



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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ARLENE COLVIN, Chairperson  
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Governor's Appointment

JOHN MROZOWSKI, Secretary  
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WILLIAM BILLER  
Governor's Appointment

GEORGE CARLSON  
Mayor of Hammond's  
Appointment

STEVE DAVIS  
Dept. of Natural Resources'  
Appointment

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Appointment

DR. MARK RESHKIN  
Governor's Appointment

VACANCY  
Governor's Appointment

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Lake County Commissioners'  
Appointment

DAN GARDNER  
Executive Director

LOU CASALE  
Attorney

## MEETING NOTICE

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE  
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2004  
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 Chairperson Arlene Colvin
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2004
5. Chairperson's Report
  - Gary Council Finance meeting held on July 27 for approval of ordinance for \$1.4 million available for Burr Street Phase 2 Gary portion of levee
6. Executive Director's Report
  - Update on Highland Town and Park property donation
    - Approval of donation of easements by Highland Town Council on July 12 and Highland Parks & Recreation on July 15. Total value creditable to Commission is \$116,700 as awarded by Court.
  - Communication with Hammond regarding City, Sanitary, and Park Board property easements for Stage VI-1N.
  - Meeting scheduled with Munster Town Council on August 9
    - Report on pre-hearing conference held in Michigan City on July 16 before Natural Resources Committee
7. Outstanding Issues
  - Resolution 04-01

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Aug. 17  
Gary Finance -  
next mtg.

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8. Standing Committees

**A. Finance Committee – Bob Huffman, Treasurer**

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for July 2004
- Approval of O&M claims for July 2004
- Issues for Discussion

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**B. Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Arlene Colvin, Chairperson**

**Land Acquisition**

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Right-of-entry for Stage VI-1S signed and given to COE on July 16
- Issues for Discussion

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**Land Management**

- 3120 Gerry Street advertised – Bids due in August 17
- Cady Marsh easement agreements signed and given to town of Griffith on July 26
- Issues for Discussion

**C. Operation & Maintenance – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman**

- East Reach pump station inspection with COE and locals being scheduled
- All levees mowed as per agreement with contractor
- Issues for Discussion

**D. Environmental Committee – Committee Chairman Mark Reshkin**

- Mitigation status of Hobart Marsh area
- **FYI** - IDEM public hearing meeting scheduled for August 12 for TMDLs for E.coli for Little Calumet River and Burns Waterway
- Issues for Discussion

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**E. Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson**

- Status of State Budget Committee release of remaining \$2 million
- 2005/07 State biennial submission due by August 16
- Issues for Discussion

**F. Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman**

- Stage III Remediation – Grant Street lift station inspected on July 20
- Meeting scheduled with the COE on August 12 (1:00 p.m. at Griffith COE office) for pump station 1A (Overstreet – contractor)
- Pre-bid meeting for Stage VI-1South scheduled for August 12
- Formliner finish selected for Stage VI-1S (refer to Engineering report)
- Issues for Discussion

**G. Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman**

- Issues for Discussion

**H. Marina Development Committee – Committee Chairman Charlie Ray**

- Discussion held on July 15 with Chairman and Executive Director
- Issues for Discussion

**I. Policy Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson**

- Issues for Discussion

**J. Public Relations Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Marszalek**

- Thank you letter sent to Boy Scout Troop #280 in recognition of trail cleaning and repair work between Columbia and Northcote in Hammond
- Issues for Discussion

9. Other Issues/New Business

10. Statements to the Board from the Floor

11. Set date for next meeting

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**HELD AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, July 7, 2004**  
**6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD**  
**PORTAGE, INDIANA**

Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The guests were recognized.

**Development Commissioners:**

John Mroczkowski  
Bob Marszalek  
Robert Huffman  
Mark Reshkin  
George Carlson  
Bill Biller  
Steve Davis  
Charlie Ray

**Visitors:**

Jomary Crary – IDNR, Div. of Water  
Kelsee Waggoner – Congressman Visclosky's office  
Imad Samara – COE  
Sandy O'Brien – Hobart  
Chris Buono – Munster citizen

**Staff:**

Dan Gardner  
Sandy Mordus  
Lou Casale  
Jim Pokrajac  
Judy Vamos

A motion to approve the minutes of June 2 was made by Bill Biller; motion seconded by Steve Davis – during discussion, Treasurer Bob Huffman made a correction to the minutes of the June 2 meeting. The minutes did not reflect the approval of the financial statement or the claims sheet. They were indeed approved by a motion from Bill Biller and seconded by John Mroczkowski and passed unanimously. Treasurer Bob Huffman proceeded to amend the motion reflecting the change; motion seconded by Mark Reshkin; motion passed unanimously.

**Chairperson's Report** – In Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Mr. Gardner reported that a meeting with Gary was held on June 28 in which Jim Pokrajac, Lou Casale, Bob Huffman and Arlene Colvin attended. The meeting was relative to coming to an agreement for the finalization of construction and operation & maintenance within the city. A lengthy discussion ensued on a proposed resolution whereas the Commission commits to donating at no cost to the city, approximately 359 acres of surplus property, as shown on a map presented to the city. After discussing the clause where the Commission states it will address remaining capital items required to bring the project to "as built" condition before turning it over to Gary, the resolution was tabled for one month until some hard costs are known. At this point in time, until the inspection is completed, the costs of any deficiencies are not known. We need to get the inspection scheduled so we can move quickly.

