

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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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, JANUARY 3, 1991
AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

A G E N D A

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1. Call to Order by Chairperson Arlene Colvin
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of December 6th meeting 1-5
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 - Financial status report
 - Approval of claims for December
 - Adoption of 1991 budget
 - Adoption of Contract for Services with NIRPC
 - Other issues
 - B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
 - House Ways & Means biennial budget hearing - February 19, 1991 9-11
 - Supplement to Local Cooperation Agreement 12-13
 - Other issues

*Added:
Hollmans
Charles Peterson*

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

- Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
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D. Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke,
Chairman

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MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1990
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ten (10) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Charles Agnew
Clyde Baughard
Dave Springman
Steve Davis
Nathaniel Leonard
William Critser
George Carlson
Arlene Colvin
William Tanke
John DeMeo

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale, Attorney
Bruce Stouffer
Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Phil Wieland - The Times
Pete & M.J. Zak-S. Shore Marina
Herb Read - Izaak Walton
Courtney Van Lopik-Ogden Dunes
Dick Wawrzyniak - IDNR
Edward Wisinski-Izaak Walton
Rev. Comer-E.C. NAACP
Ola Kennedy - Lake County Park Board
Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
Eloise Gentry-Urban League of N.W. IN
Jodi Dickey-Lake County Parks
B. Morales-WZVN, Merrillville
Tom DeGiulio - Town of Munster
Bob Huffman - LCRBC
George Bunce-Izaak Walton
Ortho Lyles-Greater Gary Const.

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the November 1st meeting; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Colvin appointed a Nominating Committee for election of 1991 officers. The Committee consisted of John DeMeo, Charles Agnew and Nathaniel Leonard. The Committee will designate their own chair.

A lengthy discussion began on the recent flooding that took place in Highland. Mr. Gardner distributed water elevation readings at Hart Ditch and the Little Calumet River experienced during the recent flood event. They revealed some of the highest readings ever recorded in the river system. Lake County has been declared both a state disaster area and a Federal disaster area. The Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies have set up field offices and are attempting to assess damages and prepare recovery plans.

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Commissioner George Carlson reported on the situation he observed at the hardest impacted area - the Wicker Park Manor subdivision of Highland. He reported based on site visits and pictures he has taken that, in his judgement, the lowering of the C&O railroad embankment was the principal cause of the recent flooding. He reported there was no evidence of levee failure. Discussion ensued on the flooding situation and its implications. Because of the Federal and State disaster declarations, the Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies are in charge of interim recovery plans. Staff was directed to maintain close contact with these agencies. Mr. Gardner commented that he has been contacted to participate in the formulation of remedial recovery measures.

Discussion on the status of the existing levees that are serving to protect Hammond, Highland and Munster took place. Comments on periodic inspections and regular maintenance were needed by the communities prior to the Corps construction project. Munster town manager Tom DeGuilio, present in the audience, commented that Munster performed periodic inspections and encouraged the other communities to do also. A directive was made for staff to contact each of the communities that have levees and urge their inspection and reinforcement if needed.

Discussion then focused on the needed emergency restoration of a levee to replace the removed railroad embankment. A resolution was adopted to support the use of Federal or State emergency funds to finance replacement. Discussion took place regarding the role of the various agencies, the Town, and Tri-State Coach Lines in the reconstruction. It was stated that the property is currently owned by Tri-State, so they would be involved in any reconstruction project. Time and source of funding would dictate the best approach to an emergency solution.

It was moved by Bill Tanke, seconded by George Carlson, to contact Tri-State and work with Federal, State and town officials to pursue legal authority to allow reconstruction of flood protection; and if no agreement can be reached, then to authorize the Commission attorney to proceed with condemnation to provide a suitable location for reconstruction. Funding is to come from whichever source can best accomplish the task; motion passed unanimously after lengthy discussion.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for November as well as the claims. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baughard informed the Commissioners that the escrow account has been established at INB, where the highest interest rate was offered. He also stated that a Finance committee meeting would be held before the next Commission meeting.

Because she had to leave early for a previous engagement, Eloise Gentry, President of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, was permitted to speak out of order. She expressed concern for the minority contractors who wish to participate in the construction projects that will be forthcoming on the Little Cal project. She wants the Commission to take a pro-active role in doing what they can to insure contracts to minorities. Mr. Gardner gave a brief synopsis of the seminar that was held in Gary to inform all area contractors of bidding procedures with the Federal government. Mr. Gardner stressed the point that the Development Commission is supporting local people for local jobs and that people in northwest Indiana should benefit.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Gardner reported he attended a Forum meeting in which state legislators were briefed on various projects for support. The Little Calumet River Flood Control/ Recreation Project was on the Forum agenda in support of the Commission's request for \$3 million. A mailing will be done prior to the January legislative session to update all legislators. Some budget information should be forthcoming in the near future.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave committee report. Mr. Agnew made a motion to authorize staff to advertise the farm land on leases L100, L100A, L101 and L112 for the year 1991; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

He stated that staff will have the corner of 35th & Chase (Chase Street Produce) appraised. The owner wishes to sell and since the levee line will go through the parking lot and the lot will have to be relocated, it is beneficial to the Commission to own the property.

He stated that we have received a letter from the Corps stating that all properties purchased prior to September 28, 1990 will require updated appraisals to determine current value. A motion was made by Chuck Agnew for staff to pursue contracting with how every many appraisers are needed to update the appraisals in a timely manner (approx. 3-4 appraisers); motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that Bob's Fishing Lake has now been vacated by the lessee and it is planned that access to Clark Road would be cut off. That would eliminate much dumping being done in the area.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard referred to the letter contained in packet from the Corps in response to Woodmar Country Club's letter regarding reconfiguration of the south levee on their property and the Corps response that reconfiguration was not feasible at this time.

