE, conflicts between differing regulations across agencies cost the City critical time and resources.

Help with streamlining those regulations is critical. Complying with two sets of differing regulations has potential to be harmful to clean up efforts.

HELP IS NEEDED!

Current clean up estimates range from \$40M to \$80M. As a partner, The Board of Light and Power has remediation funding in place to address the coal materials. The City has also responded to Federal appropriation requests and is waiting to hear back about Federal funds that could be used for projects like this. This is an insurmountable cost to our small community. We can't do it alone!



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