- Mark Reshkin stated that when we begin to work with Hammond, Highland and Munster, they will also be required to do a SM4 as well. It is an additional responsibility that not only deals with the flow of water but the quality of that water. It is for all areas that have a concentrated population. He asked if we need any discussions with those communities beforehand. Mr. Gardner said that was an excellent suggestion and he will communicate with appropriate parties within its respective community. The advantage we have in the west reach is that the existing pump stations were upgraded and have already been maintained. Charlie Ray stated he has found a web site with information regarding SM4; he will send it to Bob Huffman.

- Vice Chairman Bob Marszalek referred to a revised Commissioners' phone list. If there are any changes, please get them to Sandy for correction.



**Executive Director's Report** – Mr. Gardner reported that staff will attend the Highland Town Council meeting on July 12 where it is anticipated that the easements needed for the flood control project will be approved. At the Highland Parks & Recreation meeting on July 15, it is anticipated that those easements needed from the Park & Recreation Dept. will be approved. We should be able to sign the right-of-entry for Stage VI-1 South (Kennedy to Liable, south of the river) on July 16 so that the COE can advertise.

- Mr. Gardner reported that he has contacted Councilman Dan Repay and has asked him to facilitate a meeting with the Mayor and other appropriate parties within the city. The Mayor has already expressed his desire to be able to remove residents from the floodplain as levee construction segments are completed. Hammond easements are needed from the city, the parks department, and the Sanitary District. It is anticipated that Hammond will follow the same procedure that Highland did; that is, enter into a "friendly condemnation" to set a fair market value by independent appraisers. Our deadline acquisition date for this stage, Stage VI-1North, is November 2004. We will also solicit a support letter from the Mayor for our 2005/07 budget request.

- Mr. Gardner referred to the information in the agenda packet relative to notice of a prehearing conference filed with the Natural Resources Commission by Steve Enger, a Munster resident concerned about preserving the greenbelt area along the west side of Hart Ditch and the Little Calumet River in Munster. The hearing is scheduled for July 16 at the Michigan City DNR office. The town of Munster invited us to their Town meeting on July 12 to address their residents' concerns but the LCRBDC had already scheduled a meeting with the town of Highland. We offered to attend any other time. James Mandon, town engineer, shared a list of questions with us that we will answer and get to him prior to the meeting. Mr. Gardner reiterated that the project is progressing toward Munster but in reality, it is probably three to four years at best before construction begins. There is time to work with the residents and the COE to insure everyone's satisfaction to preserve the greenbelt as much as we possibly can. Mr. Gardner acknowledged Mr. Chris Buono from Munster, who stated that Mr. Enger had shared information and mapping he received from staff with the other residents in that area. Jim Pokrajac mentioned that LCRBDC staff would be willing to meet with residents any time they have any questions.

**Outstanding Issues** – Mr. Gardner referred to an e-mail from Siavash Biek. His firm, Christopher Burke Engineering, has been retained by the city of Hammond to pursue getting sections of Hammond out of the floodplain as construction is completed, proving the railroad embankment of the old Optimist Park is stable and has the structural integrity to provide a tieback levee for both the north levee in Hammond and the south levee in Highland. Mr. Carlson added that he has talked to city engineer Stan Dostatni about the Commission meeting with Mr. Biek, and although Mr. Dostatni is agreeable to that, he wants to wait until Mr. Biek is in the area and not have him make a special trip from Indianapolis.

**Finance Committee** – Treasurer Bob Huffman presented the financial report and the revised claim sheet. He stated that the three claims from appraiser Janet O'Toole that were pulled last month have been re-structured and are listed on the revised claim sheet. Mr. Huffman proceeded to make a motion to approve the claims as revised; motion seconded by Charlie Ray; motion passed unanimously.

**Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee** – In Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Mr. Gardner gave the Land Acquisition report. Mr. Gardner reported that the Highland easements came in at a value of \$116,700 awarded by the court. It is anticipated that the town will donate the easements to us for project use and the COE will credit the higher value of the easements to the Commission. Mr. Gardner also reported that we will wait to hear from the town in regards to meeting with them.

- Mr. Gardner stated that we are in the process of selling the property at 3120 Gerry Street.
- Mr. Marszalek made a motion to approve the low bidder, C&H Mowing, to mow all existing east reach levees at a bid of \$7,199.64; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pokrajac added that there will only be one mowing this year because a herbicide treatment is being done as part of the Landscaping 2 contract.
- The new sign at the Charles Agnew Handicapped Accessible Park is in the process of being constructed. Once it is received, a dedication at the park site will be scheduled.

**Operation & Maintenance Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman stated that an inspection of the completed east reach flood control project will be scheduled with the COE in the later part of July, 2004. The inspection will include all flood control features; all pump stations, gates, closure structures, levee, etc. The COE will develop a punch list and how much it will cost to correct any deficiencies found. The COE will assume responsibility to correct those items that were due to engineering or construction deficiencies and the Commission will need to assure the remainder of the items will be repaired or replaced.

**Environmental Committee** – Mark Reshkin reported that a conference call was held with the COE, IDEM and the Commission to discuss IDEM mitigation requirements to obtain the 401 water quality certification. The Commission has agreed to make the 57 acres west of Chase Street and 196 acres between Chase and Grant available to fulfill the balance of the mitigation hydric soils requirements.

