

Timeline of Lower Des Plaines River and CAWS UAA Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meetings

- March 8, 2000 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting.
- December 15, 2000 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting with 11 members in attendance who decided that field data collected by local agencies and private corporations would be used in the UAA process.
- February 20, 2001 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting with 25 members present.
- March 20, 2001 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting with 8 members present.
- April 11, 2001 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting with 23 members in attendance. Dr. John Braden presented on the socioeconomic impacts of the UAA process.
- May 17, 2001 LDPR UAA Biological Sub-committee workgroup meeting was held with 12 members present to discuss assessment methodology.
- June 4, 2001 LDPR UAA Biological Sub-committee meeting held.
- June 19, 2001 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting.
- July 30, 2001 IEPA met with LDPR UAA consultants.
- October 30, 2001 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting.
- February 14, 2002 IEPA held an LDPR UAA SAC meeting.
- March 13, 2002 IEPA met with LDPR UAA consultants.
- March 2002 MWRDGC announced the initiation of the CAWS UAA in their R&D Newsletter, which has a mailing distribution of several 100 individuals and organizations.
- April 1, 2002 IEPA met with LDPR UAA consultants.
- April 3, 2002 LDPR UAA Biological Sub-committee meeting held with 18 members present to discuss biological matrices.
- April 4, 2002 Summary of UAA Biological Sub-committee activities published.
- May 15, 2002 MWRDGC made a CAWS UAA presentation to about 75 members of the Industrial Water, Waste and Sewage Group.

May 16, 2002 LDPR UAA SAC meeting held with 30 members present to discuss potential recreational use classification of LDPR.

June 4, 2002 LDPR UAA Biological Sub-committee meeting held with 20 members present.

June 20, 2002 LDPR UAA conference call to discuss data compilation, temperature process and budget issues.

August 22, 2002 IEPA e-mail solicited about 70 individuals to a CAWS UAA SAC convening meeting.

September 2002 MWRDGC published a CAWS UAA update in their R&D Newsletter, which has a mailing distribution of several 100 individuals and organizations.

September 5, 2002 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC convening meeting with about 35 potential SAC members.

October 8, 2002 MWRDGC mailed a notice and explanation of the initiation of the CAWS UAA to 27 Mayors of Villages located along CAWS.

January 30, 2003 IEPA convened a CAWS UAA Health Advisory Committee, composed of local, state and federal health experts to discuss the formulation of a public health advisory program for CAWS recreational users.

January 30, 2003 IEPA held an LDPR UAA meeting with consultants, USEPA Region V and MWRDGC to discuss bacteria.

January 31, 2003 IEPA gave a CAWS UAA Presentation to about 100 individuals at the MWRDGC Stickney Seminar Series.

March 26, 2003 IEPA e-mail solicited about 20 individuals and organizations to become members of the CAWS UAA Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC).

April 2003 Friends of the Chicago River announced the May 2003 CAWS UAA Public Meeting schedule in their newsletter, which has a distribution of a few hundred individuals and organizations.

April 2003 IEPA e-mail solicited about 10 more individuals and organizations for membership in SAC.

April 1, 2003 IEPA gave a short presentation to about 20 individuals at the Port Development and Safety Council Meeting in Chicago.

April 10, 2003 IEPA held a UAA data acquisition meeting at CDM's Chicago Office with SAC members anticipated to be submitting data.

April 15, 2003 IEPA conference call with Midwest Generation to discuss temperature issues.

April 21, 2003 IEPA e-mail invited approximately 300 people— including legislators, the press, local government, special interest groups and the public at large—to a series of 3 CAWS UAA public meetings located across the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

April 21, 2003 IEPA held the first CAWS UAA Health Advisory Committee meeting.

April 22, 2003 IEPA held the first CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

May 5, 2003 The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) held a public meeting at the Evanston City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 2100 Ridge Avenue in Evanston. The meeting was held from 7 – 9 pm to discuss and seek input on the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) Use Attainability Analysis (UAA).

