

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989
AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman John DeMeo
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of June 1, 1989 meeting
4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Finance/Policy Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
 - Financial status report
 - Approval of claims for May
 - Other issues
 - B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
 - Federal issues:
 1. Project construction appropriations- House inclusion
 2. Local Sponsor Agreement negotiation - status report
 3. Corps local office status
 4. Corps project manager change
 - State legislative issues:
 1. Meeting with Christine Letts, Dept. of Transportation Director
 2. Future meeting with Gov. Bayh and State officials
 - Other issues

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C. Land Acquisition/Management Committee -
Charles Agnew, Chairman

- Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Other issues

D. Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee - Clyde
Baughard, Chairman

- Report of projects progress

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E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke,
Chairman

- Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Report on work session meeting held earlier with project manager & design/engineering firm
- Other issues

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5. Other Business

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1989
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All eleven (11) Commissioners were present. Officials were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Dave Springman
George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Jack Swike
Doyle Niemeyer
Clyde Baughard
Jerry Pagac
John DeMeo
Arlene Colvin
William Tanke
William Critser

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale, Attorney
Sandy Mordus
Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Col. Franco - Army Corps
Richard Carlson - "
Jan Miller - "
Stephen Davis - IDNR
Dick Wawrzyniak - IDNR
John Simpson - IDNR
Wm. Leets - LCRBC
Dale Cobbs - Berkheimer Co.
Marty Barich - LCRBC
Louis Larson - LCRBC
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - "
Mike Doyne - Doyne's Marina
Mark Rushkin - IU Northwest
Lu Jackson - WJOB
Don Ewen - Gary
Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
Maxie Morris - LCRBC
Dewey Lemley - Lake Station
Parks & Recreation
Larry McClelland - L.C. Hwy
Edith Root - LCRBC
Bob Huffman - LCRBC
Chris Huffman
John Laue - Cong. Visclosky's
Charles Keslin - Munster Bldg.
Commissioner
Tom Knightly - Post Tribune
Tim Sanders - Senators' Office
Lane Ralph - Senator Lugar's
Office
Ola Kennedy - L. C. Park Board
Bob Nickovich - Supt. LCPD
Bart Peterson - Gov's Office
Mark Herak - Highland Town Brd
Dolly Millendar - Gary
Charles Pettersen - LCRBC/Ham-
mond Councilman
Rich Galambos - LCRBC/Lake Co.
Councilman

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting; seconded by William Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for April as well as the claims. Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported on the bids received on the Lake Etta maintenance building. Received was one (1) construction bid and three (3) demolition bids. After committee review, it was decided to reject all bids received and to proceed to rebid after bid specifications were altered and changes made. Rebidding will still be in two phases: one being for the demolition of existing building and construction of new building and one being for the finishing work of new building. Mr. Agnew made a motion to formally reject the bids; seconded by Bill Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that two proposals had been received from engineering firms regarding marina development/financing. A committee meeting was held to review the proposals. As a result of that meeting, Mr. Tanke made a motion to select Johnson, Johnson & Roy from Ann Arbor, MI as the engineering firm for a cost not to exceed \$10,000; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. The attorney will prepare the contract.

Col. Jess Franco proceeded to present the project schedule to the audience for the remaining time. Following is a summary briefing of that presentation.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, INDIANA, FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT BRIEFING

