MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1994 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, IN

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairperson George Carlson
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of April 7, 1994 +4
4. Executive Director’s Report
   - Wicker Park Manor Construction Update Report
     - Letter to Corps requesting 2nd phase contract for Wicker Park Manor
   - Minority Contracting Commitment
     - Corps letter to Ray Young re: design information for 8(a) contracts
     - Letter to Corps re: 8(a) businesses
     - Receipt of Corps letter transmitting the Plan for Minority Participation and Participation in the Small Business Administration 8(a) Contracting and Business Development Program
5. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman
   - Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   - Response letter to Corps re: acquisition of recreation lands on Gary Park property
   - Corps Real Estate meeting held 4/29/94
   - Other issues

B. Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Robert Huffman, Chairman
   - Federal project construction status report
   - Federal Flood Control Project issues update
   - Utility meeting held on April 8, 1994
   - Other issues

C. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
   - Marina development update
   - Other issues

D. Finance/Policy Committee - John DeMeo, Treasurer
   - Financial status report
   - Approval of claims for March, 1994
   - Other issues

6. Other Business

7. Statements to the Board from the floor

8. Set date for next meeting; adjournment
Mr. Gardner again reported that there was a verbal commitment by the Corps, and he had received a letter from the congressman regarding Mr. Young's congressional efforts. The Corps has not made a formal request for assistance, and there has been no formal request for assistance from the state. Mr. Young's letter emphasized the importance of the Corps providing assistance, and he noted that the Corps has stated they would do what they can.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner reported that the levee is in place.

The minutes of the March 3, 1994 meeting were approved by Robert Hiltzmann, motion passed unanimously.

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Anne Cota
Robert Itero
Steve Dake
Charles Agnew
George Carston

Development Commissioners:

Guests were recognized.
Seven (7) commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and chairman George Carston called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Porvoo, Indiana
6100 Southport Road
At the Commission Office
Held at 6:30 P.M., Thrusday, April 7, 1994

Minutes of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
Mr. Gardner referred to the federal FY95 federal budget for Indiana Corps projects. Out of the six projects to receive federal money in Indiana, the largest item is the $11.3 million total for the Little Calumet River project. $3.3 is new money; the rest being a carryover from the $16 million appropriated in FY93.

Mr. Gardner emphasized how important it was that this upcoming state legislative session is critical in the budget process to receive state money. He displayed a chart which showed the various remaining phases of construction to be started within that two year period. One concern that needs to be addressed is the $4 million of Build Indiana Funds that was never released to the Commission. Mr. Gardner will be contacting the State Budget Agency to be placed on their next agenda so we can gain access to the remaining $2 million from the General funds previously appropriated. A meeting with the State Budget staff and area legislators will be organized to emphasize the current situation.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion authorizing staff to increase the offered price from $3,300 to $4,500 on DC192, 195, 196 to avoid condemnation; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to allow Ed & Tim Bult, current lessees on farm property, to sub-lease a portion of the leased land to the N.W. IN Foodbank; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously. The Bults will maintain control over the pump and the Foodbank will provide insurance on that portion they will lease.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to approve Mike Bush of Chase Street Produce to rent the store that Gary Meat Market just vacated for one half year, from 5/1/94 to 2/28/95, for $575/mo and then have the option to pick up the rest of the 4 year lease at a later date; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter from Mayor Duane Dedelow from Hammond transmitting the Phase One Design Development Report of the Hammond Oxbow Park area. The Mayor is requesting the Commission's participation in the recreational development of this parcel. Staff will forward the letter and report to the Corps to see how they can work the plan into their overall Corps recreational features. A copy of this report is available if anyone is interested.

Mr. Gardner reported that a monthly Corps real estate meeting was held March 30.
Project Engineering Committee - Mr. Huffman reported that construction at Wicker Park Manor in Highland is ongoing.