May 6, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Lake Katherine Nature Preserve, 7402 Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights from 7 - 9 PM.

May 8, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Stefani's at Harborside International Golf Course, 11001 South Doty Avenue East in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

May 27, 2003 IEPA e-mail invited approximately 300 people; including legislators, the press, local government, special interest groups and the public at large to 2 additional CAWS UAA public meetings located across the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

June 2003 IEPA posted about 100 flyers at various CAWS public access areas announcing the June 24 and 25, 2003 Public Meetings on the CAWS UAA.

June 6, 2003 IEPA held an LDPR UAA temperature issues meeting with Midwest Generation and consultants.

June 9, 2003 IEPA made a CAWS UAA presentation to about 100 attendants of the Illinois River Coordinating Council meeting in Utica, Illinois.

June 24, 2003 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

June 24, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the State of Illinois Thompson Center, Room 2-025, 100 West Randolph Street in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

June 25, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA Windjammer Marina, 13701 S. Hoxie in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

July 17, 2003 IEPA presented an introduction of the CAWS UAA at the Port Development & Safety Council Meeting.

July 22, 2003 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

August 6, 2003 IEPA met with USEPA and Midwest Generation.

August 26, 2003 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

August 28, 2003 IEPA e-mail invited approximately 300 people; including legislators, the press, local government, special interest groups and the public at large to a series of 3 CAWS UAA public meetings located across the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

September 8, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. in Evanston from 7 - 9 PM.

September 9, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Lake Katherine Nature Preserve, 7402 Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights from 7 - 9 PM.

September 11, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Stefani's at Harborside International Golf Course, 11001 South Doty Avenue East in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

September 16, 2003 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

September 22, 2003 CDM represented IEPA and the CAWS UAA to an audience of about 100 individuals, as a WQ panelist at Lt. Governor Pat Quinn's and Friends of the Chicago River's 1st Annual Chicago River Summit in Downtown Chicago.

October 28, 2003 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

November 10, 2003 IEPA presented a CAWS UAA update to about 30 individuals at the Port Development & Safety Council Meeting in Downtown Chicago.

November 18, 2003 IEPA presented a CAWS UAA paper at the Water Environment Federation TMDL 2003 Conference UAA Technical Sessions in Downtown Chicago.

November 19, 2003 IEPA held a CAWS UAA meeting with the Coast Guard and other waterway safety agencies to discuss use restrictions on CAWS.

November 20, 2003 IEPA held its final LDPR UAA SAC meeting with 30 members present for proposal presentation.

November 24, 2003 IEPA held a meeting with 8 agencies responsible for marine safety in CAWS.

December 2003 MWRDGC published a CAWS UAA update in their R&D Newsletter, which has a mailing distribution of several 100 individuals and organizations.

December 16, 2003 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

January 27, 2004 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

February 17, 2004 IEPA held a CAWS UAA Biological Subcommittee meeting.

February 18, 2004 IEPA granted a personal interview regarding the CAWS UAA to reporter Michael Hawthorn environmental reporter for the Chicago Tribune and to reporter Gary Wisby of the Chicago Sun Times. An article subsequently appeared in the February 19 edition of the Chicago Tribune.

February 24, 2004 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

February 25, 2004 IEPA held a HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting with local, state and federal health authorities and interested SAC members.

February 26, 2004 IEPA granted a personal interview regarding the CAWS UAA to Guy Tridgell, a staff writer for the Daily Southtown newspaper and to Bob Okon, a business writer for the Joliet Herald News newspaper.

March 2004 Sierra Club Illinois Chapter explained and announced the May 2004 CAWS UAA Public Meeting schedule in their second quarter newsletter, Wild Onion, and on their website, which has a distribution of a few hundred individuals and organizations.

March 2004 Southeast Environmental Task Force announced the May 2004 CAWS UAA Public Meeting schedule in their newsletter.