Mr. Gardner stated that the Little Calumet River Basin Commission has approved and signed a resolution transferring their remaining monies to the Development Commission upon their sunset 12/31/90. Those remaining funds were earmarked for the completion of the Conrail culvert enlargement project and any miscellaneous bills that may be forthcoming and transfer of all rights & obligations of the Commission. The Development Commission must now approve and sign a resolution accepting the transfer of funds under those terms. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the resolution as presented; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Stouffer stated he participated in the van trip with the Corps, State Highway Dept., Lake County Highway Dept., Lake County Civil Defense, Gary Civil Defense, & Griffith Public Works Dept. to view some flood control structures in several cities that are already in place. In the Little Cal flood control project, the plans call for several closure structures to be used in flood periods.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - William Tanke, Committee Chairman, referred to the proposal letter from Hunter Corporation for the marina sand excavation.

Mr. Tanke also referred to the letter from Northern Laboratories regarding proposal for sand testing of the marina sand.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he has had several firms interested in the sand. One interest has come from Superior Construction. Mr. Gardner stated he will be meeting shortly with the IN Port Commission again to try to resolve the sand issue.

Mr. Gardner reported that the final order of the marina hearings will be signed by entities involved.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Gardner spoke on the Commission's needs for the upcoming year. He sees the need to establish a new committee. The new committee would be a Project Planning, Engineering and Construction Committee, replacing the Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee. Procurement needs for 1991 would be: (1) maintenance channel work - the need for a firm on retainer, (2) engineering firm selection for construction project management - qualifications and selection, (3) help in updating appraisals for credit and (4) consulting design firm for Gary park lands. He also indicated there will be a need for updated status of area minority, disadvantaged contractors participation in project bidding/construction as the project moves along.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that the Corps met today with staff and the Lake County Parks Dept. regarding the County park land that could possibly be used as a borrow site. An advantage in using their land is that it is already in public ownership.

Mr. Tanke directed staff to meet with Bill Henderson of the county Surveyor's Office regarding the drainage authority status that the Commission has now assumed from the county. Staff was also asked to see what kind of gage readings were produced from the two gage stations the Commission is paying maintenance on.

Statements from the floor - Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, complained that during flooding, commercial developments still continue to pump into the river while houses flood. He complained that flooding is flooding - whether it is here or there - an abundance of water is just being transferred from one spot to another.

Ed Wisinski - Agreed with Mr. Bundy and stated the loss of wetlands is due to all the development in the floodplain.

Bob Huffman - Inquired whether other areas hit by the flooding other than Highland would be able to take advantage of the low interest grant programs.

Herb Read commented that Porter County seems to be more sensitive and cautious in not allowing an overabundance of development in the floodplain.

Richard Bundy inquired whether the plans for raising of the bridge over Burns Waterway were still intact.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 3, 1991.

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1990 - NOVEMBER 30, 1990

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1990

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|------------------|----|----|-------------------|
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | | |
| LAND ACQUISITION | \$ | | 19,369.97 |
| GENERAL FUND | | | 55,692.86 |
| TAX FUND | | | 1,124.07 |
| INVESTMENTS | | | <u>916,500.00</u> |
| | | \$ | 992,686.90 |

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1990 - NOVEMBER 30, 1990

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|----------------------|----|----|--------------|
| LEASE RENTS | \$ | | 42,033.89 |
| INTEREST | | | 70,527.35 |
| LAND ACQUISITION | | | 1,040,882.69 |
| TAX FUND | | | 10,339.86 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | | | <u>97.39</u> |
| | | \$ | 1,163,881.18 |

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1990 - NOVEMBER 30, 1990

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|-------------------------------|----|----|------------------|
| 1989 EXPENSES PAID IN 1990 | \$ | | 15,988.84 |
| TAXES | | | 8,930.62 |
| PER DIEM EXPENSES | | | 3,950.00 |
| LEGAL SERVICES | | | 2,983.17 |
| N I R P C | | | 47,806.25 |
| TRAVEL MILEAGE | | | 6,048.20 |
| PRINTING & ADVERTISING | | | 1,086.30 |
| BONDS & INSURANCE | | | 5,918.50 |
| MEETING EXPENSES | | | 1,492.43 |
| L/A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | | | |
| (A) APPRAISAL SERVICES | | | 10,345.00 |
| (C) ENGINEERING | | | 1,100.00 |
| (D) LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL | | | 20,342.41 |
| (E) OPERATIONAL CONTRACTUAL | | | 34,677.10 |
| L/A LEGAL SERVICES | | | 25,737.00 |
| L/A LAND PURCHASE COST | | | 203,372.66 |
| MOVING & RELOCATION | | | 92,464.48 |
| L/A LAND CAP. IMPROVEMENTS | | | 117,207.70 |
| CASH CONTRIBUTION | | | 355,000.00 |
| L/A INSURANCE | | | <u>15,288.90</u> |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: | | \$ | 969,739.56 |

CASH POSITION - NOVEMBER 30, 1990

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|------------------|----|----|-------------------|
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | | |
| LAND ACQUISITION | \$ | | 178,655.74 |
| GENERAL FUND | | | 89,880.74 |
| TAX FUND | | | 1,792.04 |
| INVESTMENTS | | | <u>916,500.00</u> |
| | | \$ | 1,186,828.52 |



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

8149 Kennedy Ave. 219-923-1060
Highland, Indiana 46322 312-731-2646

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 1990

CONTRACT NO: P1.01

ORGANIZATION: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CONTRACT CODE: 952

PROJECT: FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING NOVEMBER, 1990 INVOICE NO: 11/11