Mr. Huffman referred to the letter from the town of Griffith approving the construction of a levee along the south line of the NIPSCO right-of-way from Cline Avenue on the west to Colfax Ave. on the east. He explained why the levee was needed for complete flood protection and showed on a map the affected area. Mr. Huffman made a motion supporting the construction of a levee in this area; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave the marina report. He referred to the NIPSCO lease agreement just received from NIPSCO. We had engaged Milo Vale to update his previous appraisal of the surplus lots lying outside of NIPSCO right-of-way. His revised value of $8,400 is satisfactory to us and to the city of Portage. The new draft lease agreement will be reviewed by us and the city. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve and sign the lease agreement if the document is satisfactory and acceptable by the attorney, staff, the city of Portage and Mr. Tanke himself and needs only minor clarifications/changes; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Lou stated that the lease is based on 25 years; $6,300 is the yearly base rent; one time purchase price of lots is $8,400; and there would be no vacation of streets or alleys. If changes need to be made, it would be ratified at the next meeting. The lease agreement would also have to be approved by the Portage Board of Public Works at their next meeting.

Jeff Bartoszek from Abonmarche gave a report on the sand status. We probably will not be able to get a real accurate accounting of the sand removal until all the sand is removed and an elevation contour map is developed.

There was discussion of the landscape plan presented by Abonmarche. Mr. Tanke questioned the plan presented. He made a motion to approve the concept of a landscaping plan (not necessarily the one presented - it needs revision); motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tanke reminded Abonmarche that the city had stated they would complete the fencing on the site.

Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve additional engineering services for Abonmarche for a total not to exceed $10,117 (1/2 of total amount of $20,234; the other half to be picked up by the city) for the completion of final engineering sheet piling plans and bid plans, sandmining contract construction administration, and the preparation of overall project development schedule/cost estimates; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Zak from South Shore Marina informed the Commission that the handrails on the breakwaters were in place.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer John DeMeo's absence, Mr. Gardner presented the financial status report for February as well as the claims for approval. Mr. Trelo made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - There was none.

Statements from the floor - Emerson Delaney requested a copy of the Oxbow report.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 1994. Please note that this is not the regular meeting date of the first Thursday of each month.

/sjm
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7208

Programs & Project Management Division
Project Management Branch

Mr. Michael Neyer
Assistant Director
Division of Water
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington Street, Room W264
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2748

Dear Mr. Neyer:

We are submitting hydraulic information on the Little Calumet River, Indiana Local Flood Control and Recreation Project. This information incorporates the latest hydraulic analysis we have completed to date and is submitted in order that you may initiate your review for the construction permit request for the remaining features in the East Reach of the Project, to be filed by separate action by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. These project features are listed on enclosure 1 with their associated construction schedules.

Enclosed for your review are the following:

a. Enclosure 1 - East Reach Project features and construction schedule.

b. Enclosure 2 - Appendix A, Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis, of Feature Design Memorandum (FDM) No. 5. While this FDM pertains to the West Reach features, the appendix describes the unsteady state modeling that was performed for the entire project. A draft of this appendix was previously submitted to the Division of Water.

c. Enclosure 3 - Hydraulic analysis of the East Reach which describes the without project conditions compared to the with-East Reach project conditions.

d. Enclosure 4 - Feature Design Memorandum No. 2 which contains the East Reach project feature site maps, and typical levee cross sections. The reaches for which a Construction Permit has previously been issued are highlighted on the site maps.

As shown in table 1 of enclosure 3, the construction of the remaining East Reach features will cause an increase in the regulatory flood stage within the project area as well as downstream (east) of the project area from the Conrail Railroad
through Burns Ditch. We understand that this increase exceeds the 0.1 foot increase in stage that is allowable under present Indiana Department of Natural Resources regulations and will require mitigation. A flowage easement will be obtained for all of the flood plain within the project area in the East Reach that will be inundated by the increased 100-year flood stages.

We will also mitigate for the increased stages downstream of the Project, east of the Conrail Railroad through Burns Ditch. In order to conform to your regulations, we are investigating three flood mitigation alternatives for this area - acquiring a flowage easement, installing control gates at the Conrail Railroad to regulate the downstream flows with improvements to the conveyance channel through Burns Ditch, and constructing levees to protect residential development and Interstate 65/80 with a flowage easement for the unprotected areas. After we complete the investigation, we will coordinate with you on the selection of the mitigation alternative that best addresses the impacted area east of the Project.

