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GREAT LAKES UNITED

February 20, 1990

Dear Great Lakes Activist:

Citizens' organizations in the Great Lakes Basin have made great strides in addressing issues of critical importance through cooperation, collaboration and coordination of activities. To extend this tradition, Great Lakes United will convene a two-day retreat of basin citizen group leaders on April 5 and 6, 1990 at the Merriman Executive Inn, 7600 Merriman Road near the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (313) 728-2430. The retreat will provide an opportunity for citizen group leaders to discuss our individual activities and to plan cooperative efforts.

Two years ago, a similar working meeting was convened by the Lake Michigan Federation. This meeting proved highly successful in improving the working relationship between Great Lakes citizens groups. We hope to build on this success and to give all of us a better understanding of each other's activities and to identify new opportunities to undertake collaborative projects or programs.

We sincerely hope that you or another representative of your organization will be able to attend.

Attached to this letter you will find a list of the organizations who have been invited to send a representative to this meeting.

Because of the limited space available at the meeting, we are restricting the attendance to one representative per group.

We ask that you return to us as soon as possible the enclosed form for confirmation of your attendance.

Travel costs and hotel accommodations will be reimbursed by Great Lakes United. Please estimate your travel costs on the attendance confirmation form and return it by March 17, 1990. We are asking each of you to make your own travel arrangements. If you are flying, please book flights before March 15 to ensure the cheapest fare, the Merriman has free shuttle service from the Detroit airport.

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A detailed agenda will be sent to you when we receive your confirmation form. The meeting will, however, begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, and conclude on Friday, April 6 at 1 p.m.

To make the most effective use of time at the meeting, we are asking that you provide us by March 15 a one page summary of your organizations major activities for 1990. We will then mail this out to all those attending.

We also request that you provide us with suggestions on gaps in the activities of existing citizens groups and opportunities for collaborative action. Possible topic headings for discussion of action include: the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, Remedial Action Plans, Lakewide Management Plans, Human Health, Air Toxics, Wetlands and Land Use, and Jobs and the Environment.

If you have any suggestions for topics, please contact the GLU office.

We look forward to this opportunity to be together and hope that it is possible for you to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Weller".

Philip Weller
Executive Director

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