I N V O I C E

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| SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS: DAN GARDNER & SANDY MORDUS | \$ 3,900.00 |
| ROOM RENTAL FOR ADDITIONAL LCRBDC STAFF | 215.00 |
| ACCOUNTING SERVICES | 150.00 |
| TELEPHONE: LOCAL SERVICE | 60.00 |
| TELEPHONE: BILLABLE CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) | 46.02 |
| POSTAGE | 81.25 |
| COPYING CHARGES @ \$.05 PER COPY | 65.80 |
| GRAPHICS/PRINTING TIME @ \$17.50 PER HOUR (ATTACHMENTS) | 105.00 |
| STAFF MILEAGE/EXPENSES | 219.04 |
| OTHER CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) | <u>-0-</u> |
| TOTAL NOVEMBER 1990 COSTS | 4,842.11 |
| OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE | <u>4,806.50</u> |
| TOTAL PAYMENT DUE | \$ 9,648.61 |



1991 OPERATING BUDGET

| BUDGET CODE | CATEGORY | 1990 BUDGETED AMOUNT | PROPOSED 1991 BUDGET |
|--|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET | | | |
| 119 | Per Diem Expenses | \$ 16,000 | \$ 16,000 |
| 311 | Legal Services | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| 312 | NIRPC Services | 94,000 | 94,000 |
| | a) Basic Staff Support | | |
| | b) Mileage/Expenses | | |
| | c) Room Rental | | |
| | d) Telephone | | |
| | e) Postage | | |
| | f) Copying machine | | |
| | g) Printing/Graphics labor | | |
| | h) Office Supplies | | |
| | i) Other | | |
| 323 | Travel & Mileage | 8,500 | 7,500 |
| 331 | Printing & Advertising | 2,500 | 2,000 |
| 341 | Bonds & Insurance | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| 361 | Emergency Maintenance Costs | 3,500 | 3,000 |
| 399 | Meeting Expenses | 3,000 | 2,500 |
| SUB TOTAL | | \$ 140,000 | \$140,000 |
| LAND ACQUISITION/PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET | | | |
| | Legal Services | 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| | Professional/Consultant/Contract Services | 150,000 | 250,000 |
| | Appraisal Services | | |
| | Engineering/design services | | |
| | Land Purchase contractual services | | |
| | Land management services | | |
| | Facilities/project maintenance services | | |
| | Operational services | | |
| | Surveying services | | |
| | Economic/marketing sources | | |
| | Project Land Purchase Costs | 5,790,576 | 3,902,705 |
| | Property & Structures costs | | |
| | Moving/relocation costs | | |
| | Real Estate Taxes Owed Account (pass through) | | |
| | Property/Structures Insurance | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | Project Cash Share Payments/Escrow Account ✓ | | 195,000 |
| | Utility Relocation Costs ✓ | | 100,000 |
| | Land Capital Improvements | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| | Structures Capital Improvements | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| | Burns Waterway Breakwaters/Marina Development | 44,000 | 44,000 |
| SUB TOTAL | | 6,249,576 | 4,756,705 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | | | 4,896,705 |
| Includes: Present allocated funds \$ 756,705 | | | |
| Appropriated funds ('87) \$ 2,000,000 | | | |
| Appropriated funds ('89) \$ 2,000,000 | | | |

INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE HOUSE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

December 19, 1990

Dan Gardner, Director
Little Calumet River Basin Devel. Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, IN 46322

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The Little Calumet River Basin Devel. Commission has been scheduled to appear before the House Ways and Means Committee for your 1991-93 biennial budget hearing in Room 404 of the State House as follows:

Tuesday, February 19, 1991 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

A schedule for the day you are to appear is enclosed for your information. It would be difficult for the schedule to be changed; however, if you have a problem with your scheduled time or if you have any questions, please contact Jean Milharcic at 232-9874.

Sincerely,



B. Patrick Bauer
Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee

BPB:jm

Enclosure

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1991
ROOM 404

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|--|---------------|
| Election Board | 9:00 - 9:15 |
| Ethics Commission | 9:15 - 9:30 |
| Indiana Port Commission | 9:30 - 9:45 |
| Historical Bureau | 9:45 - 10:00 |
| White River State Park Dev. Commis. | 10:00 - 10:15 |
| War Memorials Commission | 10:15 - 10:30 |
| Maumee River Basin Commission | 10:30 - 10:45 |
| Little Calumet River Basin Devel. Com. | 10:45 - 11:00 |
| Lake Michigan Marina Devel. Commission | 11:15 - 11:30 |

INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

December 28, 1990

Dan Gardner, Director
Little Calumet River Basin Devel. Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, IN 46322

Dear Mr. Gardner:

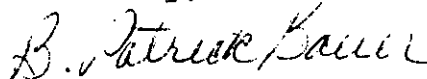
Due to the downturn in the economy, we will need to adjust expenditures to revenues in the coming biennium.

It appears that revenues are likely to be below expenditures by approximately five to six hundred million dollars in the next biennium. Therefore, when you appear before the Ways and Means Committee with your budget, please advise us how you can best reduce your existing budget by 2% to 3%.

We expect to do a number of other things such as bonding for prisons, using some of the Rainy Day fund, and possibly using lottery revenues, in order to prevent a tax increase.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



B. Patrick Bauer
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee

BPB:jm



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

December 14, 1990

Real Estate Division

Subject: Supplement to Local Cooperation Agreement and a
Memorandum of Agreement Between the Government and the
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

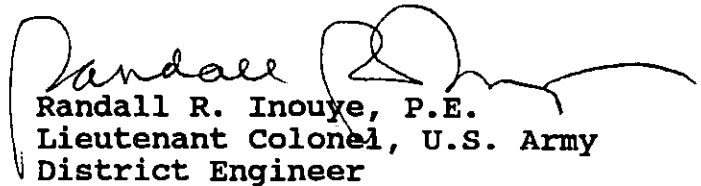
In accordance with your letter dated August 2, 1990, to Mr. Richard Carlson, Deputy District Engineer (Project Management), in support of a structural alternative to the Corps approved non-structural plan, documents have been drafted in support of the Commission's recommendations.

