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Executive Director

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Attorney

MEETING NOTICE

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN**

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman Robert F. Trelo
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 1998
5. Chairman's Report
 - Appointment of Nominating Committee
6. Executive Director's Report
 - Mitigation Plan status
 - COE letter of transmittal
 - Presentation to IN Assoc. for Floodplain & Stormwater Management on 10/29
 - Presentation/action on land management concept

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7. Standing Committees

A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Chuck Agnew, Chairman

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- COE Real Estate meeting held on 10/23/98
- Report on tour of project area on October 17th
- Other issues

— condemnations:
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B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman

- Recommended actions
- Other issues

C. Legislative Committee – Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

- Request for Budget Committee approval of \$2 million allocation of '97 budget monies
-Letter to Peggy Boehm documenting need for the \$2 million
- Scheduling of State legislators' briefing
- Other issues

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D. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Status Report

E. Finance/Policy Committee – George Carlson, Chairman

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for October 1998
- \$39,000 withdrawal by COE from miscellaneous escrow funds
- Interest earned from COE escrow account
- Finance committee meeting held 11/3/98
- Other issues

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F. Recreational Development Committee – Emerson Delaney, Chairman

- Newspaper article on George W. Carlson Oxbow Park dedication
- Gleason Park recreation facilities dedication held 10/27
- Joint venture with Lake County Parks Dept. on preliminary discussion regarding volunteer river cleanup
- Other issues

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G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman

- Issues

8. Other Business

9. Statements to the Board from the Floor

10. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1998
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
HIGHLAND, INDIANA**

Chairman Robert Trelo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Robert Trelo
Emerson Delaney
William Tanke
Charles Agnew
Robert Huffman
John DeMeo
Steve Davis

Visitors:

Pete Zak – South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - “ “
Jim Flora – R.W.Armstrong Co.
Jomary Crary – IDNR, Div. Water
Dale Gick – IDNR, Div. Water
Spencer Cortwright – I.U. Northwest
Rebecca Kuhr – Burns & McDonnell
Laura McGovern-Burns & McDonnell

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos
Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the September 3, 1998 meeting were approved by a motion from William Tanke after a correction was made by Bob Huffman changing the total of \$17,810 to \$17,810,000 under the Marina Committee report on Page 3; motion seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Bob Trelo talked a little on the NAFSMA conference that was recently held and thanked those members who attended.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Gardner referred to the letter in the agenda packet given to the COE office for use in their transmittal of the mitigation plan to IDNR. He stated that he believes we need to meet with DNR and the COE to discuss this issue.

Mr. Gardner referred to several notices from the Lake County Surveyor's Office regarding some public meetings they are sponsoring relative to stormwater drainage concerns. Mr.

Gardner will attend the meetings. The Surveyor's Office is doing a comprehensive stormwater master plan.

Land Acquisition Committee – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew stated there are no condemnations or increased offers to be made this month. Mr. Agnew made a motion granting right-of-entry onto our property near Chase and Grant to a trapper to eliminate the problem of beavers building dams in the ditch; motion was seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued in how the beavers were to be eliminated. Mr. Huffman added that he would like to see it done in a humane way.

Mr. Agnew announced the van tour that is scheduled for Saturday October 17th at 8:30 a.m. We will meet in the Highland municipal parking lot at Highway and Kennedy.

Mr. Agnew introduced Spencer Cortwright from I.U.N. who gave a slide presentation on what he and his students are proposing for the ½ acre levee area on the west side of Broadway leading up to the top of the levee westward to the old greenhouse area. He is proposing a high quality prairie area that would be planted there requiring little or no maintenance. After the presentation, Bob Huffman made a motion in support of the prairie concept in that area; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. Chairman Trelo thanked Mr. Cortwright for his well-presented program.

Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman made a motion to add Congress Enterprises to the Commission's list of qualified contractors; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Huffman then made a motion to add K&S Testing to the Commission's list of qualified environmental firms; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman also reported that a walk-through of completed and ongoing levees to review technical review issues and O&M concerns was held on Sept. 17th. Also discussed was trail alignment and how it crosses the roadways and railroads.

Legislative Committee – In Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Mr. Gardner gave the report. He referred to the newspaper article announcing \$7 million of federal monies approved for the flood control project.

Mr. Gardner also referred to the letter signed by the Governor transmitting our latest state draw to us. This draw consisted of \$1,000,000, which represents a 5% cash contribution for FY1999.

Mr. Agnew made a motion for staff to seek the appropriated \$2 million of 97/98 state funds to be transferred over so we are able to draw on it; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke informed the Board that the October bond payment has been paid. He stated the corner marina sign is under construction and should be going up shortly.

Finance Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the financial status report and claim approval list. He made a motion to accept the financial report and approve claims totaling \$86,890.58; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carlson referred to the COE letter requesting the \$1 million as representing 5% cash contribution of the costs estimated to be incurred through the federal fiscal year of September 1999.

Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Emerson Delaney reported the George W. Carlson Oxbow Park dedication that took place earlier today was a wonderful event. Everyone was very proud of the accomplishment of the park facilities and the honor that was bestowed upon fellow Board member George Carlson was indeed deserving

Mr. Delaney announced that dedication of the Gleason Park recreational facilities is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 27th. All are invited.

Final inspection at Lake Etta is scheduled for October 22nd. A final punch list will be discussed. Mr. Gardner thanked Jim Pokrajac for his hard work coordinating all the details of the recreational features.

Minority Contracting Committee – In Committee Chairman Marion Williams' absence, Mr. Gardner stated that the committee, along with the COE, met on September 15th. He felt it was a very good meeting and thought we really made an impact with the COE. Imad will be getting us some additional information regarding minority participation in the contracts. The COE portrayed to us that the completed levee contracts had a higher minority participation rate than we expected to see.

Other Business – Chairman Bob Trelo thanked staff for organizing and making arrangements for the NAFSMA trip.

Judy Vamos thanked the Board members for their good wishes to her while she was in the hospital. She also informed them of a wetlands banking conference on Sept. 16th that she

attended. In attendance were private organizations, environmental groups, and public officials and COE representatives. Very interesting conference.

Statements from the floor – There were none.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for **6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 1998.**

25 September 1998

Environmental and
Social Analysis Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner,

Enclosed for your review is the Conceptual Mitigation Plan for the Little Calumet River, Indiana, Local Flood Protection and Recreation Project. Included with the plan is a draft letter to Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Mr. Larry Macklin requesting the cooperation of his agency by acting as a default third party recipient of the land deeds for the Hobart Marsh portion of the mitigation.

We appreciate your interest and the past efforts you have made on behalf of this important project. If you need additional information or have questions, please call Greg Moore of my staff at 312/353-6400, ext. 2019.

Sincerely,

Paul Mohrhardt
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosures



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21 September 1998

Environmental and
Social Analysis Branch

Mr. Larry D. Macklin
Director
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Executive Office
402 West Washington Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Macklin,

Enclosed you will find the mitigation plan for the Little Calumet River, Indiana, Local Flood Protection and Recreation Project. This plan grew out of several meetings with your staff, particularly Mr. Bill Maudlin and Mr. Tom Post, in which the role of forested wetlands in Little Calumet watershed ecosystems, as well as the difficulty of accomplishing good mitigation within hydrologically disturbed landscapes, was discussed. We are interested in any comments you may wish to provide on this plan.

This plan recommends providing a substantial portion of the required mitigation outside of project lands in the Hobart area. An important component of the Hobart area portion of this plan is that it will connect three existing, important natural areas, including a 65 acre wet savanna tract owned and managed by the local not-for-profit Shirley Heinze Environmental Fund, Hobart Prairie Grove owned by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and the McCloskey Savanna, which is under the jurisdiction of your Division of Nature Preserves.

The portion of the mitigation which falls within the project limits will be implemented on project lands and will be maintained by the non-Federal sponsor, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. However, the lands proposed for mitigation in the Hobart marsh area fall outside the jurisdiction of the non-Federal Sponsor under the applicable Indiana enabling statutes and outside the authority of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to acquire as part of the project. Therefore, we will be seeking a capable third party or parties to acquire these lands, establish the ecosystem and maintain the established mitigation in exchange for a fee for these services. Because of the vagaries of negotiating for lands and establishing restoration needs our ability to commit to specific time frames for finalizing the entire plan is limited.

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We have had preliminary discussions with Mr. Bill Maudlin and Mr. John Bacone regarding this plan. Our preference is to have the IN-DNR Division of Nature Preserves as the third party, particularly since you are adjacent land owners. However, if you determine that your agency should not serve in that capacity, we would like to know if the IN-DNR would consider acting as the beneficiary of a reversionary clause in the land deeds, as well as of construction and management funding, and thus guarantee the responsibility of the selected mitigation contractor. The reversionary clause would serve to insure that the State of Indiana can protect itself in perpetuity against the failure of this party to maintain the ecosystem which will have been created.

In addition, we hope the IN-DNR will agree to work with the COE to create and serve on a management committee that would make unified management decisions on behalf of the mitigation lands, adjacent IN-DNR lands (McCloskey Savanna) and, if deemed appropriate, any other adjacent natural areas. Parties and lands to be included in such a management consortium would be mutually agreed upon by the COE, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and by the adjacent natural area landowners, including IN-DNR, the Heinze Fund and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Such an area would be treated as a macrosite which would facilitate environmental, economic and other benefits to be derived from such a management strategy.

We expect that the IN-DNR will have detailed questions concerning both the limits and extents of its responsibility, and will also have specific expectations with respect to the qualifications of the third party. Criteria which we believe will significantly increase the ability of the third party to carry out this mitigation plan include:

- natural area management as their principle focus;
- the demonstrated ability to acquire the land in question without condemnation, together with the willingness to do so for this project (**note:** payment for mitigation services will not be made by COE until the third party has first documented its land ownership or option to buy and has contractually agreed to implement the mitigation);
- the demonstrated ability to implement ecological restorations;
- ability to meet performance standards as established by the COE, in consultation with the IN-DNR, the design contractor and with the third party itself;
- ability to manage the land in perpetuity according to the dictates of the COE as advised by the IN-DNR and other adjacent landowners;
- ability to perform ongoing management strategies, including prescribed burning, brush clearing, judicious herbicide use and deer control;

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- ability to hire staff, enter into contracts and to make land management decisions quickly.