The mitigation plans being investigated will also address the increase in flood stages east of the project that result from the construction of the West Reach Project features. The stage increases are displayed in table 2 of enclosure 3. A Construction Permit will be requested for the West Reach at a latter date and will include the selected mitigation plan.

We request that your engineering review proceed in order that the Commission receives the Construction Permit in time for the Indiana Department of Transportation to award their contract to replace the Georgia Street and I-80/94 culverts August 15, 1994 and for us to award our Stage II-3B levee contract also in August 1994.

We recommend that a meeting be held soon with the staff of the Division of Water, the Commission and ourselves to discuss this information we have enclosed. Mr. David Hunter, Project Manager, is available at (312) 353-8809 to coordinate the meeting and address any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson
Deputy District Engineer
for Project Management

Enclosures
LTC. David M. Reed
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Col. Reed:

We are pleased that the Wicker Park Manor flood control levee construction is underway and that it will be completed to provide assured structural protection before the end of this calendar year for the residents in the Highland subdivision.

As this project proceeds, we are requesting the Corps of Engineers begin immediately to commit to the second phase of the project that will leave a finished condition to the structural protection that will be useful to the homeowners and serve as a model for the west reach levee construction to follow. For this levee segment to do this, three remaining aspects must be committed to and implemented. These three are: (1) the removal of the remaining excess spoilbank on the property owners’ side once the structural levee is completed, (2) the creation and implementation of a grading and landscaping plan with and acceptable to the residents affected, and (3) the development and construction of interior drainage means that would convey standing water in the backyards away from the affected properties.
The Development Commission feels strongly that these three project aspects need to be supported and implemented to produce a fully acceptable finished condition to the flood protection. This approach outlined above is requested by the owners, supported by the town of Highland, and recommended by the Commission.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Richard Carlson, U.S.C.O.E.
    David Hunter, U.S.C.O.E.
    Joe Jacobazzi, U.S.C.O.E.
    Paul Benkowski, U.S.C.O.E.
    George Georgeff, President, Highland Town Council
    Dominic Noce, Highland Town Council
    John Bach, Public Works Director, Highland
8 APR 1994

Mr. Ray Young
Contracting and Community Services Institute
1103 Utah Avenue
Gary, Indiana 46403

Dear Mr. Young:

Enclosed are the design information for two segments of the Little Calumet River, Indiana Local Flood Control and Recreation Project we have designated for the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Program, which you requested from Mr. David Hunter. Enclosure 1 contains design information on the Stage II-3C contract, for which Webb Construction has been offered by the SBA as the 8(a) contractor. Stage II-3C consists of the construction of a levee between Grant and Harrison Streets in Gary. Although not shown, a floodwall will be constructed immediately east of Grant Street for approximately 300 feet instead of a levee. The closure structure at Harrison Street may be replaced by raising the road over the levee. We expect to complete the plans and specifications in June and they will be transmitted to Webb Construction by the SBA at that time. However, this information may be given to Webb Construction for their use in gaining an understanding of the work to be performed.

Enclosure 2 contains the preliminary plans for the construction of a gatewell and pumping station at the Gary Sanitary District’s 84-inch sewer outlet at the Conrail Railroad near Martin Luther King Drive. This is a part of the Stage II-4 work which we have set-aside for the 8(a) Program. We request that these plans be forwarded to Agee Construction for their review these plans and indicate to us their desire and capability to undertake this construction.

We appreciate the work you are doing in coordinating minority contractors participation for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hunter at (312) 353-8809.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson
Deputy District Engineer
for Project Management

Enclosures
April 28, 1994

Mr. Dave Hunter
Engineering Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Re: Small Business Administration 8(a) Certified Area Businesses

Dear Dave:

I am writing you regarding an update to the meeting held in Congressman Visclosky’s Office regarding the Corps of Engineers commitment to minority participation in the construction of the Little Calumet River Flood Control Recreation Project. The Development Commission wishes to again express its appreciation for the commitments Col. Reed and the Corps of Engineers have made toward the request for area minority participation in the construction.