- Local Sponsor: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
- Authorization: 1986 Water Resources Development Act
- Project Features:
 - Construction of 9.7 miles of set-back levees in Gary and Griffith
 - Replacement of 9.5 miles of levees between the Illinois-Indiana state line and Cline Avenue in Hammond, Highland and Munster
 - Construction of 12.2 miles of new levees and floodwalls between the state line and Cline Avenue in Hammond, Highland, Munster and Griffith
 - Installation of a diversion structure at Hart Ditch
 - Evacuation of residents of 23 homes in Gary's Black Oak area
 - Floodproofing 38 homes in Gary
 - Modification of 7 miles of river channel to allow better water flow
 - Modification of 4 highway bridges to permit unobstructed flow of water
 - Construction of 16.8 miles of hiking trails and related recreation facilities along the 2,000 acre recreation corridor system
 - Preservation of 788 acres of wetlands to hold flood waters, purify the river, and provide natural habitat
- Cost: (October 1988 price levels)
 - Federal: \$45.7 million
 - Local: \$20.6 million
 - Total: \$66.3 million
- Funding: Project construction funds are currently contained in the House Committee budget. Anticipated passage by October 1989 and construction groundbreaking schedule for May 1990
- Benefits of Project: The project will prevent about \$8.9 million in average annual flood damage and about \$2.6 million in annual transportation delays caused by flooding. It will also provide an additional \$2.1 million in recreation, land enhancement and employment benefits.

- Sponsor's Responsibilities: (All costs October 1988 levels)
 - For flood control: Provide lands, easements and rights-of-way and modify or relocate buildings, utilities, roads and other facilities where needed. Estimated cost: \$19.2 million. Additionally, pay a cash contribution of \$4.0 million and bear all costs of operation, maintenance and replacement of the completed flood control facilities at an estimated cost of \$156,000 annually.
 - For recreation: A cash contribution of \$455,000
 - For fish and wildlife mitigation: A cash contribution of \$400,000.
- Schedule: The entire project will take eight years to complete. Anticipated start will be May 1990.
- Work Segments:
 - I. Nonstructural measures: Three ring levees: NIPSCO electric substations at Cline Avenue and Chase Street and at a private farm house on Colfax; relocate 23 residents in Black Oak and demolish structures in Black Oak to prepare for construction of Black Oak levee.
 - II. Remaining nonstructural features: East Levee: Burr to Broadway; adjacent wildlife mitigation
 - III. East Levee: Chase Street to Broadway; adjacent wildlife mitigation
 - IV. East Levees: Broadway to Conrail, Cline to Burr; adjacent wildlife mitigation
 - V. Levee: Northcote to Kennedy; Hart Ditch control structure; East reach landscaping; raise Indianapolis Blvd. bridge
 - VI. Levee: Kennedy to Cline
 - VII. Levee: Columbia to Northcote.
 - VIII. Levee: State line to Columbia

● Committed State and Local Participants:

- Indiana General Assembly funding for 14 years totaling \$14,168,000 to anticipate and ensure project commitment
- To date, over 2,300 acres of needed project lands have been purchased by State, county and local agencies
- The local area has received over \$1,667,000 of project credits for Lake County Drainage Board channel improvements, Hammond city levee project, Hammond Sanitary District pumping station improvements and Indianapolis Blvd. bridge clearing

At the conclusion of the formal presentation, Col. Franco and Chairman DeMeo opened the meeting to questions/comments from those public officials and others in attendance.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 1989.

/sjm

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JANUARY 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1989

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1989

Checking Account		
Land Acquisition	\$	17,248.62
General Fund		21,502.53
Tax Fund		1,126.60
Investments		<u>896,500.00</u>
		\$936,377.75

RECEIPTS: JANUARY 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1989

Lease Rents	\$	28,843.02
Interest		20,889.96
Land Acquisition		82,161.46
Taxes		<u>549.57</u>
		\$132,444.01

DISBURSEMENTS: JANUARY 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1989

1988 Expenses paid in 1989	\$	15,117.87
Taxes		724.46
Legal Services		1,289.32
NIRPC		13,058.90
Bonds & Insurance		5,690.50
Emergency Maintenance Costs		106.97
Meeting Expenses		1,091.51
L/A Legal Services		7,476.00
L/A Professional Services		
(a) Appraisal Services		2,885.00
(c) Engineering		1,181.24
(d) Land Purchase Contractural		8,764.70
(e) Operational Contractural		15,336.75
L/A Land Purchase Cost		32,442.14
L/A Land Capital Improvements		134.40
L/A Insurance		<u>13,661.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		\$118,960.76