If there are additional criteria that you think are important enough to be required of any third party organization before you would agree to accept such a reversionary clause, please add them to this list.

We hope that you will respond soon with any comments. If you are interested, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet in the near future to discuss details. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call Greg Moore of my staff at 312/353-6400, ext. 2019.

Sincerely,

Paul Mohrhardt
Chief, Planning Division

cc:

Mr. John Bacone, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves

Ms. JoMary Crary, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water

Mr. Dan Gardner, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Mr. Bill Maudlin, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Mr. Marty Maupin, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Ms. Liz McCloskey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mr. Ken Smith, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water

Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management Preliminary Conference Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 1998

- 10:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
11:45 a.m. Adjourn Directors Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Conference Registration
- 1:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Welcome and Introduction
Siavash Beik, INAFSM Chair
- 1:15 p.m. Reports from Committees
- 1:30 p.m. Opening of Elections for 1998-99 Officers
- 1:45 p.m. *INAFSM Mission/Goals* - Member Input
- 2:15 p.m. Break (with refreshments)
- 2:30 p.m. *ASFPM Update*
- Larry Larson, Exec. Director
- 3:00 p.m. *The DNR Division of Water Connection*
- Mike Neyer, Director
- 3:30 p.m. Close Elections & Adjourn
Hotel Check-In
- 5:30 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet (Provided)
- 7:30 p.m. *English Golf Course Partnership*
Mark Megenity, Guest Speaker
- 8:30 p.m. Social Gathering (Continued)

Thursday, October 29, 1998

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00 a.m. Plenary Session
DNR Permit Process
- George Bowman

Little Calumet River Project
- Dan Gardner

10:30 - 10:50 a.m. Break

10:50 a.m. Plenary Session

Fort Wayne Floodproofing Project
- Rod Renkenberger
Kim Shieferstein
Project Impact
- Roger Lehman, City of Evansville

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon (Provided)

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 1

- 1A. *U.S. Army Corps Program Opportunities*
- Joe Wannialista
2B. *Mapping & Surveying Reliability*
- Bob Wilkinson

2:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 2

- 2A. *Utica, Indiana - One Year After the Flood*
- Glen Murphy
2B. *Stormwater Permit Project - A Case Study, City of Indianapolis*
- Jon LaTurner, Cole & Assoc.

2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 3

- 3A. *Community Rating System*
- Errol Garren
3B. *Stormwater System Cost as a Function of Design Recurrence Interval* - Dr. Stuart Welsh
- Zuhdi Al Jobeh & David Creege

3:00- 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Plenary Session

LOMA/LOMR Updates
- Jerry Sparks, Dewberry & Davis
FEMA Map Modernization Initiative
- Doug Bellomo, Federal Emergency Management Agency

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Social Gathering

Friday, October 30, 1998

8:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

8:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 4

- 4A. *NFIP Training Workshop*
- IDNR
4B. *DNR Public Assistance Section - Overview*
- TBA

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Concurrent Session 5

- 5A. *NFIP Training (continued)*
5B. *Stormwater Utilities - A Case Study, City of Bloomington*
- Jonathan Heald

10:15 a.m. Concurrent Session 6

- 6A. *NFIP Training (continued)*
6B. *Pogues Run Multipurpose Project*
- Kevin Kirk, City of Indianapolis
- Jon Stolz, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

11:00 a.m. Adjourn

General Information

Registration fee includes breaks, social gatherings, Wednesday night banquet, and Thursday lunch.

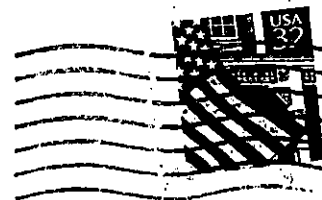
Registration does not include lodging. Participants should make their own reservations before September 15, 1998. Ask for the INAFSM's block of rooms (\$64 + tax/night) at the Turkey Run Inn, (765) 597-2211.