A supplement to the Local Cooperation Agreement dated August 16, 1990, has been prepared for the Commission's review and written approval. In addition, a memorandum of agreement with escrow agreement, wherein it authorizes the Government to accept and expend funds received from the Commission has been prepared for your review and written approval.

The Letter Report referenced in Paragraph 3 of the draft memorandum of agreement is in the process of review and comments at the District level. If the approved Letter Reports deviates substantially from the construction as stated in that Paragraph, we will advise you at the earliest possible date.

Comments on the enclosed documents should be directed to Mr. Paul H. Benkowski, Chief, Real Estate Division, A/C 312/353-4719. If you wish to arrange a meeting for close discussion of the documents please advise.

Sincerely,


Randall R. Inouye, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

Enclosures

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Attorney at Law
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TO: FORUM MEMBERS

FROM: EARL THOMPSON, ADM. VICE CHAIR GOVERNMENTAL/
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND DEWEY PEARMAN, VICE
PRESIDENT GOVERNMENTAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 1990

SUBJECT: FORUM'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 1991 INDIANA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

Since April of this year the Forum's Governmental Affairs Committee has been developing our legislative priorities for the upcoming 1991 Indiana General Assembly. As part of the process of determining our priorities, the Committee conducted a survey of Forum members and has activated several task force groups to study a variety of important Governmental Affairs issues. These task force groups have made recommendations to the Committee on the nature and extent of the Forum's involvement in these priority issues.

To further develop and refine our legislative agenda for the 1991 session we are, as in the past, inviting interested local parties to suggest issues for our consideration. If you would like to suggest an issue for the Forum's support, we ask that you send some information which will allow us to determine the appropriateness of our involvement in the issue. The information we will need to make this determination relates to how the issue directly affects the economic environment of Northwest Indiana. Specifically, we will review requests for support of legislative issues using the following criteria:

- 1) The proposal must have clear regional application to Northwest Indiana;
- 2) The proposal must have a clear and significant economic development impact on Northwest Indiana; and,
- 3) The proposal must relate significantly to the interest of Forum members.

If you would like to request the Forum's support for a legislative proposal, we ask you to provide us with the following to assist us in our review:

- 1) A copy of the proposed bill, or a definitive description of the proposal;
- 2) A statement which explains the relationship the proposal has to Northwest Indiana, its importance to the economic development of Northwest Indiana and how it relates to Forum members;
- 3) Identification of Senate and House author and sponsors;
- 4) A copy of any economic or cost/benefit analysis addressing the proposal; and,
- 5) A description of any previous legislative history on the proposal.

Also, please feel free to give us any other information you feel would be appropriate for our review.

Please send this information to the Forum Office, attention Dewey Pearman by December 14, 1990. Our intention is to present a final report on our legislative support agenda at the January, 1991 Forum Board meeting.



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TO: Earl Thompson, Adm. Vice Chair Governmental/
Legislative Affairs

Dewey Pearman, Vice President Governmental/
Legislative Affairs

FROM: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development
Commission

DATE: December 13, 1990

SUBJECT: Request for legislative support for 1991

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission would like to submit for the Forum's consideration as a 1990-91 legislative priority a \$3 million biennial budget appropriation request for the continued implementation of the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project. This appropriation is necessary to allow Federal construction to begin in earnest in the spring of 1991 to construct levees, river channel improvements, pumping station upgrading, and bridge replacements. The Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project has enjoyed the support of area elected officials, the congressional delegation, our area state legislators and the Forum for a number of legislative sessions for state appropriations. To date, over \$14 million has been appropriated for the non-federal commitments for the project. In total, the project, when completed, will cost approximately \$92 million, with some 75% funded with Federal dollars. It is critical to continue the state commitment this session in the amount of \$3 million because the long-awaited Federal project is now beginning construction. This federal construction start will necessitate state funding share is assured.

The benefits of this project are truly regional in scope and significant in magnitude. Briefly, some of the project benefits to northwest Indiana are:

FLOOD PROTECTION & PROPERTY VALUE INCREASE

The project will protect to the 200 year level of flood protection 9,500 acres and over 8,930 structures (homes, business, public facilities including Indiana University Northwest and the Purdue Calumet campuses)

Upon project completion and certification, the 8,930 structures will be removed from the floodplain "hazard" area designation resulting in increased property and structure value to the owner and the elimination of the obligation of paying expensive flood insurance premiums.

CONSTRUCTION BENEFITS

The project will provide over a 6-8 year period federal construction contracts totaling over \$70 million. This project will thus provide significant economic benefits to the area during construction. The Development Commission is committed to seeing local contractors and workers participate significantly in these contracts.

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Project will result in the "reclamation" of some 5,000 acres of presently undeveloped and underdeveloped land along the I-80/94 Borman corridor for private development and re-investment in the heart of the area.

Additional taxable developments are envisioned on this newly protected and highly accessible (to the Borman) land.

RECREATION BENEFITS

The project will result in a 2,900 acre linear park corridor to be developed along the river to reclaim the function, recreational use and beauty of the system.

Over \$5. million is planned for active and passive recreational features including trails, picnic areas, play fields, canoe launch area, nature study areas, field research areas in conjunction with the universities, and

NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND BEAUTIFICATION BENEFITS

The project will additionally protect some 950 acres of wetlands and natural areas for flood retention and environmental enhancements - in many instances, reclaiming damaged areas.