One item has come to my attention and I am forwarding it to you for your consideration as you continue to identify contractors eligible for the 8(a) program. A Small Business Administration memo dated June 1993 indicates that Bemi Construction, Inc. of Gary, Indiana is certified in the program and able to perform some of the project construction items. The Development Commission asks that the Corps consider Bemi as you look toward future demolition work and the recreation construction contracts in the Gleason Park area in Gary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Congressman Visclosky’s Office
Ray Young, Contracting & Community Services
Arlene Colvin, City of Gary
April 28, 1994

LTC David M. Reed
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Re: Acquisition of Recreation Lands on Gary Park Property

Dear Col. Reed:

I am writing you regarding an issue identified by Paul Benkowski, Chief of your Real Estate Division, regarding a Corps policy requirement for fee ownership of lands needed for recreation features in the Gary stretch of the project. The vast majority of these lands are held by the Gary Park Department. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is requesting Corps review and relief from this policy as we do not feel it is in keeping with previous requirements for obtaining minimum interest required to accomplish the particular project purpose; and in this instance, we believe will be strongly resisted by the Gary Park Department.

It has been the position of the Gary Park Board, previously and presently, that they would continue to own all of the park property and only grant easements for various project purposes. This is the case for the construction of the flood control levee and the easements that have been dedicated to the Commission to accomplish this purpose. It is our feeling that the recreation features are, if anything, less substantial and impacting than the permanent flood control levee and should require no greater legal interest. These previous negotiations have been conducted in good faith and we feel a requirement for Commission ownership would seriously jeopardize the relationship we have established with the Park Board. Our attorney has stated that the Commission through a permanent easement can grant to the Corps of Engineers as strong a permanent legal interest to meet your requirements for the construction of the recreational facilities as outright ownership.
Col. David M. Reed  
April 28, 1994  
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In light of these issues, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission respectfully requests that the Corps of Engineers reconsider and grant relief of this just recently communicated policy requirement that we feel would cause strong opposition by the Gary Park Department, delay in negotiating quick availability of the property for construction letting and undermine previous statements attempting to establish a close working relationship with the local government entities.

We ask for your understanding and assistance in this matter and will work with you to provide the Corps the necessary interest to allow construction at the earliest date possible.

I look forward to discussing this issue with you in greater detail. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
     Dave Hunter, U.S.C.O.E.  
     Lou Casale, LCRBDC Attorney
April 21, 1994

LTC David M. Reed  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
111 N. Canal Street  
Chicago, Illinois  60606-7206

Dear Col. Reed:

I am writing you regarding some changes in the Corps of Engineers flood control levee alignment in the Griffith-Highland area based upon recent requests by the town of Highland and the town of Griffith leading to a Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission board action at its Thursday, April 7th meeting. At the April 7th meeting, the Development commission board voted unanimously to accept and support the concept of a structural line of levee protection to be established in Griffith along the north line of River Drive from Cline Avenue on the west to Colfax Street on the east, as requested by the Griffith Town Council in their letter of March 17, 1994. A copy of this request letter is included.

The Development Commission supports the request from the town of Highland to change the levee alignment in Highland to tie into the River Drive connection with Griffith on the east and to utilize the area along Liable Road to connect the east-west extension north to the Highland line of protection. Included as documentation is the December 15, 1993 by John Bach, the Director of Public Works for the town of Highland.

Additionally, the Development Commission also supports and has communicated to the Indiana Department of Transportation the raising of Cline Avenue as it crosses the river and the project area to at least the 100 year flood elevation to be consistent with the line of protection on either side of the road. A copy of this letter is also included for your information. A map showing the recommended Highland and Griffith levee realignment is attached for your information.
These three recommendations, we believe, will yield a more desirable final condition that will provide maximum structural protection, provide additional areas for compensatory storage of flood waters, avoid intrusion onto the old Highland landfill site, and maximize use of the Cline Avenue highway facility. We also believe these changes can be accomplished at an acceptable cost.

The Development Commission firmly believes these requests will make for a better long term project condition and so recommends them for your technical analysis leading to positive acceptance into the federal project plan.

