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## OCTOBER 2007 SAME MEETING

### DETROIT RIVERFRONT – RIVERWALK PROJECT

**Sponsor: RTI Laboratories**  
(Earn 1 Profession Development Hour)

**SPEAKER:** Mr. Perry Mehta, FutureNet Group, will be discussing their involvement in the Detroit Riverfront – Riverwalk project. FutureNet Group conducted the Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, Phase II Site Investigations and prepared the Baseline Environmental Assessments, Due Care Plans, and Remedial Action Plans for the 4-mile stretch along the Detroit River. The project started in 2003 and has been successfully completed in 2007 converting the brownfields and light industrial areas into river walk, plazas, fountains, pavilions, bike path, etc. A short biographical summary is included in the attached newsletter.

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007

**TIME:** 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

**OPTIONAL TOUR:** 3:00 p.m. – details on attached flyer.

**PLACE:** Detroit Club, 712 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI

**MENU:** Chicken Provincial, panseared boneless chicken breast simmered in a fresh tomato, shallot and garlic Provincial sauce, served with tossed salad, vegetables, rice, rolls and butter, coffee or tea. Cookies and brownies for dessert.

**PRICE:** \$22.00

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Will be held at the Detroit Club at 10:30 a.m.

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**DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2007**

**OPTIONAL TOUR** - The Detroit Post is participating in a guided tour of the Detroit Riverfront Riverwalk project following the luncheon, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please see attached flyer for further details and registration details. You can sign up for the tour only, or the tour and dinner function. Just let the registration person know what you are registering for. There is no cost for the tour portion of the event.

**UPDATE - DETROIT POST WEB SITE**: Please note that the Detroit Post has a new web site: [www.same-detroit.org](http://www.same-detroit.org). Please check the web site monthly for meeting announcements and monthly newsletters. Sponsored by: Futurenet Group.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**: The Membership Committee is hosting a GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

The Detroit Post is interested in increasing membership of metro Detroit government employees, including the Corps of Engineers, TACOM, and Selfridge ANG to allow government entities to interact and participate with our organization. Therefore, we are hosting a membership drive at reduced rates to government employees through December 2007. The Detroit Post SAME invites government employees to a reduced 1 year membership rate of \$25.00. The Detroit Post is planning to meet occasionally throughout the year at TACOM and Selfridge ANG bases to give those government employees the opportunity to interact with Post activities on a regular basis. The regular luncheon meetings will continue to be held in downtown Detroit.

In addition to a reduced membership rate, the Detroit Post is also offering government employees a reduced luncheon cost of \$10.00 through December 2007. Government employees who are not SAME Members are welcome to the SAME Luncheon reduced rate once per calendar year. Additional luncheon attendance will require full payment (unless you become a SAME Member).

There are many benefits being a SAME member, including the following:

- Promote and facilitate engineering support for national security
- Build and enhance relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers and related professionals
- Stay on top of developments in the AE field including contracting, design, environment and emerging technologies
- Participate with other organizations such as ESD, MSPE, ACE
- Earn continuing education credits at monthly luncheons and annual meetings
- Participate in activities that support our Education Award Fund
- Mentor Young Members

If you are interested in joining during our government employee membership drive, please contact Pam Horner, Post Secretary, for further details ([pam.horner@usace.army.mil](mailto:pam.horner@usace.army.mil)).

**MEMBERSHIP**: It is very important that you keep your membership contact information current. Without current contact information for our members, the Detroit Post and SAME HQ are unable to send out important membership information such as membership cards, certificates, magazines and invoices. Additionally, if SAME HQ does not have current information on members, the membership Post Roster reports will reflect outdated information and result in members not being contacted with important information. Currently, SAME HQ receives quite a bit of return mail and e-mail each month for incorrect addresses and/or no forwarding address. The U.S. Post Office charges a fee for returned mail and SAME HQ would prefer to put this money to better use.

