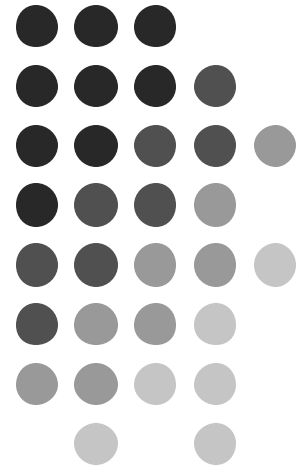


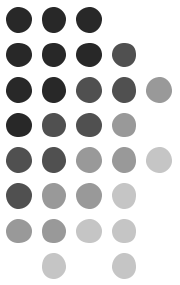
# Hudson CAG Mid-Year Check In

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Based on CBI calls with  
CAG Members and Alternates,  
June 2006

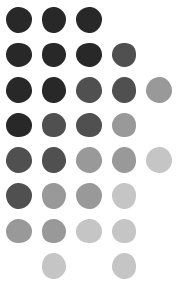


# CAG Successes



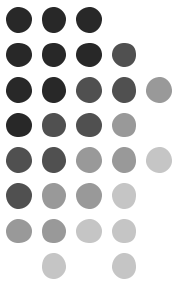
- Increasing ability to speak with one voice
- Great way to engage a wide range of people
- Committee structure working very well
  - TSC handling details well
  - Econ Develop helped launch good action
- Materials (meeting notes etc) very helpful
- Great information sharing, very valuable
- Good relationship-building
- EPA and GE are listening
- CAG members knowledgeable
- EPA reaching out to local leaders

# CAG Challenges: Influence

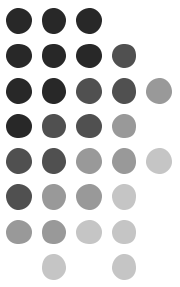


- Lack of influence = overriding concern of CAG:
  - EPA listening to CAG, but neither EPA nor GE addressing/acting in response to the CAG's requests
  - Technical Committee/CAG detailed questions on FDR should be addressed
  - EPA/GE need to meet at least some of community requests to show good faith (no one is expecting all requests to be met)
  - INTERESTS: people want to know their contribution is meaningful, has impact, and they are taken seriously

# CAG Challenges: Transparency

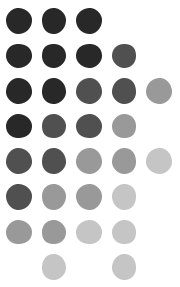


- Transparency
  - be straightforward & honest w/ CAG about what is possible
  - share info in a timely fashion - want to know the facts now (ROD promised an open and transparent process)
  - don't be afraid to address hard issues (we're all adults here)



# CAG Challenges: Other

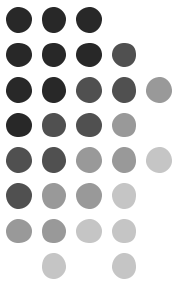
- Diversity: Lack of diversity among members
- Politics: Sometimes conversations about very narrow interests or seem like lobbying
- Detail: CAG can get into too much detail
- Representation: CAG members should be more responsive to needs of the public



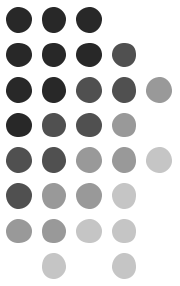
# Ideas for CAG

- Develop a system for welcoming members: face-to-face, documents, map of process
- Document successes for other CAGs
- Engage EPA HQ & higher polit. involvement
- Meetings should be in Fort Edward sometimes
- Ensure the CAG is controlling its agenda

# Committee Ideas for CAG



- Suggestions for new committees:
  - Habitat Restoration
  - Education/outreach about the process and issues for the public
  - Group that focuses on getting the cleanup done (legal issues, pushing GE and EPA into facilitating the effort as quickly as possible).
- Technical committee needs to include people who are experts on habitat & resuspension that GE/EPA will listen to.



# Key Questions

- What's success for the CAG?
  - How would we know it if we achieved it?
  - Metrics for success.
- If the CAG could prioritize its most important, collective needs/requests, what would they be?
- Does the CAG's role evolve as the project moves into construction/operations?