The project will contribute significantly to the beautification efforts for the I-80/94 Borman corridor beautification.

These are but a brief summary of the project's benefits. As dramatically shown by the tragic flooding suffered in Highland and Gary this past few weeks - all areas along the river live in severe risk to health, safety and significant property damage. The time for the project has at long last come. We request you back the necessary state commitment needed to see it through implementation.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. To supplement this letter, I have included our presentation packet given to the State Budget Committee on October 18, 1990. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dan Gardner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main body of the letter.

/sjm
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

11 DEC 1990

Life Cycle Project Management

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Personnel from our Environmental Engineering group recently visited six sites within the Little Calumet River Flood Protection and Recreation Project area which were previously thought to be potential locations of hazardous substances regulated under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 USC 960-9675. The sites visited are listed below:

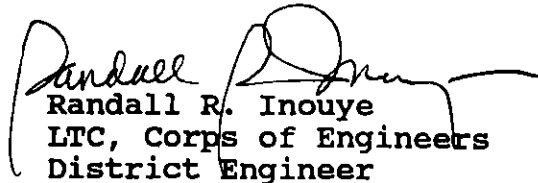
1. Recreation Area 4, 33rd and Chase Street, Gary, IN 46404.
2. Black Oak Landfill, 35th Avenue and Burr Street, Gary, IN 46408.
3. Recreation Area 2, north end of Lioble Road and the River in Highland, IN (formerly the Highland Landfill).
4. 29th Street between Grant and Harrison Streets across from Gleason Park, between the Borman Expressway and the Little Calumet River, Gary, IN 46405.
5. Gleason Park area between the east-west park access road and the Borman Expressway, Gary, IN 46405.
6. Recreation Area 5, between the Borman Expressway, Georgia Street, and Martin Luther King Drive, Gary, IN 46405.

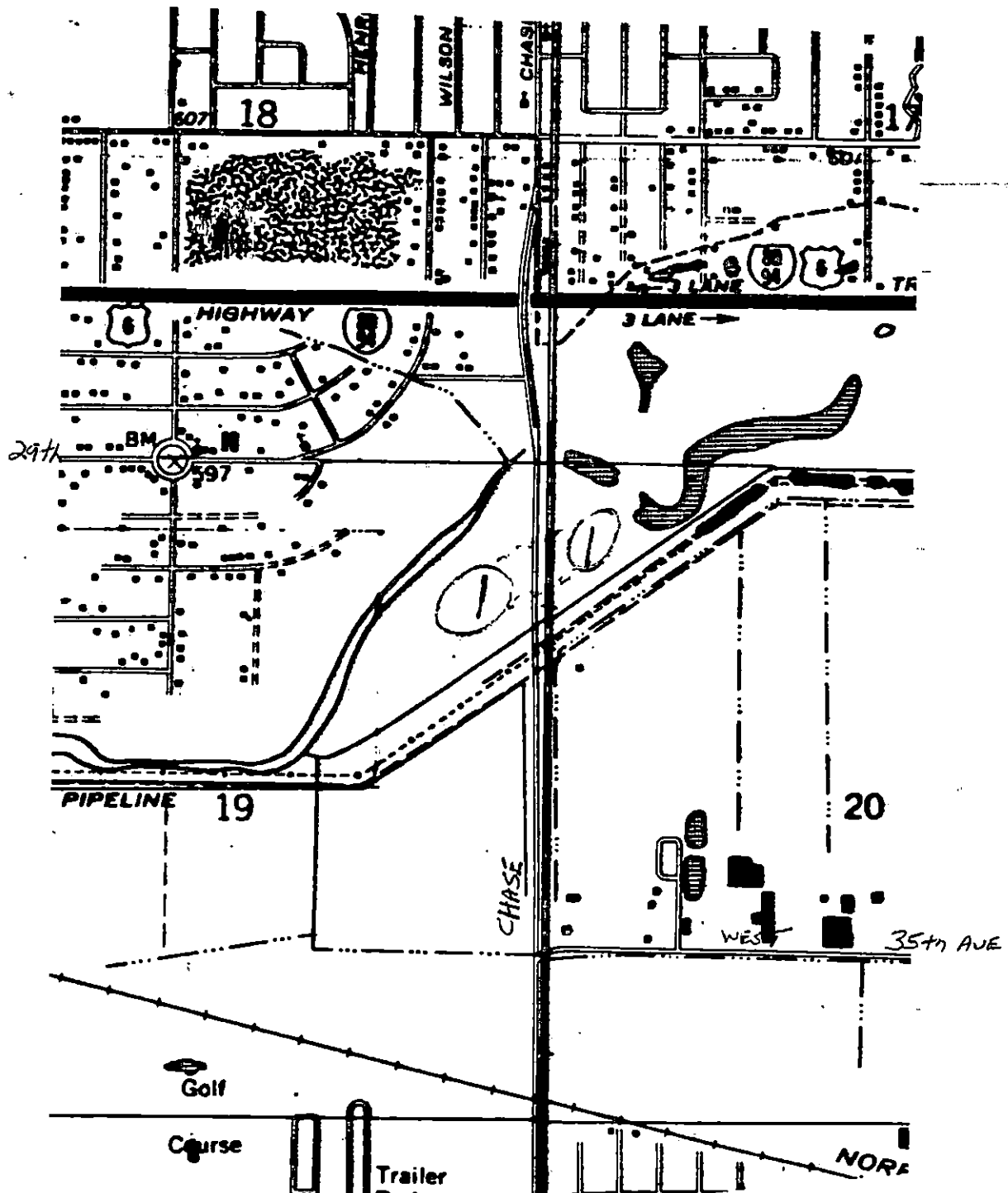
The sites listed as 1, 2, and 3 above have been identified as potential locations of hazardous substances. It is requested that the Commission effect environmental investigations on these sites in accordance with Article X, paragraph a. of the Local Cooperation Agreement dated August 16, 1990.