You can update your contact information by e-mailing their change of address information to SAME HQ, or by going online to [www.same.org/memberupdate](http://www.same.org/memberupdate). Keeping your contact information current benefits you and the entire Society. Please be advised that presently the SAME Web site requires two different logins depending on the Web

activity. For all members who wish to view “Member’s Only” areas such as Society, Regional and Post Operations, and Member Benefits must use their last name and six-digit numeric member ID. Individual members, who wish to update their contact information, must use the e-mail address we currently have on file for them and a unique password. If they do not know their password or have forgotten it, they can e-mail the membership department at [member@same.org](mailto:member@same.org). Sustaining Members must use their last name, member ID and e-mail address in order to update their contact information using the web. If there is no e-mail on file in your membership records, you need to call SAME HQ membership department and have then input your e-mail.

Much effort is required to address undeliverable mail and we greatly appreciate your assistance in updating your contact information to make this job easier.

### **COMMITTEES:**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The Detroit Post offers Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for attendance at designated SAME events. The Professional Development Committee will maintain records and track PDH credits earned by attendees at Post events. At the end of the program year, credits will be documented. If you need a copy of your credits, please contact the chairperson, Mr. Scott Bell. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Bell at (734) 332-1200 or by e-mail at [sbell@limno.com](mailto:sbell@limno.com).

**AFFILIATE SOCIETY:** PLEASE VISIT THE ESD CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SCHEDULED EVENTS ([www.esd.org](http://www.esd.org))

**SPEAKER BIO:** Mr. Mehta has over 20 years of experience in civil and environmental engineering, construction, demolition, and information technology with a major emphasis on environmental site assessments, site investigations, remediation projects, abatement and demolition, water/wastewater treatment, distribution and supply systems, and rehabilitation and new construction design and study phases. He has managed over 100 projects of varying size, scope, and complexity ranging from \$50,000 to over \$150 million. He has been involved in environmental cleanups (including facility decontamination and decommissioning), geotechnical/ environmental investigations, hydraulics, and water and wastewater treatment. Mr. Mehta has worked on a variety of environmental engineering projects in Michigan and throughout the Midwest, including site surveys; hazardous materials abatement and demolition; preparation of soil, groundwater, water, and sediment sampling plans; subsurface soil and groundwater investigations; and design of soil and groundwater treatment systems. He is proficient in all phases of construction management, including the preparation of contract documents and study reports. Also, Perry has played a key role in program management, project scheduling, strategic management planning, training and development. He has developed and implemented project control systems for all phases of projects including managing and directing all estimating, cost and planning activities on a project level and regional corporate level.

Perry has performed and successfully managed 100+ Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments in and around Michigan. He has reviewed more than 70 baseline environmental assessments and due diligence plans, which included implementation of soil and groundwater investigations and analytical data interpretation. Mr. Mehta has performed various hazardous waste remedial investigations throughout Michigan. His experience includes remediation of soil and groundwater impacted with petroleum hydrocarbons, performing pilot studies and a feasibility analysis to evaluate several corrective action alternatives, consulting services for underground storage tanks (UST), development of national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits, and environmental sampling activities.

Mr. Mehta managed the field staff and the day-to-day administrative duties, including budget tracking, contractual issues, invoice resolution and report review. He also conducted laboratory analytical data review and assisted the clients in cost recovery (from PRP) of funds expended on the project.

Mr. Mehta earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1984 from SV Regional Engineering College in India, and a M.S. in Environmental Engineering in 1990 from University of New Haven Connecticut.

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**SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS**  
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Hello SAME Sustaining Members,

Monthly Sponsors - I am sending an invitation for one of our members to sponsor the monthly luncheon. The cost is \$200.00, which will pay for the room and equipment rental. You will also be given a 5-minute spotlight to present an overview of your company. I will be periodically sending a list of speakers and the topics to facilitate sponsorships ahead of time, so we can give your company the recognition in the newsletter. Please contact me at 419.944.4591 (cell) with any questions or sponsorship commitment.

Anne Parker, Chairperson