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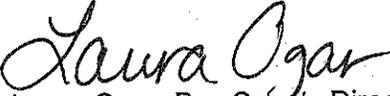
Dear Neighbor Along Saginaw Bay:

This meeting notice is going out to community leaders at Chambers of Commerce, Townships and Counties along Saginaw Bay. As you may know, there are common problems we all share as Saginaw Bay shoreline communities that affect our waterfront environment, tourism and other local economic issues. There are water quality issues affecting our beaches, low water levels affecting boating access, the tall *Phragmites* weeds invading our shoreline – these are issues we all face and many people have been working hard through the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative (**SBCI**) Workgroups to come up with solutions.

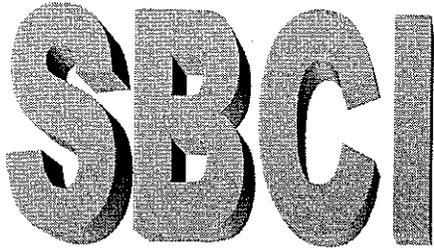
Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the next Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative (**SBCI**) meeting scheduled for June 5th (Friday) at the Bay County Community Center in Bay City, 800 J. F. Kennedy Drive, along the west shore of the Saginaw River, map attached.

A number of SBCI workgroups will be providing status reports and findings for work done this past year and information will be presented on other issues and/or activities affecting Saginaw Bay. An agenda showing the different sessions scheduled throughout the day is attached to this notice. Also, you will note on the agenda that there is some time dedicated in the afternoon for local input by a community representative from the different counties to provide information or an update on any other Saginaw Bay related issue or project. The SBCI and its workgroups are only as effective as we – the coastal representatives - make them, so please plan to come. To ensure adequate time allocation purposes, if you plan to speak on a local issue, please email me (ogarl@baycounty.net) and let me know, thanks.

Lastly, for cost saving purposes, we have been using email to get these notices out but have run into some problems with blocked addresses. If you have email and would like to receive SBCI information please email me at ogarl@baycounty.net and I'll do my best to make sure you get whatever info comes along. Feel free to share the meeting notice with anyone who may be interested in the quality of life along our Saginaw Bay coastal communities, thank you.


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Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Partners for Environmental & Economic Solutions

REGIONAL UPDATE MEETING

Coordinating
with the
Counties of:
Arenac
Bay
Huron
Midland
Saginaw
Tuscola

Friday, June 5, 2009

at

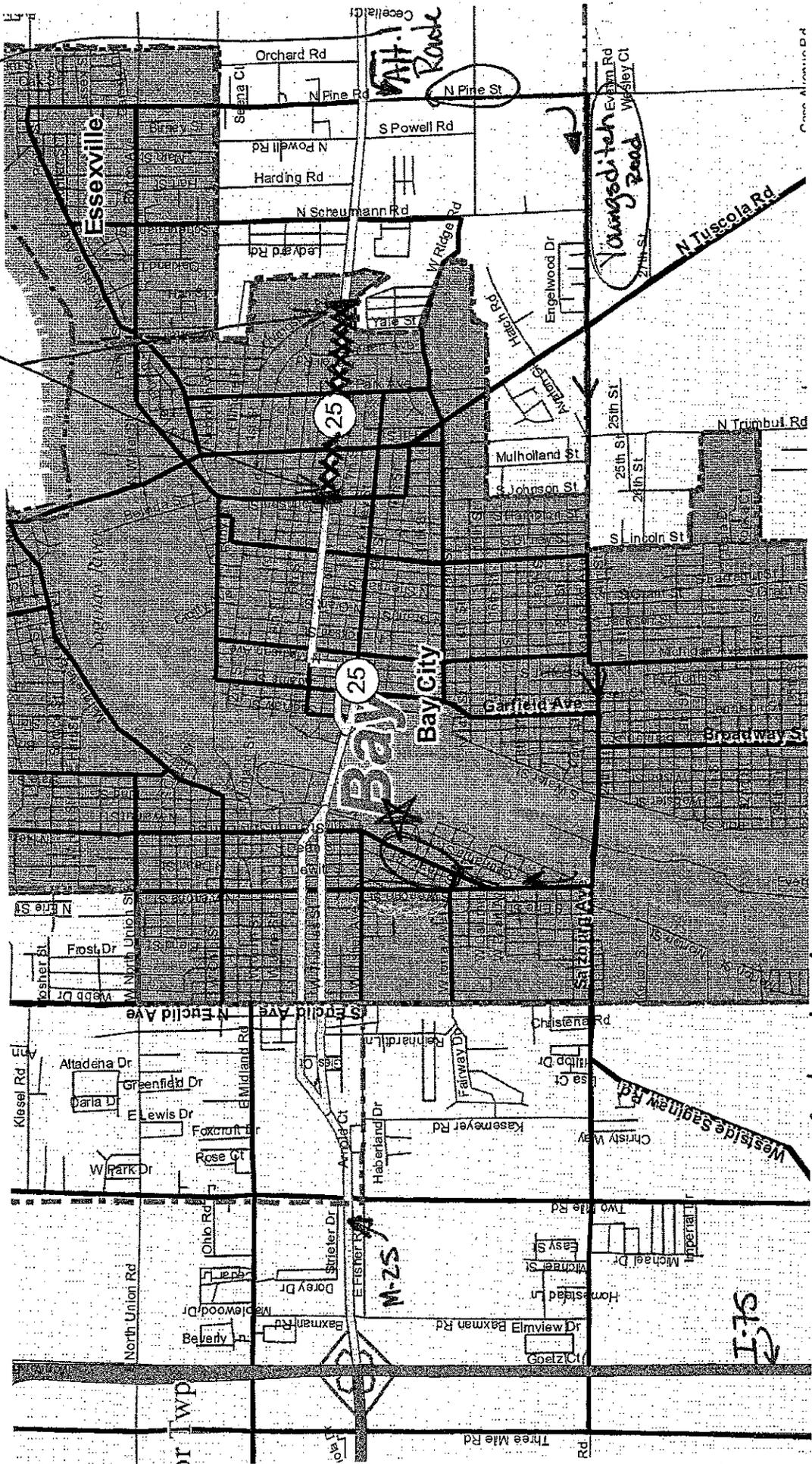
Bay County Community Center
800 J.F. Kennedy Drive
Bay City, Michigan

Proposed Agenda

Partners with
the Michigan
Department of
Environmental
Quality and
the
Department
of Agriculture

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome – Tom Hickner Bay County Executive
Steve Chester, Director MDEQ |
| 8:40 a.m. | Meeting Format – Laura Ogar and Jim Bredin |
| 8:45 a.m. | Workgroup Updates -
Tourism – MI Great Bay
Phragmites Demonstration Project
High Quality Wetlands Identification
Access –Small Harbors Coalition |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. | Phosphorus Workgroup Recommendations
Commissioners Kim Coonan & Ernie Krygier |
| 11:00 a.m. | Introduction to CSO Workgroup |
| 11:30–1:00 p.m. | BREAK FOR LUNCH |
| 1:00 p.m. | Coastal Happenings
Arenac County
Bay County
Huron County
Midland County
Saginaw County
Tuscola County |
| 2:00 p.m. | Update on Saginaw Bay Remedial Action Plan - MDEQ |
| 2:30 p.m. | Wrap Up – Comments, Suggestions, Questions |

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SBCA Meeting Location:

★ Bay Candy Community Center, 800 J.F. Kennedy Drive (J.F.K. Drive is accessed off Henry Street, east to Saginaw River)