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Great Lake Gathering: Milwaukee October 15, 2008, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Milwaukee Art Museum

River Revitalization Foundation, Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy and Gathering Waters Conservancy invite you to join us on October 15th for the **Milwaukee Great Lake Gathering**. The Gathering will be from 8am to 12pm at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Everyone who shares a common love for the natural treasures in the Lake Michigan basin is encouraged to attend: business owners, elected officials, landowners, economic development organizations, conservation groups, chambers of commerce, community organization members, and the general public. The Great Lake Gathering will introduce participants to new partners who are working to protect this treasure in our shared back yard.

Among other speakers, the Gathering will feature:

Welcome remarks by DOA Secretary Michael Morgan

“The Role of Land Trusts in Great Lakes Restoration”

Keynote Address by G. Tracy Mehan, III

Mr. Mehan is a principal in the consulting firm The Cadmus Group, and served as Assistant Administrator for Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes.

Panel Discussion – Local Conservation Successes

Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, and Chair, Parks, Energy & Environment Committee

Delene Hanson, President, Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy

Ann Brummitt, Coordinator, Milwaukee River Work Group

Kimberly Gleffe, Executive Director, River Revitalization Foundation

Rich Meeusen, Chairman, President and CEO of Badger Meter, Inc. and Co-chair of Milwaukee 7 Water Council

The Gathering is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. All participants will receive a “toolkit” of information and resources to inspire them to begin implementing new conservation projects in their own backyards and in their communities.

If you live, work, or enjoy spending time in the Lake Michigan Basin, mark your calendar for one of our gatherings and come see what you can do to keep the Great Lakes’ future bright!

For more information and to register to attend, call 608-251-9131 or visit:

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