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**Wurtsmith Restoration
Advisory Board**

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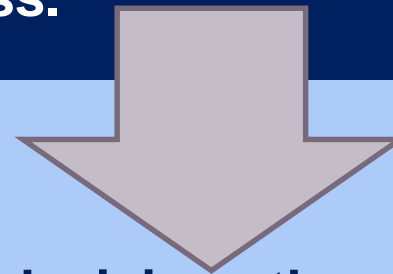
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What is a RAB?



A restoration advisory board, or RAB, is a stakeholder group that meets regularly to discuss environmental restoration at a specific property that is currently or was formerly owned by the Department of Defense, or DOD, where the DOD oversees the environmental restoration process.



RABs can influence cleanup decisions through discussion and valuable input provided to decision makers, but they do not make restoration decisions



How does a RAB work?



RABs provide an interactive and focused forum for interested individuals and groups to exchange information with regulatory, defense and community representatives.

RABs are not decision-making boards

RABs **CAN** influence cleanup decisions through discussion and valuable input provided to installation decision makers

RABs discuss environmental restoration topics only

- Funding is supplied by the Air Force's Environmental Restoration account
- Typical RAB actions include reviewing and commenting on environmental documents and activities; providing information and updates to the community and receiving input from the community

RABs operate based on DoD RAB rule

RABs are required to develop a mission statement outlining purpose/focus. RABs also:

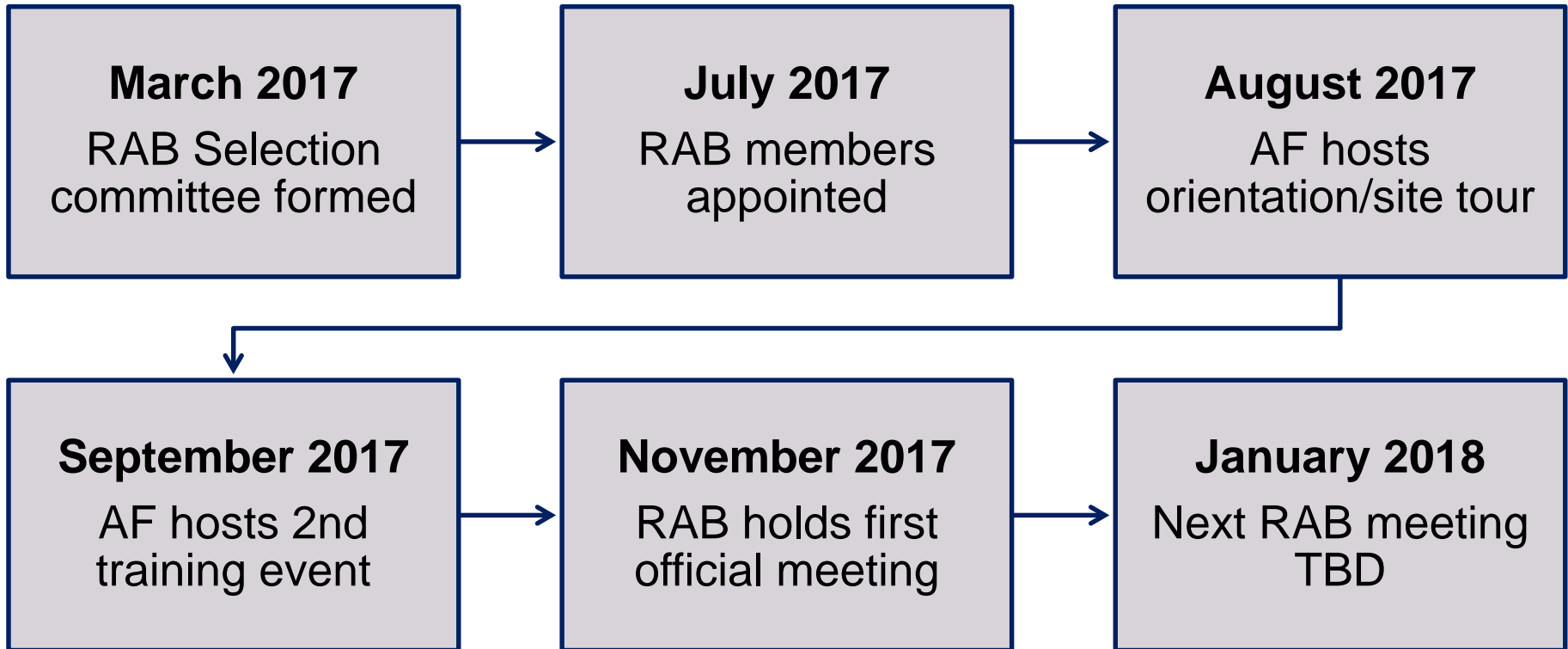
- Establish ground rules to govern meetings
- Elect community co-chair
- Set meeting schedule