- Dr. Reshkin reported on the status of the properties being pursued by TPL. 173 acres have been acquired; there is another 24 acres under option; 50 acres as a possible donation; 73 acres has a "letter of intent to sell"; and 48 acres under appraisal to make an offer. Mr. Gardner added that TPL is continuing to work on it.

**Legislative Committee** – Committee Chairman George referred to a news article in which the Congressman has secured an additional \$6 million for the flood control project that was passed in a House bill; it still requires Senate approval. The Congressman has been instrumental in securing federal funding for the past 14 years.

- Mr. Gardner added that we have two budget activities coming up. He will contact the State Budget Committee to be placed on their August agenda for release of the appropriated \$2 million left from the 2003/05 budget. We have also received a packet from the State Budget Agency asking for the 2005/07 budget request to be submitted by August 16, 2004. The remaining money we have right now is obligated toward land acquisition and mitigation. Mr. Gardner distributed a draft budget expenditure chart. It will be finalized to send to the Budget Agency. The monies shown will take us to November 2004 and we will need new money to continue on after that point in time to cover the remaining obligations. It is important that we get a commitment from Gary for O&M; that will mean a lot to the state budget legislators. Mr. Gardner will pursue getting letters of local support.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman reported that six bids were received for the Landscaping Phase 2 project. Imad Samara added that the contract has been awarded to the second lowest bidder. (The lowest bidder was not responsive) We will share the bidder list at the next meeting.

- Mr. Huffman reported that the COE will write a letter to INDOT acknowledging that they will pay for the Grant and Broadway INDOT interchanges and that credit will be given to the Commission for that incurred cost. Imad Samara acknowledged he will do this.

- Mr. Pokrajac added that several commissioners had expressed concern over the last few months about the extended time it was taking Overstreet Construction to finish up the Pump Station 1A contract and also liquidated damages that were assessed but then rescinded. A meeting is being scheduled with the COE and the Commission so questions can be asked and solutions can be found so this does not happen again with other contractors.

**Recreation Committee** – There was no report.

**Marina Committee** – Committee Chairman Charlie Ray asked to meet with Dan and Lou next week regarding marina issues.

**Policy Committee** – There was no report.

**Public Relations Committee** – The report on the Charles Agnew Handicapped Accessible Park sign was already discussed. When the sign is received, a park dedication will be scheduled.

- The Boy Scouts did a fine job again of cleaning up the trail portion by Riley School in Hammond. Attorney Lou Casale picked up the cost of pizza for the scouts.

- Commissioner Bob Huffman distributed a draft copy of the web site that he has created for the Development Commission. He was commended for doing a fine job. Staff will try to help out by providing him the latest up-to-date information to post. Some of the information that the COE has on their web site is outdated. Staff will also have to make sure that all information posted is accurate. Commissioner Reshkin added that it could be a valuable tool to share with legislators and communities for project support. Mr. Huffman stated that he will maintain the site. Commissioner Davis said that he thought all information, being posting, should be approved by staff.

**Other Issues** – After discussing the issue of changing the August meeting date to either August 3 or 5, it was decided to leave the meeting date at the first Wednesday, August 4.

**Statements from the Floor** – There were none.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2004.

# Council channels levee onto agenda

Local official will talk  
to residents about Little  
Calumet River project.

BY CHARLES F. HABER  
Times Correspondent

**HIGHLAND** — Property owners will learn more about the ongoing levee project along the Little Calumet River at tonight's council meeting.

Reacting to residents at the last meeting, President Mark Herak, R-2nd, said residents will be able to ask questions about the project and its impact on the flood insurance premiums many pay.

The levee is being built along both sides of the river from Interstate 65 to the Illinois state line. The work began at I-65 and has progressed westward through Griffith. However, the project has been stalled at Cline Avenue for the past two years and residents are upset at the lack of progress as they continue paying for flood insurance.

The most recent hitch is a disagreement between the federal government and Highland over the land value of the easement rights needed to build the levee.

See LEVEE, B2

## Levee

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The federal government offered \$51,000, but the land has been appraised at \$1.1 million, said Councilman Joseph Wszolek, R-4th.

In response, Highland and the federal government agreed to a "friendly lawsuit" in which more appraisals are being done and both sides will accept whatever final val-

ue is determined, board members said. By doing this, the project can continue while the suit proceeds.

Speaking at tonight's meeting will be Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, Herak said. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road.

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# HAMMOND/RIDGE LOCAL

THE  
TIMES  
WEDNESDAY  
July 14, 2004  
SECTION B

## Levee work should flow as fast as possible

BY CHARLES F. HABER  
Times Correspondent

HIGHLAND — Residents waiting for a new levee along the Little Calumet River have one big question: When can they stop paying expensive flood insurance premiums?

"We're going to work as fast as we can," was the message they got Monday from Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Gardner was referring to the levee currently being rebuilt along both banks of the river from Interstate 65 to the Illinois border.

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But realistically, he told a roomful of residents, it will be three years at the earliest.

The session took place after a Town Council meeting when the council agreed to accept \$116,700 from the federal government for easement rights to build the levee on its property. The government originally offered \$51,000 for easement rights, whereas the recent property value reappraisal had

deemed it worth \$1.1 million.