Second Annual
Indiana Association for Floodplain & Stormwater Management
1998 Meeting & Conference

Turkey Run Inn, Turkey Run State Park
Marshall, Indiana
October 28, 29, and 30, 1998

INAFSM
C/O Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 1368-South
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



Jody Melton
c/o Kankakee River Basin Comm.
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Mail Registration Form and Fee to: INAFSM
c/o Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd.
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 1368-South
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: INAFSM

Name _____
Affiliation/Employer _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ Amount Enclosed _____
Telephone _____ Receipt: Yes / No

Registration Fees: On or before October 1, 1998 (check one) Members \$75() Non-members \$95()
After October 1, 1998 (check one) Members \$85() Non-member \$105()
Banquet Guest for Wednesday night: \$15()
Luncheon Guest for Thursday \$15()

*****Direct Questions to: INAFSM Conference Committee (317) 232-4164*****



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October 21, 1998

Ms. Peggy Boehm, Director
State Budget Agency
Statehouse, Room 212
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Boehm:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development is respectfully requesting to be placed on the next scheduled State Budget Committee agenda. The Development Commission requests Budget Committee approval for claim drawdown of \$2,000,000 unallocated appropriations available from the 1997-98 State Biennial Budget. The approval of this \$2,000,000 on a claim drawdown basis is crucial to continuing the ongoing Federal (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) contracts for flood control/recreation construction improvements along the Little Calumet River in Gary. As of October 13, 1998, the Development Commission has only \$498,980 remaining available to meet our ongoing non-federal project obligations to the Federal government. With the General Assembly session approaching quickly, it is necessary to have access to the \$2,000,000 from the 1997/98 budget available for claim drawdown to allow project continuance during the several months the General Assembly is in session.

I have included as documentation of the immediate need to access the 1997-98 \$2,000,000 for claim drawdown:

- (1) News article of final conference committee approvals for Little Calumet River FY99 appropriations of \$7,000,000;
- (2) Letter of request from Chicago District Corps of Engineers for \$1,000,000 as non-federal participation requirements;
- (3) Development Commission real estate cost estimates for the next three calendar year periods based upon project needs.

Ms. Peggy Boehm
October 21, 1998
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In summary, with the Federal construction in its most active period, the need for additional access to remaining State appropriations is critical to the Development Commission meeting its contractual obligations to the U.S. Government. Progress has been significant the last several years, due in great measure to the cooperation of the Indiana General Assembly and Budget Committee in appropriating and allocating in a timely fashion the needed funding. State funding has leveraged over \$17,000,000 in federal flood control and recreation facilities construction in the past four years. With continued Federal and State support, the construction will reach Cline Avenue (the half-way point) by the year 2000. Once this is achieved, the entire city of Gary lands along the river will be fully protected from flooding and the roughly 1,250 residences, businesses and public facilities will be eligible to be removed from floodplain designation – resulting in a significant increase in property values and an elimination of costly flood insurance payments.

We ask your help in continuing this progress by approving the allocation of the \$2,000,000 for claim drawdown. The Development Commission thanks the Budget Committee for its past support and is available to provide additional documentation if needed for this request.

Sincerely,



Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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cc: Senator Bill Alexa
Senator Earline Rogers
Senator Sandy Dempsey
Representative Chet Dobis
Representative Tim Fesko
Representative Jesse Villalpando
Mark Brown, Deputy Budget Director

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\$9.5 million approved for local water projects

■ House, Senate panel OK includes \$7 million for Little Cal flood control.

BY LAURI HARVEY
Times Staff Writer

A U.S. House and Senate Conference Committee has approved \$9.5 million for Northwest Indiana water projects.

The approval Monday came in response to a request from U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind.

"I'm pleased that the conference committee approved these projects for funding," Visclosky said in a prepared statement. "These projects will have a tremendous impact on the economic infrastructure of Northwest Indiana."

Where the money goes

■ \$925,000 for regular operations at the Burns Waterway Harbor.

■ \$700,000 for ongoing construction in the Indiana Shoreline Erosion project.

■ \$7 million for the ongoing Little Calumet River flood control project.

■ \$564,000 for dredging studies, combined disposal facility design and engineering at the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

■ \$100,000 for a feasibility study for restoring wetlands at Wolf and George lakes.

■ \$100,000 to create a watershed management plan for Indiana's Deep River Basin.

Included in the funding is \$925,000 for regular operations at the Burns Waterway Harbor, and \$100,000 for a feasibility study for restoring wetlands at Wolf and George Lakes.

The bulk of the money - \$7 million - will be directed at the Little Calumet River flood control project, which includes 22 miles of levee and flood wall construction, 13 pumping plants, channel and bridge modifications and a flood warning system estimated to prevent \$15.5 million in annual flood damage.

Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said the latest contribution, which brings total federal funding to \$60 million, is an important component in continuing the project.

The \$700,000 to the Indiana Shoreline Erosion project will complete the beach nourishment phase of that project. According to Gary Traynham, assistant superintendent of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, the project brings sand in at the Crescent Dune, which is then carried by Lake Michigan to beaches to the west.

The \$564,000 for the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal will help pay

for an Army Corps of Engineers navigational dredging project designed to remove contaminated sediments from the bottom of the canal, and will include dredging studies, combined disposal facility design and engineering.

The Grand Cal Task Force is concerned with the size and location for the facility designed to hold contaminated sediments dredged from the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal. Executive Director Bowden Quinn says he is pleased money was approved for studies on the project.

"I think it's time they started spending money studying that," Quinn said. "I hope they're flexible, because we have some concerns that it's bigger than it needs to be."