While the sites listed as 4, 5, and 6 above do not exhibit the potential of containing hazardous substances at this time they do have characteristics of debris dumping. Site 4 contains debris probably as a result of repeated small illegal dumpings. Soil borings on Site 5 revealed garbage at a depth of approximately 15 feet. This site has been identified by Gary officials as the location of a former landfill. Site 5 is a level graded grassed park and no clearing operations or material removal is anticipated as part of the project. Site 6 did not appear to contain any trash or debris; however, it may have been subject to dumping as was site 4.

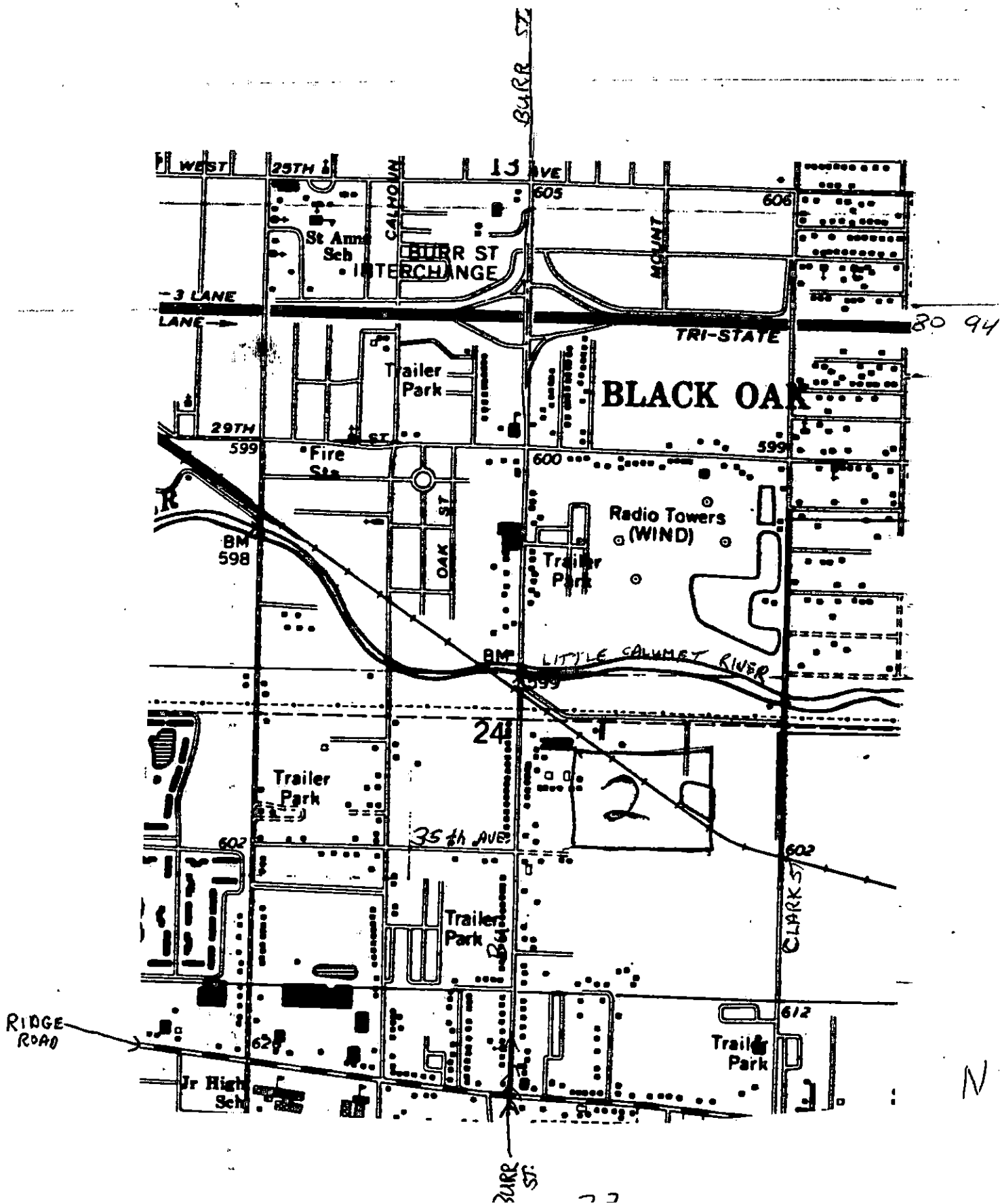
Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Beldon McPheron, Project Manager, at (312) 353-8809.