The project has progressed through Gary and currently sits at Cline Avenue, Gardner said. After being stalled for a couple of years, work is set to resume this year, with completion next year, from Liable Road to Kennedy Avenue.

In 2005, a small segment will be done to connect the levee at Cline to the newly completed section at Liable, Gardner said. In 2006, the final stretch will be done from

Kennedy to the Norfolk & Southern Railroad tracks.

The western section from the tracks, through the Wicker Park Manor subdivision to Indianapolis Boulevard, was completed several years ago.

As the final work is performed in 2006, the plan is to start applying in advance for flood insurance relief to take residents out of flood plain status, Gardner said. He noted the entire town must be protected from the new levee before even

one home can be removed from the flood plain designation.

Imad Samara, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said it will not take long to apply for removal from the flood plain. He also said it is possible that some of the levee work might continue through the winter, such as installing metal walls into the ground where the terrain is too narrow to fit the normal levee width.

**BEFORE THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
OF THE  
STATE OF INDIANA**

**IN THE MATTERS OF:**

<b>STEPHEN J. ENGER,</b>	)	
<b>Claimant,</b>	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>Administrative Cause</b>
	)	<b>Number: 04-125W</b>
<b>LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN</b>	)	
<b>DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION and</b>	)	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,</b>	)	<b>(FW-22,313)</b>
<b>Respondents.</b>	)	
<b>STEPHEN J. ENGER,</b>	)	
<b>Claimant,</b>	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>Administrative Cause</b>
	)	<b>Number: 04-126W</b>
<b>LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN</b>	)	
<b>DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION and</b>	)	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,</b>	)	<b>(FW-22,241)</b>
<b>Respondents.</b>	)	

**REPORT OF SIMULTANEOUS PREHEARING CONFERENCES  
AND NOTICE OF SIMULTANEOUS PREHEARING CONFERENCES**

**1. REPORT OF SIMULTANEOUS PREHEARING CONFERENCES**

**A. Attendance**

Simultaneous prehearing conferences were held in Michigan City, as scheduled, in the captioned proceedings on July 16, 2004. Stephen J. Enger was present on his own behalf. Louis M. Casale was the attorney for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC), and the LCRBDC was also present through Dan Gardner, Executive Director. Ann Z. Knotek was the attorney for the Department of Natural Resources. Also present were Ruth Eggers, Elaine Fay, Joan Zacok, William Coomes, Irene Marquez, Stephen Davis, and Matt Fritz.

## **B. Procedures**

The administrative law judge provided an outline of application to these proceedings of IC 4-21.5 (sometimes referred to as the "Administrative Orders and Procedures Act" or "AOPA") and rules adopted by the Natural Resources Commission at 312 IAC 3-1 to assist with its implementation of AOPA. He reflected upon the application of Caddnar as referenced in the "Notice of Prehearing Conference" entered on June 23. An opportunity was provided to the parties to ask procedural questions.

## **C. Issues**

Stephen Enger said he and other similarly situated citizens were interested in preserving the greenbelt while improving flood protection from the Little Calumet River and its tributaries. He said the geographic area of primary concern to him was the corridor along the Little Calumet River at Munster where there is a "mature ecosystem". He said the area included large trees and an abundance of wildlife, including numerous bird species and several small mammal species. The area has value to the community as an air purifier, sound barrier from interstate traffic, and a recreational site. Enger said he was not necessarily opposed to the projects if his concerns were adequately addressed. Yet he and his neighbors needed more specific information concerning how the projects would be funded and what would be their environmental consequences.

Dan Gardner provided an overview of the progression of projects by the LCRBDC. These are moving generally from east to west. He shared graphics that included aerial photos and plans. As a result of legislation introduced by former Congressman Benjamin and current Congressman Visclosky, federal funding would cover 75% of project costs, but state and local funding were needed for the other 25%. Gardner said the project could be augmented to provide environmental protections beyond those already incorporated in the DNR permits and required by the U.S. Army Corps. If additional funding were required for the augmentation, a source for the funding must be identified.

The parties agreed an informal public meeting would be held in Munster to answer citizen questions. A meeting has already been set by the LCRBDC for this purpose. The parties agreed they needed to actively participate in the meeting and to explore possibilities for addressing citizen concerns. The parties also agreed simultaneous prehearing conferences should be set for October 19, 2004 to be held in Munster.

## **D. Motion to Dismiss**

Louis Casale expressed interest in filing a motion to dismiss on behalf of the LCRBDC. He asked if the administrative law judge would establish a schedule for filing and responding to a motion to dismiss. Casale agreed to defer scheduling of the motion until the October 19 prehearing conferences, however, on assurances his opportunity would

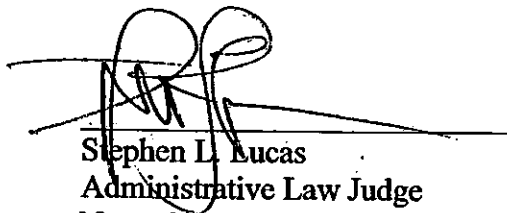


not be waived. The administrative law judge indicated deferral until the October 19 prehearing conferences would not be construed to constitute a waiver of any such motion.

## 2. NOTICE OF SIMULTANEOUS PREHEARING CONFERENCES

You are notified prehearing conferences are scheduled simultaneously in these proceedings on October 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the Munster Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster.