CASH POSTION - MAY 31, 1989

Checking Account		
Land Acquisition	\$	16,267.41
General Fund		16,069.02
Tax Fund		1,024.57
Investments		<u>916,500.00</u>
		\$949,861.00



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

8149 Kennedy Ave.
Highland, Indiana 46322

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DATE: June 7, 1989

ORGANIZATION: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CONTRACT NO: P1.01

CONTRACT CODE: 952

PROJECT: FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING MAY 1989

INVOICE NO: 05

I N V O I C E

SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS: DAN GARDNER & SANDY MORDUS	\$ 3,600.00
ROOM RENTAL FOR ADDITIONAL LCRBDC STAFF (May 1989)	200.00
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	150.00
TELEPHONE: LOCAL SERVICE	60.00
TELEPHONE : BILLABLE CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) (4/17/89-6/1/89)	68.26
POSTAGE	124.80
COPYING CHARGES @ \$.05 PER COPY (2,000)	100.00
COPYING CHARGES @ \$.025 PER COPY (2,504)	62.60
GRAPHICS/PRINTING TIME @ \$16.00 PER HOUR (ATTACHMENTS)	88.00
STAFF MILEAGE/EXPENSES	140.70
OTHER CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) (Petty Cash)	<u>20.21</u>
TOTAL MAY 1989 COSTS	\$ 4,614.57
OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE	-0-
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE	\$4,614.57



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PETE VISCLOSKY

News release

1st Congressional District

Indiana

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: June 21, 1989

CONTACT: RUDY MURRIETA, PRESS ASSISTANT, (202) 225-2461

HOUSE PANEL APPROVES VISCLOSKY REQUEST FOR LITTLE CALUMET

Congressman Pete Visclosky, D-Merrillville, today made the following statement upon learning of the House Appropriations Committee approval of projects in the First District.

"The House of Representative's Appropriations Committee has approved my requests for the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project and the Lake George Restoration Project.

"The committee has approved my full \$2.4 million request for the Little Calumet Project. If the committee's action is approved by the full House and Senate, actual construction can begin in the Spring of 1990. I am ecstatic over this news which means that after 24 years of debate this project can become a reality.

"The committee also approved \$100,000 for Lake George in Hobart. This is the first time Lake George has been funded and it ensure's the project's permanent authorization.

"Again, I am delighted about this news because these projects have been priorities for me.

"Once the Little Calumet Flood Control Project is finished, it will provide comprehensive flood control for Northwest Indiana residents and prevent damage such as that caused by the Little Calumet's recent flooding. Furthermore, the project will open up new land for economic development.

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"Initially, the \$2.4 million for the Little Calumet will help to provide ring levees and non-structural flood proofing for various structures, primarily located in the Black Oak area.

"The \$100,000 for Lake George will help fund the initial phase of the project which includes removing silt and other sediments.

"Since my first days in Congress, I have worked to ensure that the Little Calumet Flood Control Project is completed. In 1986, I introduced and guided into law language that authorized both the Little Calumet River and Lake George projects as well as other projects. I will continue to work diligently to ensure that these and other important projects are brought to fruition."

Among the other First District projects approved were:

- * \$1.187 million for surveys of Michigan City Harbor dredging;
- * \$13,000 for routine maintenance at Burns Harbor;
- * \$165,000 for the Burns Harbor small boat harbor and sand migration.
- * \$600,000 for Indiana Harbor disposal.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 23, 1989

Honorable Bennett Johnston, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Senate Committee on Appropriations
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bennett:

I write to indicate my very strong support for an appropriation of \$2,400,000 for the Little Calumet River Project in Indiana in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for FY 1990 (H. R. 2696). Of this amount, half would be used to complete the design and half for construction of non-structural measures.