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60608-7208

September 3, 1998

Programs and 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 request that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission provide a local cash contribution of \$1,000,000 for the Little Calumet River Flood Protection and Recreation Project in accordance with Articles II and VI of the Local Cooperation Agreement executed on August 16, 1990. Please deposit the funds into the established escrow account (Number 7500-0244-4747) as specified in Article VI.6.2 of the Local Cooperation Agreement.

The requested contribution represents the commission's obligation to contribution in cash 5 percent of the costs estimated to be incurred (related to structural flood control measures) through the end of the Federal Government's fiscal year ending on September 30, 1999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard E. Carlson".

Richard E. Carlson
Deputy District Engineer (PM)

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PROJECTED LAND ACQUISITION COSTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1999-2000

FISCAL YEARS 1999 and 2000

EAST REACH REMEDIATION:

Lands needed total 425 acres, 37 landowners (easement acquisitions)

Land needed for Construction: 124 acres @ \$805 per acre for easements	= \$ 99,820
Land needed for Flowage: 290 acres @ \$805 per acre for easements	= \$ 233,450
4 Relocations: 2 @ \$50,000 & 2 @ \$20,000 + 4 differential payments @ \$22,5000	= \$ 230,000
Appraisals for 37 landowners at \$2,000 per appraisal	= \$ 74,000
Title insurance for 37 landowners @ \$345 per policy	= \$ 12,764
Surveys for approximately 10 landowners' lots @ \$1,000 per survey	= \$ 10,000
Condemnations (20%) for 7 landowners @ \$3,000 each	= \$ 21,000
TOTAL	= \$ 681,034

ALL REMAINING EAST REACH FLOWAGE:

Lands needed for flowage: 58 lots (landowners) at approximately \$ 600 per lot
Stage II-1) 1 lot, Stage II-2) 1 lot, Stage II-3B) 21 lots, Stage II-3C) 1 lot,
Stage II-4) 17 lots, Stage III) 8 lots, Stage IV-1) 3 lots, Stage IV-2B) 6 lots,

Appraisals for 58 landowners @ \$500 per appraisal	= \$ 29,000
Title insurance for 58 landowners at \$345 per policy	= \$ 20,010
Surveys: only 5 needed @ \$1,000 each	= \$ 5,000
Condemnations (20%) for 6 landowners @ \$3,000 each	= \$ 18,000
TOTAL	= \$ 106,810

BURR STREET BETTERMENT LEVEE:

Lands needed total 70 acres (15 landowners) needed @ \$3,256 an acre

Appraisals for 15 landowners @ \$1,500 each	= \$ 22,500
Title insurance for 15 landowners at \$345 per policy	= \$ 5,175
2 Relocations at approximately \$50,000 each + 2 differential payments @ \$22,500	= \$ 145,000
Surveys for 5 landowners' lots @ \$1,000	= \$ 5,000
Condemnations for 2 landowners @ \$3,000 each	= \$ 6,000
TOTAL	= \$ 411,595

STAGES V-2/V-3:

Woodmar Country Club/ Wicker Park Country Club

Title insurance for 2 landowners at \$345 per policy	= \$ 690
One Mass Appraisal contracted at \$25,000	= \$ 25,000
TOTAL	= \$ 25,690

STAGE VI:

Easements needed on businesses Holiday Inn, Motel 6, Super 8 Motels

Appraisal on each business (3) estimated at \$5,000 each	= \$ 15,000
TOTAL	= \$ 15,000

ESTIMATED AMOUNT NEEDED FOR LAND ACQUISITION FOR 1999/2000 = \$ 1,240,129

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1998 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1998

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	66,006.18	
GENERAL FUND	138,520.97	
TAX FUND	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	97,179.71	
		1,947,498.94

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1997 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

LEASE RENTS	42,299.25	
INTEREST INCOME	35,570.95	
LAND ACQUISITION	1,023,341.84	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	4,127.35	
NAFSA CONVENTION REGISTRATION REFUND	698.00	
REIMBURSEMENT FOR TAXES	0.00	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	1,707.34	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,107,744.73

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1998 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

ADMINISTRATIVE

1997 EXPENSES PAID IN 1998	244,577.93	
PER DIEM	8,000.00	
LEGAL SERVICES	7,437.07	
NIRPC	94,082.91	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	12,061.60	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,389.69	
BONDS & INSURANCE	6,321.63	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	5,496.52	
MEETING EXPENSE	2,400.06	
LAND ACQUISITION		
LEGAL SERVICES	64,059.53	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	13,800.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	34,375.92	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	36,674.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	4,205.00	
OPERATIONS SERVICES	300.00	
LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	83,430.20	
SURVEYING SERVICES	26,764.00	
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	1,950.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	67,837.48	
TAXES	466.00	
MOVING ALLOCATION	0.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	19,421.00	
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	6,070.49	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	111,791.27	
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	5,888.90	
ESCROW ACCOUNT NBD BANK	39,600.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		653,823.27

CASH POSITION - SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	336,949.90	
GENERAL FUND	98,338.68	
TAX FUND	(466.77)	
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	101,703.20	
		1,552,525.01