Dated: July 21, 2004



Stephen L. Lucas  
Administrative Law Judge  
Natural Resources Commission  
Indiana Government Center South  
402 West Washington Street, Room W272  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

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A copy of the foregoing was sent to the following:

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A copy of the foregoing was also sent as a courtesy to persons listed below. The parties are not required to serve copies of motions upon these persons:

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Matt Fritz  
Assistant Town Manager  
Town of Munster  
1005 Ridge Road  
Munster, IN 46321

cc: Michael Neyer, DNR Division of Water  
Patricia Warfield, DNR Division of Water

**RESOLUTION 04-01**  
**OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER**  
**Basin Development Commission**

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is the local sponsor for the United States of America, Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control/Recreation Project along the Little Calumet River; and,

WHEREAS, as the local sponsor for said flood Control Project, the Little Calumet river Basin Development Commission is charged with the responsibility of acquiring the necessary lands, easements, and rights-of-way; utility relocations; 5% local share cash contribution; and providing for operation and maintenance of the project once it is construction complete; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting a final inspection of the flood control features with the intent of turning over operation to the local entities; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of that inspection, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will correct any deficiencies due to design or engineering and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will seek to correct any remaining capital items required to bring the project to total function; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has indicated that to remove the city of Gary from the floodplain, a commitment in writing by the Mayor of Gary for operation and maintenance of said flood control project within the city is required; and,

WHEREAS, in discussions with the Mayor's office, there has been a request for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to donate Commission owned surplus property, as indicated on attached map, to the city at no cost for development purposes; and,

WHEREAS, to demonstrate good faith commitment to a cooperative comprehensive approach to removing Gary from the floodplain and meeting the Mayor's request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, that it commits to donating to the city of Gary at no cost, the approximate 359 acres of surplus property, as indicated on attached map, according to the rules and regulations of the Indiana Deposition of Property law which the Commission is subject to.

This Resolution approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_ by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

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Bob Marszalek, Vice Chairman

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Dan Gardner, Executive Director

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JANUARY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2004

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2004

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
LAND ACQUISITION	72,756.84
GENERAL FUND	30,420.54
TAX FUND	0.00
INVESTMENTS	958,000.00
SAVINGS	274,854.48
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	1,384.39
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	1,337,416.25

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2004

LEASE RENTS	22,956.60
LEL MONIES (SAVINGS)	
INTEREST INCOME(FROM CHECKING & FIRST NATL)	24,276.48
LAND ACQUISITION	2,034,012.33
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	297.41
MISC. RECEIPTS	83,323.49
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	892.89
TRANSFERRED FROM SAVINGS	43,154.09
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,208,913.29

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE	
2003 EXPENSES PAID IN 2004	157,015.46
PER DIEM	4,750.00
LEGAL SERVICES	2,775.48
NIRPC	65,068.67
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	687.10
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	0.00
BONDS & INSURANCE	6,483.25
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	3,375.38
MEETING EXPENSE	2,946.31
LAND ACQUISITION	
LEGAL SERVICES	44,584.36
APPRAISAL SERVICES	65,150.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	46,192.96
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	32,125.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	492.87
OPERATIONS SERVICES	0.00
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES	109,877.56
SURVEYING SERVICES	38,136.00
MISCELANEOUS EXPENSES	0.00
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	1,650,124.00
MOVING ALLOCATION	6,450.00
TAXES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	0.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	13,611.70
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	0.00
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00
BANK CHARGES MERCANTILE	35.20
PASS THROUGH FOR SAVINGS	37,684.09
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,130,549.93

CASH POSITION - JUNE 30, 2004

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
LAND ACQUISITION	110,348.21
GENERAL FUND	70,895.12
TAX FUND	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	181,243.33
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	885,000.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	700,000.00
(BASE CAPITAL INVESTMENT)	5/3/2005
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	185,000.00
(MISC INTEREST/RENTAL INVESTMENT)	5/3/2005
BANK ONE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	233,227.78
(LEL MONEY)	96,948.06
(MARINA SAND MONEY)	133,721.49
(STATE DRAW MONIES)	-
(GARY PARKS & REC MONIES)	-
SAVINGS INTEREST	2,558.23
TOTAL INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS	1,118,227.78
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST AVAILABLE	1,681.80
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TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS 1,301,152.91

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# LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, JULY, 2004

	2004							9 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
								TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	15,000.00	0.00	100.00	150.00	0.00	450.00	3,200.00	3,900.00	11,100.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	418.33	682.33	587.33	425.83	283.33	283.33	2,680.48	5,819.52
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	130,000.00	10,336.79	18,439.62	8,783.84	8,443.81	8,657.50	8,867.50	63,529.06	66,470.94
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	10,000.00	35.36	36.72	26.18	14.28	107.44	337.28	557.26	9,442.74
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	4,990.00
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00	0.00	77.00	0.00	0.00	6,406.25	0.00	6,483.25	1,516.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	121.98	186.92	549.41	585.17	555.37	367.15	2,366.00	4,634.00
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	2,926.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,926.81	5,073.19
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	650,000.00	50,657.93	37,970.47	63,862.95	53,605.54	42,814.46	60,835.92	309,747.27	340,252.73
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	4,073,177.00	0.00	1,159,250.00	40,000.00	409,238.00	7,431.00	241.20	1,616,160.20	2,457,016.80
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	200,000.00	73.92	0.00	1,387.39	2,202.08	129.64	1,434.35	5,227.38	194,772.62
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
5892 PROJECT COSTSHARE/ESC ACCT	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00
	5,189,677.00	64,571.12	1,216,743.06	115,347.10	474,514.71	66,834.99	75,576.73	2,013,587.71	3,176,089.29