The Little Calumet River Project is a key flood control and recreation project in Northwest Indiana, affecting two counties and over 9,500 homes and businesses in Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland and Munster. This project will also be a catalyst to future economic development.

In 1986, Congress specifically authorized Alternative 3A for the Little Calumet River Project. This was the only plan to afford full and equitable flood control protection; it was also the only alternative which was acceptable to the non-federal interests who must cost-share on this project. This alternative has a high benefit to cost ratio (1.9 to 1) and has been strongly supported by the Chicago District of the Corps of Engineers. However, it was not the plan originally recommended by the Office of Management and Budget, which had an alternative plan (3B).

For several years, funds to plan and design this project have been included in the Administration's budget request and approved by the House and Senate. But the \$2.4 million needed to complete the design of this project and to begin construction were not included in the Administration's budget request for FY 90 because the 3B alternative favored by the Administration was not authorized by Congress and because the Corps was then in the process of reevaluating the congressionally authorized 3A plan. The Corps of Engineers completed its review of the 3A plan on January 17, 1989 and decided to recommend that it be supported by the Administration. On March 6, 1989, the Office of Management and Budget concurred with the judgment of the Corps of Engineers that the congressionally authorized plan (3A) is the National Economic Development plan.

I strongly hope that construction of this project will begin in FY 90. For this purpose, I urge the Committee to include an appropriation of \$2.4 m in its bill. I understand that the House Committee on Appropriations has decided to endorse this appropriation.

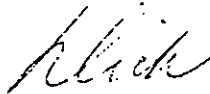
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area, the worst since 1981. Now that the differences between the Corps and OMB have been resolved in favor of the congressionally authorized plan, it is important that we begin construction so that we do not lose valuable time on this important project.

I enclose some information on this project for your examination. If you have any questions, please contact me or ask your staff to contact Jeff Burnam of my Washington staff at 4-4814.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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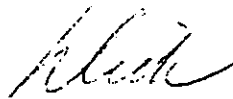
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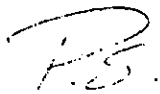
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Chicago District Capability Summary
for
Little Calumet River Flood Reduction Project

Fiscal Year 1990	(\$000)
Construction	\$1,200
Ring levees around two NIPSCO substations and one residential structure	
Relocation acquisition	
Relocation assistance to evacuated families	
Demolition of 11 residential structures	
Flood warning system (first increment)	
Engineering & Design	1,200
Feature Design Memorandum #2 - levees and floodwalls for reach east of Cline Ave., including utility and bridge relocations, fish & wildlife mitigation/enhancement, and channel modifications (essentially complete).	
Feature Design Memorandum #3 - interior drainage and pumping plants for reach east of Cline Avenue (80% complete).	
Feature Design Memorandum #4 - recreational master plan (complete for reach east of Cline Avenue).	
Total Capability	\$2,400

Note: Although project and study capabilities reflect the readiness of the work for accomplishment, they are in competition for available funds and manpower Army-wide. In this context, the capability amounts shown consider each project or study by itself without reference to the rest of the program. However, it is emphasized that the total amount proposed for the Army's civil works program in the President's budget is the appropriate amount consistent with the Administration's assessment of national priorities for Federal investments and the objectives of avoiding large budget deficits and the serious adverse effect that Government borrowing is having on the national economy. In order to maintain these overall budgetary objectives, we could only utilize additional funds on individual projects and studies if offsetting reductions were taken.

A step forward

Committee OKs funds for Little Cal plan

By DEBRA GRUSZECKI

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee has taken the first step to fund a \$66.3 million flood control project on the Little Calumet River.

The House approved the first \$2.4 million in construction funds for the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project, which will ultimately cost \$66.3 million over the next decade.

If the committee's action is approved by the House and Senate, Rep. Peter Visclosky, D-Ind., said work can begin in the spring of 1990.