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, OCTOBER 1998

1998								6 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
BUDGET								ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BALANCE	
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	11,600.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	1,737.33	934.33	723.33	283.33	458.33	1,316.33	5,452.98	2,047.02
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	16,718.21	8,806.34	8,417.86	0.00	17,128.39	8,107.40	59,178.20	65,821.80
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	12.88	12.32	54.32	182.28	614.88	876.68	14,123.32
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	0.00	286.50	0.00	162.75	0.00	75.87	525.12	2,474.88
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.00	5,565.63	0.00	5,841.63	1,658.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	590.34	57.65	493.70	646.08	400.41	470.46	2,658.64	4,341.36
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	245.15	871.32	241.05	139.37	221.17	541.42	2,259.48	7,740.52
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	6,097.82	5,440.00	6,632.40	8,357.37	5,384.69	7,624.72	39,537.00	85,463.00
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	15,027.10	14,033.91	25,843.52	16,203.29	23,630.86	37,792.56	132,531.24	367,468.76
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	3,178,633.00	9,747.02	0.00	2,225.00	7,551.00	1,481.97	200.00	21,204.99	3,157,428.01
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	17,574.00	0.00	1,847.00	19,901.00	5,099.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	750,000.00	157.50	2,423.99	0.00	105.00	577.50	0.00	3,263.99	746,736.01
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	300,000.00	0.00	20,480.95	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,825.30	38,306.25	261,693.75
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,938.90	0.00	1,938.90	38,061.10
	5,109,633.00	50,800.47	53,347.87	46,589.18	51,352.51	56,970.13	78,815.94	\$337,876.10	\$4,771,756.90

1998								12 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
BUDGET								ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BALANCE	
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,150.00	9,850.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	584.33	283.33	500.33	283.33	0.00	0.00	7,104.30	395.70
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,470.05	9,193.72	8,302.40	8,073.00	0.00	0.00	93,217.37	31,782.63
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	5,312.86	6,579.05	411.29	0.00	0.00	13,179.88	1,820.12
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	797.25	21.09	23.97	106.61	0.00	0.00	1,474.04	1,525.96
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,841.63	1,658.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	983.52	565.61	494.58	595.58	0.00	0.00	5,297.93	1,702.07
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	38.00	27.21	739.73	76.40	0.00	0.00	3,140.82	6,859.18
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	8,070.80	7,366.00	5,224.50	6,045.92	0.00	0.00	66,244.22	58,755.78
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	18,548.99	16,100.22	34,214.26	23,449.73	0.00	0.00	224,844.44	275,155.56
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	3,178,633.00	2,190.85	1,400.00	1,533.43	262.10	0.00	0.00	26,591.37	3,152,041.63
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,901.00	5,099.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	750,000.00	0.00	0.00	484.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,748.19	746,251.81
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	300,000.00	2,520.00	53,558.19	27,044.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	121,428.57	178,571.43
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	3,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,888.90	34,111.10
	5,109,633.00	46,153.79	93,828.23	86,890.58	39,303.96	0.00	0.00	\$604,052.66	\$4,505,580.34

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR OCTOBER, 1998

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	RETAINER FEE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1998
5812	NIRPC	8,073.00	SERVICES RENDERED FOR SEPTEMBER 1998
5821	SAND RIDGE BANK	288.00	LIMO FROM DENVER AIRPORT TO HOTEL FOR NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5821	SAND RIDGE BANK	123.28	COST INCURRED IN VAN RENTAL FOR LEVEE TOUR
5822	SAND RIDGE BANK	31.24	OFFICE SUPPLIES (PROJECTOR BULB)
5822	JAMES POKRAJAC	28.22	PHOTO DEVELOPING OF COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY
5822	JAMES POKRAJAC	17.15	PHOTO DEVELOPING OF COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY(OXBOW)
5822	GREAT LAKES PUBLISHING INC	30.00	SUBSCRIPTION 10/8/98-10/7/99
5824	GTE NORTH	69.46	MODEM TELEPHONE SERVICE 9-28-98 TO 10-28-98
5824	GTE NORTH	222.84	BILLING PERIOD 10/16/98-11/16/98(TOTAL BILL 363.02 KRBC 140.18)
5824	MCI	303.28	BILLING PERIOD 9/15/98-10/14/98(TOTAL BILL 327.44 KRBC 24.16)
5825	ROBERT HUFFMAN	4.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR LUNCH INCURRED AT ALL DAY MEETING
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	72.40	EXPENSE INCURRED ON VAN TOUR OF LEVEE PROJECT
5838	LOUIS CASALE	5,695.92	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 9/30/98-10/27/98
5838	JAMES M. SPIVAK	350.00	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 9/30/98-10/27/98
5841	ROBERT W. METZ	200.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL DC-512
5841	HAROLD L. WHEELER	200.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL DC-512
5841	TONY ZALESKI	200.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL DC-512
5842	MARTIN DESIGN PARTNERSHIP	1,200.00	ADD'L COST INCURRED IN DRIVING RANGE DESIGN SII P3B
5842	NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION	5,563.71	ENGINEERING REVIEW & SERVICE FOR SIV-1
5842	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	1,025.00	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BURR STREET LEVEE
5842	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	1,200.00	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WLTH TOWER-ERR
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	4,755.02	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING 10/16/98
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	11.00	RECORD DEED ON DC-40A
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	28.00	RECORD RECREATION II-3C2 & PARCEL F2
5843	JANET O'TOOLE & ASSOCIATES	2,500.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-704,DC-705,DC-706 & DC-819
5843	MAXI MILIAN TITLE CORPORATION	285.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-69
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,879.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 10/01/98-10/15/98
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	3,174.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 10/1/98-10/15/98
5844	MANPOWER	332.10	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERIOD ENDING 9/20/98
5844	MANPOWER	64.80	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERIOD ENDING 9/27/98
5844	MANPOWER	321.30	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERIOD ENDING 10/4/98
5844	MANPOWER	261.90	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERIOD ENDING 10/11/98
5844	MANPOWER	248.40	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERIOD ENDING 10/18/98
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-526
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-818
5861	STAR REGISTER PUBLICATIONS	62.10	NOTICE & SUMMONS FOR DC-818