If there is need for further discussion of these issues, please feel free to call me. As always, we look forward to working with the Corps to reflect what we feel are local desires that will improve the final project to be constructed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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cc: Richard Carlson, U.S.C.O.E.
    David Hunter, U.S.C.O.E.
    Joe Jacobazzi, U.S.C.O.E.
    Paul Benkowski, U.S.C.O.E.
    Merle Colby, Griffith Town Council
    Dominic Noce, Highland Town Council
    John Bach, Public Works Director, Highland
    Phelps Klika, Design Div., INDOT
    Frank DeRisi, LaPorte District Engineer, INDOT
Little Cal panel agrees to extend planned levy

■ The $11.3 million flood control project will be extended to Griffith.

BY RICK MARKLEY
Times Correspondent

PORTAGE — The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission accepted a request by the town of Griffith on Thursday to extend the proposed levy along the river.

The commission recently approved a similar request by the town of Highland. Both requests still need to be approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, which is overseeing the river's flood control project.

Griffith asked that the proposed Highland levy be extended into Griffith, from Cline Avenue to Colfax Avenue south of the Borman Expressway.

"The (levy request) is intuitively attractive," said Robert Huffman, chairman of the commission's project engineering-construction committee. "It is making more sense the way it is being re-engineered."

By accommodating Griffith's request, the area is probably gaining, and certainly not losing, floodwater storage area, he said.

The $11.3 million flood control project extends from the Illinois state line to Gary's Martin Luther King Drive just west of Interstate 65 on both the north and south sides of the Little Calumet River. Work in the Griffith-Highland area is scheduled to begin in 1996.

The commission was also given an update on the construction of a levy at Highland's Wicker Park Manor. Commission Executive Director Dan Gardner said the early phases of the project have begun.

Half of the levy should be completed within three months, he said. The entire levy should be finished by the end of the year.

Gardner said two letters explaining the work and the construction timetable have been sent to the 21 residents whose properties abut the project. The commission and the corps plan to continue communicating with residents to address their concerns, he said.

Wicker Park Manor residents have told Gardner they are concerned whether the old levy will be removed, whether the area will be landscaped and if there will be any steps taken to prevent backyard flooding. He said all of these items are part of the project, which will affect that area in 1995.
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1994 - MARCH 31, 1994

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1994
CHECKING ACCOUNT
  LAND ACQUISITION  76,807.73
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DISBURSEMENTS - MARCH 1, 1994 - MARCH 31, 1994
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  NIRPC  13,291.38
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    LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES  14,021.75
    LEGAL SERVICES  5,560.38
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    LAND CAP IMPROVEMENT  39,965.00
    PROPERTY & STRUCTURE  22,526.35
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CASH POSITION - MARCH 31, 1994
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ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST  40,311.08

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NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Phone: 219/763-6060
Fax: 219/762-1653

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

To: ____________________________

Contract Code: PARTP214

For: SERVICES PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1994

Internal Code: 214

Date: APRIL 20, 1994

Invoice No: 3/3

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May 4, 1994

Mr. Dave Hunter  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
111 N. Canal Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Dave:

I am writing you regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proceeding with work to produce the required post project data and certifications necessary for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the Wicker Park Manor area of Highland. It is my understanding that this can be done once the project for a hydrologic segment is 100% funded and 50% construction complete. This will be the case shortly for Wicker Park Manor and it is the desire of the Town of Highland to have the map changed as soon as is possible.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission requests the Chicago District Corps of Engineers proceed with the technical documentation so the formal map amendment request can be made by the appropriate local interest and supported by Corps analysis.

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

cc: Jim Hebenstreit, DNR  
Dominic Noce, Highland Town Council  
John Bach, Public Works, Town of Highland
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
111 NORTH CANAL STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605-7208

11 MAY 1994

Programs & Project  
Management Division  
Project Management Branch

Mr. Dan Gardner  
Executive Director  
Little Calumet River Basin  
Development Commission  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

We have reviewed the Phase One Design Development Report on  
the Hammond Oxbow and are providing comments on the statements  
concerning the participation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
on the development of this park. The report states that the  
Corps has made a preliminary commitment to participate in the  
development of the trail system throughout the park and lists  
features to be cost shared by the Corps.