The \$2.4 million would be used to build levees and other flood-proofing systems in the Black Oak section of Gary. About \$100,000 of that money would fund the Lake George Restoration Project in Hobart, which involves silt and sediment removal.

Visclosky said he is ecstatic over the news because it means the project can become a reality after 24 years of debate.

Republican Sens. Dan Coates and Richard Lugar have already expressed support of the project, the federal share of which amounts to \$47 million.

The rest of the funds will be sought up to eight years after construction

begins, according to Rudy Murrieta, Visclosky's press assistant.

Both projects were approved in the 1986 Water Resources Development Act, but funding was delayed because the Reagan administration had said each section of the river had to stand on its own merits.

There were difficulties getting the administration to approve construction beyond Cline Avenue. Funding was touchy, Murrieta said, because the administration looks primarily at direct cost-benefit ratios.

Visclosky's edge was an argument that the projects would enhance economic development and improve the quality of life in Northwest Indiana, Murrieta said.

The impasse was forged after March 6 when the Secretary of the Army Corps, Office of Management and Budget and key administrators said they supported the project. Since the 1990 budget had been tentatively submitted by then, the hearings were critical to put money in the budget.

Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said that if Congress gives its blessing to the first

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\$2.4 million it is likely the rest of the construction funds will follow.

"It'll be looked at as an existing commitment," Gardner said.

The federal project largely involves:

- Levee construction from Interstate-65 in Gary west to Illinois. Existing levees in Hammond, Highland and Munster will be replaced. The only levee reconstruction exception is in Hammond - a levee on the north side

of the river from Hohman Avenue, Hammond, to the state line.

- Pumping station improvements in all but the Hohman Avenue location.

- Minor channel improvements.

- A recreation system including 16.8 miles of hiking trails. Roughly 788 acres of wetlands are expected to be preserved.

The Little Calumet River Development Commission, the local authority responsible for about \$21 million, will:

- Acquire land along the river and relocate about 38 homes. The area is

between Cline Avenue and Grant Street.

- Work with the Indiana Department of Highways to improve four bridges. An Indianapolis Boulevard bridge will be raised four to five feet, and the Grant Street bridge will be replaced. Two, 40-foot-wide box culverts will be installed underneath it.

- Relocate utility lines that pass under the river so channel work and dredging can be done.

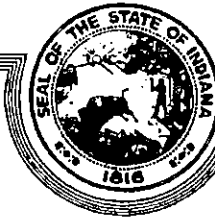
- Pay 5 percent of the construction costs each year. The cash payments

will come from the Indiana General Assembly. So far, about \$4 million is reserved in an "appropriated but unallocated" category for this work.

Margaret Kuchta, mayor of Hobart, said she thinks the news is fantastic. "I'll hold my breath until we get it."

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STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANAPOLIS, 46204

STATE BUDGET AGENCY
FRANK SULLIVAN, JR., DIRECTOR
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EVAN BAYH
GOVERNOR

May 25, 1989

Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet
River Basin Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Thank you very much for your recent letter inviting me to be on hand for a special presentation of the construction schedule and a project description Little Calumet River Project on Thursday, June 1, 1989.

Unfortunately, the State Budget Committee of which I am a member will be meeting in Madison, Indiana, that evening and so I will be unable to be with you.

Please assure Col. Franco of the continued active interest of Governor Bayh and the state administration in this sorely needed and long awaited flood control and recreation project.

With Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank Sullivan, Jr.
State Budget Director

FS/rjb

U.S. Senator Dan Coats

of Indiana

Att: Dan Coats

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: CURT SMITH
202-224-5623

JUNE 5, 1989

COATS SEEKS FEDERAL HELP FOR NORTHERN INDIANA

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Dan Coats today urged the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to send officials to northern Indiana to help assess flood damages and to advise state and local officials on the likelihood of federal disaster assistance.