	2004							9 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
								TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	15,000.00	0.00						3,900.00	11,100.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	463.83						3,144.31	5,355.69
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	130,000.00	8,759.21						72,288.27	57,711.73
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	10,000.00	30.60						587.86	9,412.14
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	0.00						10.00	4,990.00
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00	0.00						6,483.25	1,516.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	124.30						2,490.30	4,509.70
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	0.00						2,926.81	5,073.19
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	650,000.00	33,163.95						342,911.22	307,088.78
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	4,073,177.00	0.00						1,616,160.20	2,457,016.80
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00						0.00	25,000.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	200,000.00	1,565.00						6,792.38	193,207.62
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00						0.00	25,000.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00						0.00	25,000.00
5892 PROJECTCOSTSHARE/ESC ACCT	400,000.00	0.00						0.00	400,000.00
	5,189,677.00	44,106.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,057,694.60	3,131,982.40

# CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR JULY 2004

ACCT.	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	CASALE ,WOODWARD & BULS LLP	283.33	MONTHLY RETAINER FOR MONTH OF JULY
5811	CASALE,WOODWARD & BULS LLP	180.50	ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR MONTH OF JULY
5812	NIRPC	8,759.21	SERVICES PERFORMED JUNE 2004
5821	SANDY MORDUS	30.60	MILEAGE JULY 8-JULY 26,2004
5824	VERIZON	124.30	BILLING PERIOD 6/16/04-7/16/04(TOTAL BILL 236.13,KRBC 111.83)
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	632.19	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 7/16/04
5843	STEWART TITLE SERVICES OF NORTHWEST	1,770.00	TITLE WORK FOR DC-593
5843	STEWART TITLE SERVICES OF NORTHWEST	1,770.00	TITLE WORK FOR DC-598
5843	STEWART TITLE SERVICES OF NORTHWEST	2,855.00	TITLE WORK FOR DC-602
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	5,063.50	ENGINEERING SERVICES 6/16/04-6/30/04
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	195.50	JUNE MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	4,637.10	ENGINEERING SERVICES 7/1/04-7/15/04
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	3,413.15	LAND ACQUISITION AGENT SERVICES 6/16/04-6/30/04
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	27.20	JUNE MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,857.08	LAND ACQUISITION AGENT SERVICES 7/1/04-7/15/04
5844	LORRAINE KRAY	796.80	CREDITING TECHNICIAN/LAND ACQUISITION ASST 6/17/04-6/30/04
5844	LORRAINE KRAY	854.40	CREDITING TECHNICIAN/LAND ACQUISITION ASST 7/01/04-7/15/04
5844	SANDY MORDUS	275.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 6/16/04-6/30/04
5844	SANDY MORDUS	287.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 7/1/04-7/15/04
5849	CASALE.WOODWARD & BULS LLP	7,929.53	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 7/23/04
5882	SEH	1,565.00	UTILITY RELOCATION ASSIST SVI-IN

**TOTAL**

**44,106.89**

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**APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING INVOICES  
FROM O&M FUND (LEL MONIES)  
AUGUST 7, 2004**

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- \$150 to Tony Zaleski & Associates for updated appraisal cost incurred on rental property (3120 Gerry Street, Gary, IN)
- \$7,199.64 to C&H Mowing, Inc. for 2004 levee mowing (59,997 lineal feet – full width cutting)

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Balance in O&M account (LEL monies) after paying these invoices is  
\$89,598.00



**AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION  
LITTLE CALUMET FLOOD CONTROL AND RECREATION PROJECT  
STAGE VI, PHASE I SOUTH**

I, Dan Gardner, Executive Director, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, do hereby certify that the Little Calumet River Basin Commission has acquired the real estate interests required by the Department of the Army, and otherwise is vested with sufficient title and interest in lands to support construction of Stage VI, Phase I South of the Project. Further, I hereby authorize the Department of Army, its agents, employees and contractors to enter upon said lands as identified on the attached maps to construct the features as set forth in the plans and specifications held in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Chicago District Office, Chicago, Illinois.


Witness my signature as Executive Director this 16th day of July, 2004.

BY:   
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

**ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

I, Louis M. Casale, Chief Legal Officer for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, certify that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has the authority to grant the above Authorization for Entry; that said Authorization for Entry is executed by the proper duly authorized officer; and that the Authorization for Entry is in sufficient form to grant the authorization therein stated.

Witness my signature as Chief Legal Officer for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission this 16 day of July, 2004.