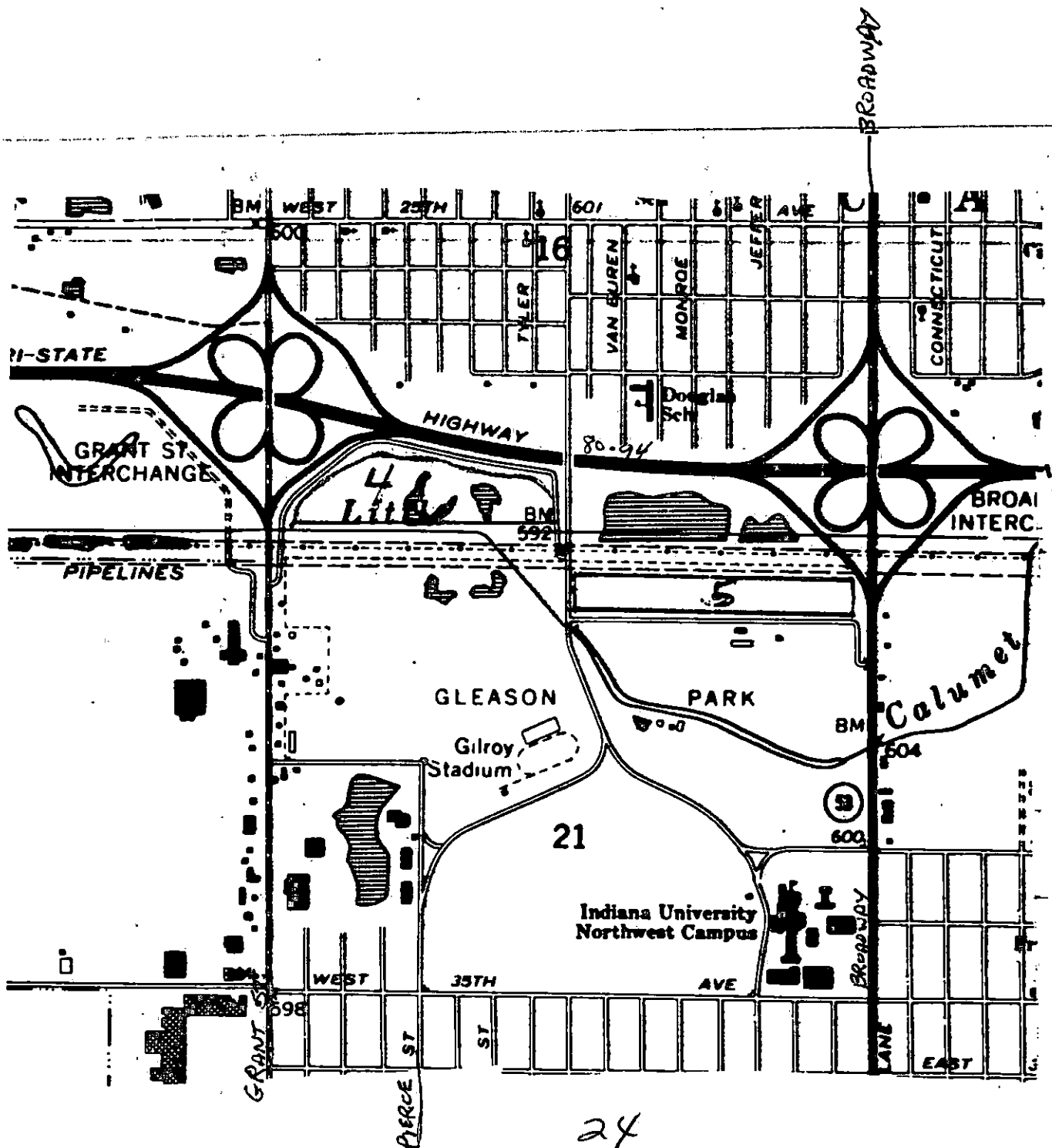
Sincerely,


Randall R. Inouye
LTC, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

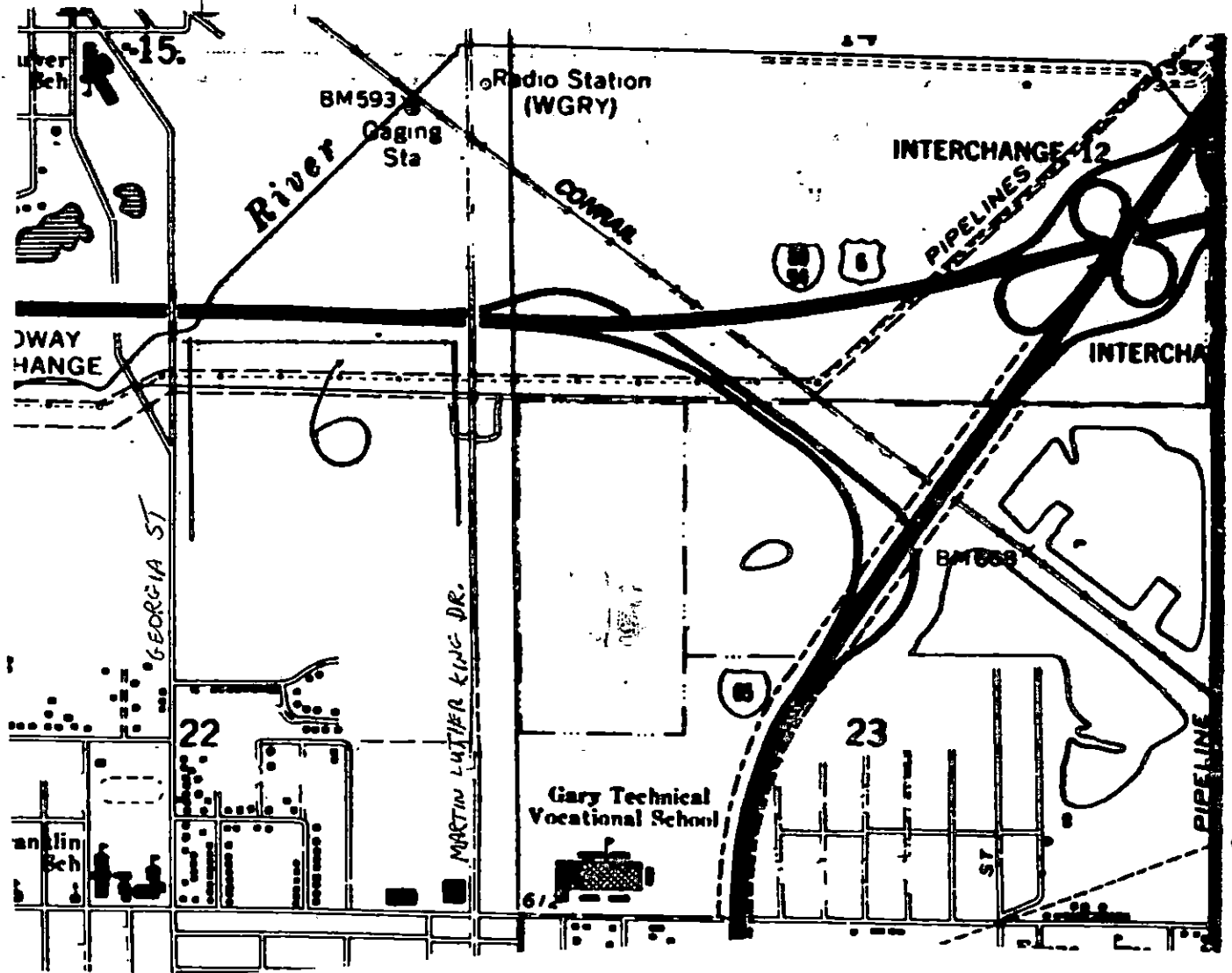


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The transfer of the sand to the Loyola University lakefill project was stopped in the summer of 1989. We have since made every effort to find a way to get the sand to the beaches. Charlotte, we need your help and the help of others in Northwest Indiana who would like to achieve what seems to be a good resolution of three separate problems - surplus sand at the harbor site and the marina development site, and eroded beaches. Please recognize that I remain committed to achieving this. But

As I think you know, my staff, the Indiana Port Commission and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission have been working for over a year to try to find a way to get the sand from the harbor and the marina site to the beach at Ogden Dunes and other sites where there is beach erosion. This is a task that requires a great deal of cooperation. No one can do it alone. We have sought the assistance of the Indiana National Guard, the Marine Corps Reserves and the Army Corps of Engineers, among others. Various roadblocks have thus far prevented a resolution. It is simply a bigger and more difficult task than I suspect anyone involved recognized at the beginning.

Thank you for your letter concerning the ongoing problems with shoreline erosion and the need to remove sand from Burns International Harbor and the Burns Ditch marina site.

Dear Charlotte:

Ms. Charlotte J. Read
Executive Director
Save the Dunes Council
444 Barker Road
Michigan City, Indiana 46360

December 13, 1990

EVAN BAYH
GOVERNOR

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204 - 2797

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without a concerted and creative effort by everyone, including the Save the Dunes Council, it cannot happen.

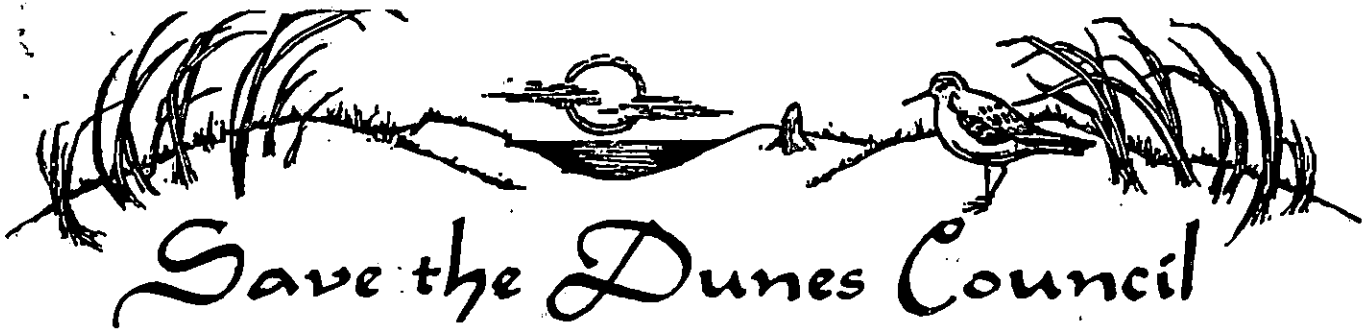
Sincerely,

Evan Bayh

EB/tlb

cc: Mr. Frank Martin, Executive Director
Indiana Port Commission

✓ Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission



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December 26, 1990

The Honorable Evan Bayh
Governor of Indiana
Office of the Governor
