

## **News From Congressman John D. Dingell**

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### **Dingell Congratulates**

#### **International Wildlife Refuge Alliance Board Members**

*Group will focus on supporting the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge*

Dearborn , MI - Congressman John D. Dingell (MI-15) congratulates the board of directors and officers on their appointment to lead the recently formed International Wildlife Refuge Alliance (IWRA), a group of concerned citizens and organizations committed to supporting the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. The board brings together individuals with a wide-range of experiences and expertise in the public, private and non-profit sectors whose responsibility it will be to carry out the mission of the IWRA.

"I am exceedingly pleased that so many of our community leaders have chosen to serve the IWRA whose mission it is to support our refuge." Congressman Dingell said. "Their leadership will be essential in creating a viable refuge with community support and involvement. I commend each of them for their continued dedication as stewards of conservation."

The board members and officers are as follows:

Officers:

- Chair - Mr. George Mans , Former State Representative and Former Mayor of Trenton
- Vice Chair - Ms. Anita Twardesky , City of Woodhaven and Downriver Linked Greenways
- Treasurer - Mr. Richard Micka, La-Z-Boy Inc. and Huron-Clinton Metropark Foundation
- Secretary - Ms. Molly Luempert-Coy , DTE Energy

Members:

- Mr. James Bull - Detroit Audubon Society
- Mr. Bruce Jones - Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy
- Ms. Andrea Kline - The Nature Conservancy
- Mr. Ed Nuernberg - BASF Corp.
- Mr. Lloyd Semple - Dykema Gossett, Inc.
- Mr. Richard Whitwam - Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival

The mission of the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance is to: "Support the first international wildlife refuge in North America by working through partnerships to protect, conserve and manage the refuge's wildlife and habitats, and to create exceptional conservation, recreation and educational experiences to develop the next generation of conservation stewards."

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