BY:   
Louis Casale  
Chief Legal Officer



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July 23, 2004

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is to invite you to attend the stakeholder meeting for the Draft Little Calumet River and Burns Waterway Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) for *E. coli*. At this stakeholder meeting, Earth Tech, Inc will provide an overview of the draft TMDL and provide an opportunity for public comments. The stakeholder meeting will be held on August 12, 2004 at the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission, located at 6100 Southport Rd, Portage, Indiana from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The public comment period for the Draft Little Calumet River and Burns Waterway TMDL will begin on August 6, 2004 and will end on September 8, 2004. The draft TMDL for Little Calumet River and Burns Waterway will be posted on IDEM's website at <http://www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/wqs/tmdl/tmdl/docs.html> on August 6, 2004. A hard copy of the report can also be requested in writing. All comments must be in writing and postmarked, emailed, or faxed by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on September 8, 2004. Written comments and requests for a hard copy of the report can be sent to attn: Staci Goodwin, IDEM to 100 N. Senate Ave, P.O. Box 6015, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015, emailed to [sgoodwin@dem.state.in.us](mailto:sgoodwin@dem.state.in.us), or faxed to (317) 232-8406. Currently, the reports that were created in preparation of the draft TMDL are also located on IDEM's website at the above address.

If you have any questions regarding this stakeholder meeting, please contact Staci Goodwin at (317) 234-3311. If you know of anyone else who might be interested in this meeting, please pass on this information. IDEM looks forward to your continued input in completing these TMDLs.

Sincerely,

Andrew Felloso  
Chief Water Quality Standards  
Office of Water Quality

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# LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

**NAME OF MEETING:** LCRBDC **DATE:** August 4, 2004

**LOCATION:** 6100 Southport Rd, Portage **CHAIRMAN:** Arlene Colvin

## PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	JOAN WANNER	1862 So. RIVER DR. MUNSTER
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**Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission**

**WORK STUDY SESSION**  
**ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**

**August 4, 2004**

**Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman**

1. An inspection was held for the Grant Street lift station on July 20 as part of the Stage III Remediation project. ✓
- A. The pumps are currently operational ✓ *put in min.*
  - B. Several items need to be completed on the punch list. ✓
  - C. A final instructional will be held with the contractor and spare parts and literature will be turned over to the LCRBDC. ✓

2. A meeting is scheduled with the Corps at 1:00 p.m. at their Griffith office on August 12 to review and discuss the Pump Station 1A contract. *Send map*

A. A change order summarization sheet and monthly Construction Status Report were sent to LCRBDC on August 3. Please review and address the Corps at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. (Refer to Handout).

B. The intent of this meeting is to afford the Commissioners an opportunity to address questions and concerns. (Following are possible items of discussion:)

- The process for issuing change orders
  - The length of time it has taken for construction
  - The criteria for approval of modifications
  - What can be done in the future to avoid this from happening again
  - Amount of money/penalties waived
  - Any other issues?
- Good day if at end of mts, another mts w/ answers*

3. A formliner has been selected for use in the upcoming Stage VI-1 South contract (Kennedy to Liable, south of the Little Calumet River) ✓

A. The formliner will be a RANDOM ASHLAR (natural concrete finish). Refer to attachments 13-15 in the Engineering report)

B. LCRBDC will provide other finishes for consideration on future west reach projects. ✓

C. Early estimates indicate there will be little, or no, cost difference between the RANDOM ASHLAR and the "fin-type" formliners. ✓ *minutes-*

4. Don Ewen wrote a letter to the Congressman on June 10 regarding his concern for delay of activating the pumps west of Grant Street, as part of the Stage III remediation project.

A. Refer to attached letter to Congressman's office dated July 30 regarding the position of the Commission.

5. Meeting with Munster Town Council on August 9 to discuss COE engineering, construction schedule, impacts to property and acquisitions (Refer to Executive Director's report).