"Homeowners, farmers and businesses throughout the region have suffered from heavy rains and swollen streams. I am anxious to quickly determine if federal aid will be available to help our citizens restore their homes and livelihoods," Coats said in his letter to FEMA.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is the lead federal agency tasked with responding to disasters. FEMA will advise the Governor if damage is extensive enough to warrant a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. A declaration would make a wide range of assistance programs available, including low interest loans for businesses and homeowners, small family grants to individuals unable to qualify for loans, and grant assistance to communities to restore public facilities.

Senator Coats also called on the Secretary of Agriculture and the Small Business Administrator to authorize aid. "Low interest loans provided by the Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Administration are an important component of federal assistance. I have urged these agencies to respond quickly to our needs and to authorize disaster loans and economic injury loans for farmers, homeowners and businesses hurt by the floods."

June 1989

INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE PLANNING PROJECTS

The National Park Service (NPS) has begun three planning studies for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. A "Development Concept Plan" (DCP) is being prepared for the West Unit, a study is under way to determine the feasibility of designating all or parts of U.S. Highway 12 as a scenic highway, and another study is under way to identify options for linking the east and west units of the National Lakeshore along the Little Calumet River.



WEST UNIT DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The West Unit DCP will address the full range of issues affecting the West Unit through the year 2000, including facility development, visitor use, and land acquisition needs. The DCP preparation is a more detailed level of planning that follows the overall direction the Indiana Dunes General Management Plan which was approved in 1980.

Issues to be addressed in the DCP for the West Unit are access to West Beach, location of the West Unit transit center, the use of lands known as the "Gary pedestrian walk" and lands adjacent to Lake Michigan and the Burns/Portage Waterway, boundary adjustments and land acquisition, and impacts of increased traffic and numbers of visitors on adjacent communities.

U.S. HIGHWAY 12 SCENIC ROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY

The U.S. Highway 12 study will evaluate the feasibility of establishing a scenic highway in all or parts of the route from Miller on the west to Michigan City in the east. This study is based on recommendations of the 1983 Transportation Study that recommended that U.S. 12 be designated a scenic highway from Indiana 520 to just east of the east entrance to the Burns Harbor Bethlehem Steel Plant.

The objectives of the U.S. 12 Scenic Road Feasibility Study are to provide a safe, functional, identifiable highway link to connect the East and West Units of the national lakeshore. In addition, the study will seek to increase compatibility of U.S. 12 traffic with the recreational purposes of the national lakeshore.

The current feasibility study, authorized by the 1986 amendments to the National Lakeshore Legislation, will update information gathered in 1983, evaluate portions of U.S. 12 between Burns Harbor and Miller, and answer many of the questions that remain about the designating all or portions of U.S. 12 as a scenic road. The study investigates the origins and destinations of trucks that travel on U.S. 12, as well as the capacity and adequacy of intersections and alternate routes that would be affected by scenic road designation and possible rerouting of through traffic.

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June 1989



LITTLE CALUMET RIVER CORRIDOR STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The purpose of the Little Calumet River Corridor study is to identify options available for linking the East and West Units of the National Lakeshore which are divided by the Little Calumet River as well as the Burns/Portage Waterway and the Burns Harbor industrial complex. Other objectives of the study are to provide for access and parking for fishing and boating as well as provide for continuous trails along the Little Calumet River and Salt Creek. This study was also authorized by the 1986 amendments to the National Lakeshore legislation.

SCHEDULE

The planning team will identify issues and gathering information for each of the studies during the next few months. Alternatives will be developed and analyzed in the fall of this year. Public meetings on the draft reports will be held in early 1990, and final reports are expected to be completed by October of next year.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The National Park Service is working closely with the Superintendent's Advisory Group and the U.S. Highway 12 Subcommittee as well as other organizations, businesses, local officials, and interest groups in northwest Indiana.