March 9, 2004 MWRDGC made a CAWS UAA presentation to about 150 attendants at the Illinois Water Environment Federation's 25th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Rockford, IL.

April 12, 2004 IEPA met with SAC members to refine the public outreach elements of the CAWS Health Advisory Program.

April 27, 2004 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

May 10, 2004 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. in Evanston from 7 - 9 PM.

May 11, 2004 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the State of Illinois Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Room N505 in Chicago from 12 - 2 PM.

IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Room 2-025 in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

May 13, 2004 IEPA held a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the CAWS UAA at the Calumet Initiative/SE Environmental Task Force Offices, 13300 S. Baltimore Avenue in Chicago from 7 - 9 PM.

May 19, 2004 IEPA made a CAWS UAA presentation to approximately 70 members of the Industrial Water Waste and Sewer Group.

May 25, 2004 MWRDGC mailed an explanation of the CAWS Health Advisory Program, including pamphlets, to agencies and organizations owning or operating CAWS public access facilities.

June ?, 2004 IEPA and USEPA issued a press release that introduced a Health Advisory Program for CAWS, consisting of a pamphlet and signs designed by SAC and other public health agencies.

June 7, 2004 IEPA made a CAWS UAA Update presentation at the Port Development & Safety Council meeting.

July 30, 2004 IEPA's contractor, CDM, presented a CAWS UAA update to about 125 attendants at the MWRDGC Research and Development Seminar Series in Stickney, IL.

August 10, 2004 IEPA granted a personal Chicago River canoe trip interview to Chicago Tribune newspaper staff writer, Michael Hawthorn, and an article subsequently appeared in the Tribune.

August 11, 2004 IEPA made a CAWS UAA presentation to the Evanston Environmental Control Board.

August 17, 2004 IEPA met with SAC member Midwest Generation at the CAWS UAA contractor's office to discuss Use Designation Issues.

November 2004 Draft CAWS UAA was submitted to IEPA.

February 4, 2005 Draft CAWS UAA report released to stakeholders.

February 10, 2005 IEPA granted an interview to Chicago Tribune staff writer, Michael Hawthorn.

February 23, 2005 IEPA met with SAC member, Midwest Generation, representatives concerning CAWS UAA findings.

March 2, 2005 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

June 2006 Friends of the Chicago River published an article on the CAWS UAA findings in their Summer Newsletter, "The River Reporter," Vol. 20 #3.

June 22, 2005 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

July 13, 2005 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

October 18 2005 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

Winter 2005 IEPA published a CAWS UAA article in the Winter 2005 issue of "Progress," which was distributed to about 8000 individuals and continues to be available on IEPA's website.

May 5, 2006 IEPA granted an interview to Chicago Tribune staff writer, Michael Hawthorn, and an article on CAWS appeared in the May 15 edition of the Chicago Tribune.

May 9, 2006 IEPA held a CAWS UAA SAC meeting.

October 16, 2006 IEPA met with FOCCR to hear their presentation input on the CAWS UAA.

January 12, 2007 IEPA met with SAC member Midwest Generation to hear a presentation on alternative W.Q. standards for CAWS and LDPR.

January 17, 2007 IEPA gave a CAWS UAA presentation to approximately 100 attendants at the Illinois Water Environment Association/Central States Water Environment Association Government Affairs in Water Pollution

Conference in Naperville, IL and subsequently distributed the presentation to Association members.

January 26, 2007 IEPA released draft CAWS and LDPR W.Q. standards to stakeholders.

March 9, 2007 IEPA met with Chicago, MWRDGC and USEPA over proposed CAWS standards.

March 20, 2007 IEPA presented Draft CAWS and LDPR standards to LDPR stakeholders at a meeting in Joliet.

March 22, 2007 IEPA presented Draft CAWS and LDPR standards to CAWS stakeholders at a meeting in Downtown Chicago.

Various 2003 to 2006 IEPA made a CAWS UAA update presentations to the Invasive Species Barrier Committee.