As Mr. David Hunter stated in the discussions with McCory and  
Associates, the existing recreation plan for the Little Calumet  
River, Indiana Local Flood Control and Recreation Project does  
not have a trail along the north bank of the river along this  
reach. However, if we are able to economically justify access  
facilities to connect to our trail system at Kennedy Avenue, we  
could possibly participate.

Current policy allows the Corps to participate in recreation  
"stand-alone" facility development for non-lake Corps projects  
to provide access to and along the project features for access,  
health and safety. The development of these facilities should  
not involve extensive structural modifications of the terrain and  
may include rest areas and picnic facilities. However, any  
recreation facility developed by the Corps solely for recreation  
can only be on lands owned in fee title by the Little Calumet  
River Basin Development Commission as the local sponsor for the  
flood control project.

We are therefore able to continue discussions on the Corps'  
participation; but we need to proceed under the above  
constraints. Mr. Hunter is available to meet with you on this  
matter.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson  
Deputy District Engineer
April 11, 1994

Mr. Tom Largura
Superior Construction Co.
2045 E. Dunes Highway
P.O. Box M-888
Gary, IN 46401

Re: Portage Municipal Marina
Project No. 93-294

Dear Mr. Largura:

The purpose of this letter is to request information regarding the sand mining operations at the proposed Portage Municipal Marina.

Additional Work Items

Please provide an updated cost proposal for the following items:

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Progress Schedule

Please provide a project schedule for completion of the excavation contract.

Excavation Priority

Due to the unprotected state of the slope along US-12, the remaining excavation and related grading along US 12 should be completed as a priority. Once this is completed, the culvert pipe and headwall, R.O.W. fencing, and soil stabilization may be accomplished.
Mr. Tom Largura
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April 11, 1994

Since the project appears now to be proceeding, we are requesting that this information be submitted to our office at your earliest convenience, so we may then develop an overall project schedule.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC.

Jeffrey A. Bartoszek, P.E.
Director of Engineering

JAB/jeg

cc: Ronald E. Schults, Abonmarche Consultants, Inc.
John Hannon, City of Portage
Daniel Gardner, LCRBDC
**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 11, 1994

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director, LCRBDC
    John Hannon, P.E., City of Portage

FROM: Ronald E. Schults, P.E., President

RE: City of Portage Municipal Marina: Project Status

1. **NIPSCO Approvals**
   
The City and LCRBDC are in the process of completing the NIPSCO lease agreements. Completion is anticipated in 30-45 days.

2. **USCOE Permit Status**
   
   In the last several weeks, we have forwarded the following information to the USCOE:
   
   - INDOT letter for natural area within INDOT right-of-way
   - Detailed landscaping plans
   
   The final form of Conservation Easement needs to be adopted by both LCRBDC and the City of Portage before submittal to the USCOE.

3. **Sand Mining - Superior Construction**
   
   Superior Construction states that they are presently waiting to build a new haul road. Construction of the haul road is contingent upon signing the final NIPSCO lease/easement document between NIPSCO/City/LCRBDC.
   
   Superior has removed a considerable amount of sand over the past months, however, they are significantly behind any schedule they had hoped to achieve.
   
   Per site review on May 10th, we have notified Superior to place additional snow fencing to limit blowing sand on the site.
4. **Sheetpiling Design**

   - Preliminary final plans were submitted to LCRBDC and the City last week. Final plans will be available for Advertisement for Bids on May 23rd. Bids will be received on June 27th to be opened at the City of Portage offices.

   - Bid package will include the following:
     - Base bid  
       Phase I Marina Sheetpiling
     - Alternative No. 1  
       Complete all sheet piling
     - Alternative No. 2  
       Install sheetpiling landscape retaining walls
     - Alternative No. 3  
       Install timber landscape retaining walls.
# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

## Monthly Budget Report

**April 30, 1994**

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Chairman: George Carlson  
Location: Portage