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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Date: July 60

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1	Richard Bundy	Salmon Unlimited of In	1
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3	EDW A. LUKOWSKI JR	HAMMOND	3
4	Robert L. FARM	Portage Lefty's	4
5	TYRONE DIXON	Portage Lefty's	5
6	Jodi Bruer	Lake Co. Parks Dept.	6
7	Stephen E. Davis	IND. DNR	7
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17	Cynthia Graham		17
18	6161 Burns Waterway		18
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Location:

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FOR JULY MEETING

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

BUDGET CODE	BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID PREVIOUSLY	UNPAID BALANCE	AMOUNT READY FOR PAYMENT	PROJECTED BALANCE
119	PER DIEM EXPENSES	16000.00	0.00	16000.00	2812.00	13188.00
311	LEGAL SERVICES	7500.00	1656.65	5843.35	0.00	5843.35
312	NIRPC SERVICES	94000.00	17307.58	76692.42	4614.57	72077.85
323	TRAVEL MILEAGE	6000.00	0.00	6000.00	370.50	5629.50
331	PRINTING ADVERTISING	2500.00	106.23	2393.77	17.25	2376.52
341	BONDS INSURANCE	7500.00	5690.50	1809.50	0.00	1809.50
361	EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE COSTS	3500.00	106.97	3393.03	0.00	3393.03
399	MEETING EXPENSES	3000.00	1401.06	1598.94	0.00	1598.94
411	LEGAL SERVICES	50000.00	9744.00	40256.00	3055.00	37201.00
412	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	100000.00	31761.05	68238.95	11046.30	57192.65
413	LAND PURCHASE COSTS	3607916.00	37801.24	3570114.76	0.00	3570114.76
414	LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150000.00	134.40	149865.60	0.00	149865.60
415	BURNS WATERWAY BREAKWATER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
416	STRUCTURES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	40000.00	0.00	40000.00	0.00	40000.00
417	PROPERTY/STRUCTURES INSURANCE	25000.00	14003.50	10996.50	1145.40	9851.10
		4112916.00	119713.18	3993202.82	23061.02	3970141.80

CLAIMS READY FOR PAYMENT

BUDGET CODE	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
119	JACK SWIKE	214.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	CLYDE BAUGHARD	552.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	DAVID SPRINGMAN	252.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	WILLIAM CRISTER	264.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	GEORGE CARLSON	364.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	CHARLES AGNEW	364.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	ARLENE COLVIN	476.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
119	JOHN DEMEO	326.00	PER DIEM EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
312	NIRPC	4614.57	FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING MAY 1989
323	JACK SWIKE	32.50	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	CLYDE BAUGHARD	48.00	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	WILLIAM CRISTER	51.00	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	GEORGE CARLSON	25.50	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	CHARLES AGNEW	53.00	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	JOHN DEMEO	67.50	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	ARLENE COLVIN	41.00	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
323	DAVID SPRINGMAN	52.00	MILEAGE EXPENSES INCURRED 1/5 THRU 6/1/89
331	FEDERAL EXPRESS	17.25	CARRIER SERVICES PERFORMED 6/9/89
411	LOUIS M. CASALE	3055.00	LEGAL SERVICES FOR LAND ACQUISITION 5/26 TO 6/29/89
412	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	400.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON RAILROAD COMPANIES
412	MILO F. VALE CO.	7510.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES RENDERED ON TOLLESTON PROPERTY
412	ROBERT B. STOUFFER	813.75	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT RENDERED 5/31 THRU 7/6/89
412	NIPSCO	1322.55	UTILITY BILL RE: PUMPING EXPENSES 5/15 TO 6/14/89
412	CHARLES SANDOR	1000.00	ENGINEERING SERVICES RENDERED AT LAKE ETTA
417	VALPARAISO INSURANCE	284.00	COST INCURRED RE: COMMISSION'S LIABILITY INSURANCE
417	DON POWERS AGENCY, INC.	861.40	COST INCURRED RE: FIRE POLICY ON LCRBDC PROPERTY
		23061.02	

ADD ON CLAIM FOR MEETING

399 WOODMAR DELICATESSEN

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MEETING EXPENSES INCURRED ON JULY 6, 1989

INTERIM FLOOD CONTROL

This past Saturday, an aide to Governor Bayh reported that the recent flooding did not do enough damage to qualify the State as a federal disaster area.