State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

Dear Governor Bayh:

Thank you for your prompt response to the letter expressing the concerns of the Save the Dunes Council that the publicly owned sand at the Port of Indiana and the marina site for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission was being sought by private interests instead of being earmarked for shoreline protection.

We are pleased to hear that you remain committed to achieving the goal of keeping and using these publicly owned sources of sand for combatting shoreline erosion.

We understand that discussions are taking place with representatives of your office, DNR, the Indiana Port Commission, the Basin Commission, and Congressman Visclosky to accomplish sand removal at least at the marina site by using the equipment to be mobilized by the Corps of Engineers when they dredge the Portage/Burns Waterway from U.S. 12 north to Lake Michigan in 1991.

We expect that funding to implement such a plan must be secured. The Save the Dunes Council would like to be involved in these discussions. We would like to assist in finding solutions. And we are willing to lobby for funding from federal, state, and local sources. Please keep us informed.

Sincerely,

Charlotte J. Read
Executive Director

cc: Bart Peterson
Frank Martin, Indiana
Port Commission
Dan Gardner, Little
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11 DEC 1990

Mr. Gary Gibson
State of Indiana
Minority Business Development
Department of Administration
Room 508
State Office Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Pursuant to your recent conversation with Mr. Beldon McPheron, I am enclosing information to provide an overview of the Little Calumet River Indiana Flood Control and Recreation Project. I am also enclosing a copy of the planned construction schedule with accompanying project area map.

We look forward to working with your office to provide opportunities for minority business participation in the project. Should you need additional information, you may contact Mr. McPheron at (312) 353-8809.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson

Richard E. Carlson
Deputy District Engineer (PM)

Enclosures

CF:

Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
Mr. Dan Gardner

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