\$39,303.96

INVOICE

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
8100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368
219-763-6060 Fax 219-762-1653

INVOICE NO: 9/9

DATE: 10/01/98

To: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
For: Services performed SEPTEMBER 1998

Contract code: P-LCRBDC

Internal code: P218

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Salaries and fringe benefits	6,600.00
Accounting services	480.00
Room rental	560.00
Postage	95.28
Copying charges @ \$5.00/month plus \$.06 per copy 3501 copies	215.06
Fax machine / Long distance charges	8.33
Graphics, printing and clerical time at \$20.00/hr; 2.25 hours	45.00
Petty Cash Charges	69.33
Other charges	
TOTAL	\$ 8,073.00



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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 14, 1998

Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management Branch

Ms. Patricia M. Rench
Operations Officer
NBD Bank,
1801 Kennedy Avenue
Schereville, Indiana 46375

Subject: Little Calumet River Basin Miscellaneous Betterment Fund Escrow
Account Number 185010227378

Dear Ms. Rench:

The Department of the Army hereby issues a written request for withdrawal of \$39,000 from the referenced escrow account in accordance with the escrow agreement entered into on November 3, 1997.

Please provide the amount requested above in the form of a bank draft, payable to "FAO, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District." Please mail or otherwise deliver to this address to the attention of Ms. Sherrie Barham, CELRC-PP-PO, within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson

for Peter J. Rowan, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

Copy Furnished:

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

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CONSTRUCTION FUND, DESIGN FUND & MISC. FUND
MONTHLY INTEREST 1990-1998**

MONTH	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
JANUARY		1,007.66	906.61	1,689.92	2,750.42	2,063.28	356.23	818.06	519.86
FEBRUARY		877.51	836.62	1,368.74	2,305.97	1,758.08	308.05	711.46	550.80
MARCH		956.74	887.80	1,360.62	2,455.22	2,060.63	313.08	806.67	593.21
APRIL		919.13	825.77	1,304.38	2,605.37	1,896.34	883.62	379.15	496.17
MAY		1,643.38	504.20	678.65	2,968.86	2,244.04	713.38	235.51	462.02
JUNE		494.95	471.53	654.48	2,708.06	1,653.33	666.74	243.78	739.18
JULY		26.45	448.76	572.74	2,604.27	1,650.03	787.15	244.23	432.78
AUGUST		26.53	431.38	314.74	2,908.71	1,653.87	488.66	228.89	333.33
SEPTEMBER		632.12	288.96	287.79	2,421.74	1,540.09	336.71	253.00	405.82
OCTOBER		1,454.60	1,041.18	274.38	2,462.30	1,627.22	880.73	325.51	
NOVEMBER	391.43	1,401.78	1,448.90	281.32	2,327.19	1,039.14	696.20	887.47	
DECEMBER	1,014.83	1,367.43	1,449.90	2,834.14	2,106.39	540.25	809.44	1,067.46	
TOTAL:	1,406.26	10,808.28	9,541.61	11,621.90	30,624.50	19,726.30	7,239.99	6,201.19	4,533.17

TOTAL INTEREST EARNED TO DATE:

\$101,703.20

CERTIFICATE PURCHASED WITH INTEREST:

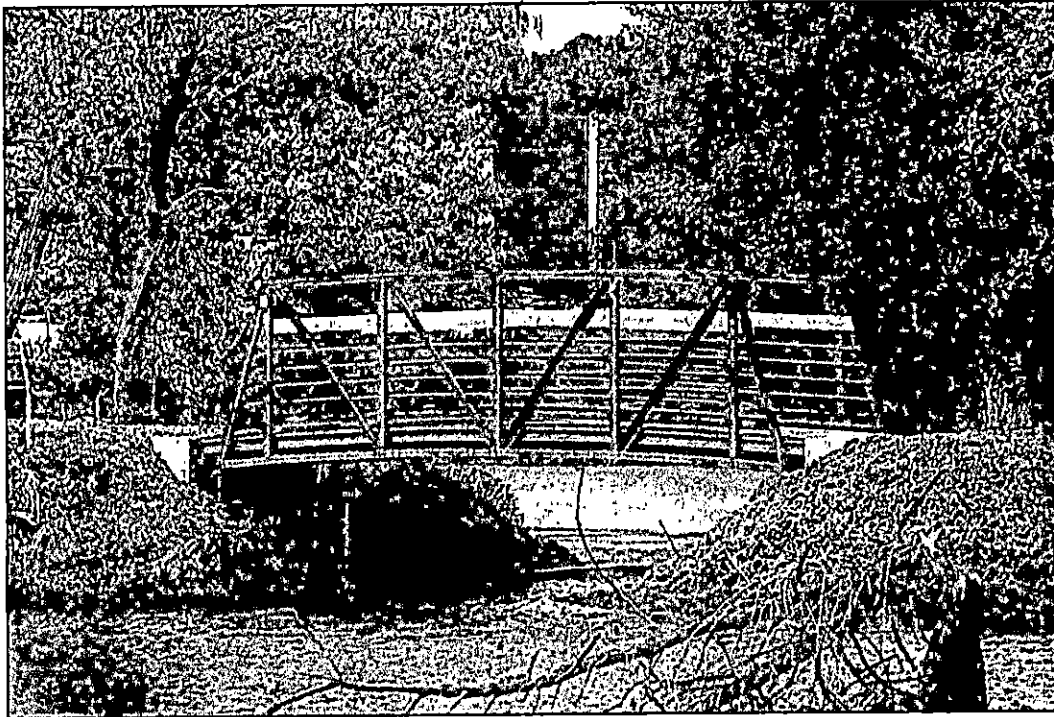
(100,000.00) 1 YEAR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT NOTE AT 5% (10-5-99)

AVAILABLE INTEREST

\$1,703.20

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The Times, Thursday, October 8, 1998



PHOTOS BY JEROME LEE / THE TIMES

The new Carlson Oxbow Park in Hammond features a 2,000-foot-long boardwalk built over wetlands created by a 1975 dredging of the Little Calumet River. The 85-acre park was the site of illegal dumping for years before a cleanup project transformed it into a nature sanctuary.

A park makeover

Carlson Oxbow Park in Hammond dedicated after \$600,000 cleanup effort

BY SHARON PORTA
Times Correspondent

Just a few hundreds yards from the fumes and congestion of the Borman Expressway in Hammond lies a different world - Carlson Oxbow Park.

This 85-acre woods and wetlands, formerly a dumping ground alongside the Little Calumet River, has been transformed into a city park that will have fishing, biking and bird watching as its primary activities. A 2,000-foot-long boardwalk with scenic overlooks covers ground once spotted with discarded tires and trash.

The natural surroundings provided the backdrop for the park's dedication Wednesday.

"This is a virtual sanctuary in the middle of an urban community," Mayor Duane Dedelow said. "I've already brought my family here. You

only have to spend a couple of minutes to know this is a special place."

The area contains 70-foot-tall cottonwoods, as well as willows, dogwoods, maples and a variety of shrubs and vines. Wildlife in the area include raccoons, deer, foxes, owls and beavers. Migratory birds, such as the great blue herons, sometimes fish along the bank.

The park's name pays tribute to its geographical and civic history.

The Little Calumet River once meandered through this wetlands habitat taking an oxbow, or U-shaped, course. River dredging in 1975 cut off the oxbow from the main channel, preserving the area as a wetlands that some people thought of as a swampy area suitable for trash dumping.

See MAKEOVER, B-2



George W. Carlson, a member of the Hammond City Council for 35 years, speaks Wednesday during the dedication of the city's new wildlife preserve in his name.

If you go

To reach Carlson Oxbow Park in Hammond, take Kennedy Avenue to the traffic signal just south of Borman Expressway. Follow the frontage road, which runs parallel to the highway, to the east. A parking lot is located at the park.



City of Gary

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SCOTT L. KING

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SUZETTE RAGGS

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Fred Ware

Director

**DEDICATION
of the
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER
FLOOD CONTROL/RECREATION PROJECT**

OCTOBER 27, 1998

10:00 A.M.

NORTH GLEASON SHELTER

PROGRAM

WELCOME Fred Ware, Director
Gary Park Department

REMARKS George Rogge, Pres.
Board of Directors
Gary Park Department

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYOR

REMARKS Hon. Scott L. King
Mayor, City of Gary

REMARKS Dan Gardner, Exc. Dir.
Little Calumet River
Basin Development
Commission (LCRBD)

REMARKS Major Craig Simoneau
U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers

CLOSING Fred Ware, Director
Gary Park Department

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME OF MEETING: LECBDC DATE: 11-5-98

LOCATION: _____ CHAIRMAN: Bob Trelo

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	JIM FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG
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