However, Lake County may be eligible for low interest loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration and the city of Gary will receive some assistance from the Indiana State Board of Health.

Lake County would likely be the only county designated for low interest loan eligibility.

Damages in the recent June flooding cloud Indianapolis Blvd. bridge, Kennedy Avenue bridge, Chase Street bridge, and Grant St. bridge.

Wicker Park golf course, Optimist Park, Colonial Golf Course and Bob's Fishing Lake suffered major flooding. Also, our lease farm properties were flooded.



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

August 3, 1989

The Honorable Evan Bayh
Governor, State of Indiana
State House Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Bayh:

We are writing you regarding your statement issued on Friday, June 30, 1989 concerning the use of shoreline sand for beach nourishment purposes. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission fully supports your stated desire to best utilize shoreline sand deposits to mitigate effects of shoreline beach erosion along the Indiana shore, particularly in the Portage area. Toward this end and in recognition of need, the Development Commission has twice offered to the town of Ogden Dunes, or any other appropriate public entity, the access to an estimated 350,000-450,000 cubic yards of clean sand on an 18 acre site the Development Commission has designated for marina development. This sand was offered at no cost to the public entity, save their removal of the sand and the placement on the beach area. Apparent lack of funds or means to cause this sand removal and placement resulted in no acceptance of our offers.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is obligated to a marina development as part of a commitment to the U. S. Government (Army Corps of Engineers) for 50% cost share of a \$3.96 million Section 107 Breakwaters/Small Boat Harbor Project at the mouth of the Portage-Burns Waterway. \$1,768,800 of State General Assembly appropriations in the 1983-85 biennium funded the non-federal share of the breakwaters construction. If no marina is caused to be constructed by the Development Commission, then a default on the commitment would require the repayment of the roughly \$2 million federal breakwater construction cost. The source of Development Commission funding is General Assembly appropriations so this scenario is not so favored by the Commission.

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In pursuing the development of the required marina, the Development Commission has followed State Budget Committee direction to seek the maximum of private investment in the financing, development and eventual maintenance costs. To attract private investment, a financially viable revenue to cost ratio is obviously required. The ability to remove the existing sand on the site and excavate a suitable marina basin is the single greatest cost area without revenue if neither a sale of sand or a very reasonable arrangement to remove sand is not allowed. We believe we can creatively work with you to achieve a variety of public benefits from the project if the sand removal-disposition can be dealt with. Benefits, we believe, of a cooperative solution to moving our sand to the Portage-Burns Waterway breakwater/beach area can be realized for the Administration, recreational development and environmental interests, the city of Portage, and the Little Calumet River Development Commission. They include:

- 1) A proactive beginning to a State shoreline sand mitigation program, with benefits to the administration and the Department of Natural Resources.
- 2) Support from shoreline communities and environmentalists pushing for an active mitigation program.
- 3) The Development Commission will realize a more financially viable marina development project - with attractiveness for private investors to finance construction and operation. Result will be fulfillment of our State obligation to the Federal government and creation of a needed high quality, public use, recreation boating facility on Lake Michigan.
- 4) Public use and access to the Lake Michigan water resource will be realized through this private/public initiative.
- 5) A quality, protected harbor boating facility will be the first constructed in the Portage area. This type of development has been identified as central to the development direction in Portage's marina district plan.

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We believe these benefits are compelling and offer all interested in quality recreational development and environmental protection reasons to support such a cooperative effort.

We request a meeting with key administration and Department of Natural Resources staff to explore the potential of such a joint venture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Gardner".

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Bart Peterson
Pat Ralston
Jerry Pagac