Wurtsmith RAB formation



Wurtsmith RAB Milestones





RAB Members



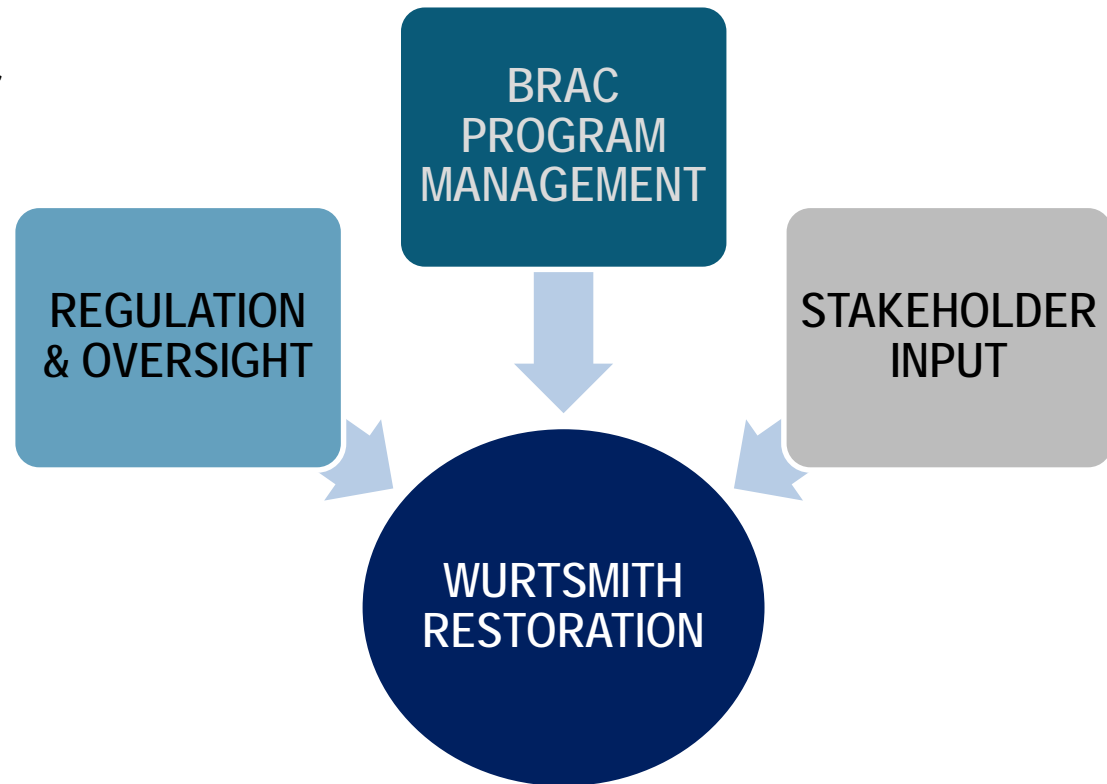
Environmental restoration is a cooperative effort with local, state and federal agencies working together to protect human health and support cleanup activities necessary to close sites and transfer land to the local community for reuse.

BRAC program

management is responsible for completing investigation and cleanup actions in accordance with CERCLA

Regulatory and oversight agencies develop and enforce environmental laws to help protect public health and the environment

Other stakeholder organizations provide input to protect their vested interest





RAB Members: Who's who?



RESTORATION MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTION

The Air Force Base Realignment and Closure Program manages the cleanup and disposal of BRAC property to reduce excess infrastructure and free up critical resources.



AFCEC partners with communities, private industry and federal and state entities to complete environmental responsibilities and promote development. The Wurtsmith project is led by a BRAC environmental coordinator who oversees the Installation Restoration Plan and ensures the project has the resources necessary to comply with applicable environmental regulations and achieve target milestones.



RAB Members: Who's who?



REGULATORY AND OVERSIGHT AGENCIES



The **Environmental Protection Agency** is authorized by Congress to create and enforce regulations to protect human health and the environment. For non-National Priority Sites, like Wurtsmith, oversight and response activities are coordinated through a state agency; for Wurtsmith that's the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.



The **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality** oversees site investigation and cleanup activities at Wurtsmith and ensures compliance with applicable environmental regulations.



The **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** and District Health Department #2 oversee state and local health policy, management by investigating emerging environmental health threats, evaluating data and providing guidance.

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RAB Members: Who's who?



OTHER STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS



The Department of Agriculture's **Forest Service** received ownership of base property after it was deemed suitable for transfer by regulators. USFS manages the Clark's Marsh ponds which have a "Do Not Eat Fish" Advisory due to PFOS concentrations detected during MDHHS fish tissue sampling in 2012.



The **Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority** received base property from the Air Force. OWAA works closely with AFCEC and on-site support to coordinate airport activities and future planning with ongoing sampling and remediation activities.



The **Township of Oscoda** was granted ownership of base land from the State of Michigan. Oscoda, **AuSable** and other neighboring townships have a vested interest in restoration and environmental issues that may impact residents' health, revitalization and tourism.



Draft Mission Statement, Goals



Mission Statement

The Wurtsmith RAB provides the community with the opportunity to become involved in the environmental restoration process at former Wurtsmith AFB either as a RAB member or through attendance at RAB meetings. This RAB offers members the opportunity to influence cleanup decisions through discussion and to provide input to the installation decision makers. Because representatives of the environmental agencies overseeing cleanup participate in the RAB, the RAB offers members and the public the opportunity to share their questions, concerns and ideas with agencies involved in the cleanup.

GOALS

- Review and comment on environmental restoration documents and activities
- Exchange research from global sources regarding environmental restoration
- Serve as a community liaison by providing information to the community and receiving input from the community
- Maximize efficiency and limit expense in completing environmental restoration efforts. Provide positive, solution-focused input to regulators



Community Engagement



GOVERNMENT	COMMUNITY (PRIMARY)	COMMUNITY (ALTERNATE)
Matt Marrs: Air Force	Arnie Leriche	Daniel O'Connor
Tony Martoglio: USDA Forest Service	Robert Tasior	Irene Dunn
Jeff Moss: AuSable Township	Joseph Plunkey	Daniel Stock
Bob Delaney: MDEQ	Joseph Maxwell	Catherine Larive
Michael Munson: OWAA	William Gaines	James Davis
Chris Bush: MDHHS	Cathy Wusterbarth	Martha Gottlieb
Chuck Lichon: DHD2	Ryan Mertz	Daniel Stock
Tim Cummings: *Oscoda Township	Matthew Hegwood	Martha Gottlieb
* Alternates: John Nordeen/Aaron Weed	Jerry Schmidt	James Davis