A. Refer to Attachments 11 & 12 in Engineering report for response to preliminary questions from town engineer.

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# CHRONOLOGICAL MODIFICATION SUMMARIZATION

Pump Stations Rehabilitation, Phase 1A  
DACW27-01-C-0001

Modifications/Field Changes Executed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Modification/Field Change</u>
27 Oct 2000	* P00001 - Administrative* - Transfer of contract from CELRL-CT to CELRC-CT.
27 Jul 2001	* P00002 - Change FC-01.03 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$400,000.00 Funding
20 Dec 2001	* P00003 - Change FC-01.02 - Partnering Conference, Government's Share - \$1,592.50
21 Aug 2001	* P00004 - Change FC-01.04 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - De-obligate (\$170,000.00)
17 Sep 2001	* P00005 - Change FC-01.05 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$464,087.50 Funding
21 Sep 2001	* P00006 - Change FC-01.06 - Equal Access to Justice Act Settlement - \$35,912.50
02 Nov 2001	* P00007 - Change FC-01.07 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$100,000.00 Funding
20 Nov 2001	* P00008 - Change FC-01.09 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$100,000.00 Funding
18 Dec 2001	* P00009 - Change FC-01.08 - Walnut Ave Fairbanks Pump Refurbishment - \$21,273.47 - 56-day extension
19 Dec 2001	* P00010 - Change FC-01.10 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$100,000.00 Funding
08 Jan 2002	* A00002 - Change FC-01.12 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$500,000.00 Funding
10 Jan 2002	* A00003 - Change FC-01.13 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$500,000.00 Funding
13 Apr 2002	* A00004 - Change FC-01.01 - South Kennedy Trash Rack Structure - \$16,993.52 - 30-day extension
01 Jul 2002	* A00005 - Change FC-01.14 - Replace Hohman Ave. Seal Water Pump - \$29,000.00 - 40-day extension
05 Sep 2002	* A00006 - Change FC-01.11 Baring Ave Float Tube, FC-01-12a Baring Underground Service, FC-01-15 Walnut Sediment, FC-01-16 Walnut Trash Rack, FC-01-17 Relocate Hohman Roof Drain, FC-01-18 South Kennedy Slab, FC-01-19 Overload Relay & Leak Indicator Power Connection, FC-01-21 Conduits Between MCC and Pump Controller - \$67,652.80 - 30-day extension
02 Aug 2002	* P00011 - Change FC-01.20 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$600,000.00 Funding
25 Nov 2003	* A00007 - Change SS016 - Time Extension for Union Picketing - No Cost - 42-day extension
02 Jan 2003	* P00012 - Change SS017 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$150,000.00 Funding
25 Mar 2003	* A00008 - Change SS018 - Pump Impeller Change Out - \$38,915.30 - 90-day extension
23 Jun 2003	* P00013 - Change SS022 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$500,000.00 Funding.
09 Jul 2003	* A00009 - Change SS019 - Lighting Panel Relocation/ Baring Ave, and SS021 - Valve Replacement/Hohman - \$5,579.68 - 2-day extension.
29 Jul 2003	* P00014 - Change SS024 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - De-Obligate \$150,000.00
12 Aug 2003	* A00010 - Change SS023 - Net Positive Suction Head test time extension - 129-day extension
15 Aug 2003	* A00011 - Field Change SS020 - New Handrail on Johnson Pump Discharge/South Kennedy - Adds \$4,245.08
19 Sep 2003	* P00015 - Change SS025 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$166,000.00 Funding
18 Dec 2003	* P00016 - Change SS027 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$250,000.00 Funding
18 Feb 2004	* P00017 - Change SS028 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - \$500,000.00 Funding
24 Mar 2004	* A00012 - Change SS026 - Delete Baring Ave. discharge box grade beam; and SS029 Installation of Godwin standby pump at Baring - \$10,045.77 - 4-day extension
08 June 2004	* P00018 - Change SS033 - Administrative - Continuing Contract Funding - De-Obligate \$200,000.00.
03 May 2004	* A00013 - Change SS031 - Relocation of the CT's in Motor Control Centers at Baring and South Kennedy and Delays Associated with Site Access Problems (I-80/I-94 Construction) - 265-day extension

Modifications/Changes In Process (dollar amounts and time extensions are preliminary and subject to revision):

- A00014 - Change SS030 - S. Kennedy Trash Rack Enclosure, and SS032 Walnut Pump #6 Suction Bell Repair - \$24,364.90 - 19 days
- A000?? - Change SS034 - Walnut Ave. Pump Discharge Piping Refurbishment - Contractor proposal is \$64,470.55 - 30 day extension
- A000?? - Change SS035 - Installation of Self Retracting Lifeline at Walnut Wet Well Access - RFP being prepared

**Note:** \* Administrative modifications do not change the scope of work, the contract amount, or the contract time.

\* Administrative modifications are intended to provide "continuing contract funding". This provides money availability to the COE Calumet area office, who oversees the contract once it is awarded. This money will be used to pay the contractor for work completed and approved on an incremental basis.



# MONTHLY PROJECT PROJECT REPORT

CONTRACT NO.:	DACW27-01-C-0001	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR:	Overstreet Engineering and Construction, Inc.	Gervais
DESCRIPTION:	Little Calumet River - Pump Station Rehabilitation Phase 1A	Anderson Craib

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	5-Oct-00	4,638,400.00
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00013 thru P00018	7-Nov-00	4,869,610.62
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	8-Oct-02	700
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	26-Aug-04	1388
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	31-Dec-04	127

**ESTIMATED PROGRESS**

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 27	4,073,072.82
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period	135,000.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)	0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>	<b>4,208,072.82</b>

D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)	0.00
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**TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)**

4,208,072.82

E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs) (If Applicable)	0.00
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**FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)**

4,208,072.82

**TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT**

F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00013 thru P00018	4,869,610.62
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)	0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (Thru RFP "SS035)	98,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>	<b>4,967,610.62</b>

**FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00013 thru P00018**

4,092,427.59

**ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)**

84.71%

**SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)**

88.00%

**PRESENT EARNINGS**

4,073,072.82

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Reviewing contractor's revised proposal for SS030 (SK-Trash Rack Enclosure).
- Walnut Ave.
- Pump #6 rebuilding efforts have been discontinued. A modification will be issued to cover additions to the pump and discharge pipe refurbishing.
- The motor has been rebuilt and factory tested. Results should be available soon.
- Pump #4 and #5 have yet to be removed and rebuilt.
- Kennedy Ave.
- Pump and motor #3 has been removed and the pump rebuilding efforts have been discontinued.
- Pump #1 and #2 have yet to be removed and rebuilt.





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July 30, 2004

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Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress  
701 East 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Congressman Visclosky:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 12, 2004 regarding concerns from Mr. Don Ewen regarding a pump station west of Grant Street in Gary, Indiana. According to Mr. Ewen, he stated that this pump station was completed in 2003 and has not been activated. The reality of this situation is that some construction began in 2003 to construct ditch work, concrete work, and preliminary electric. For this pump station to operate, electric power needed to be provided by NIPSCO to the meter directly west of Grant Street. The pump station was not ready for electric until early 2004. A number of procedures were required in order to have someone sign off as owner of this station. The Development Commission cannot sign off as owner of this station because we will not be ultimate owners responsible for operation and maintenance once it is completed. We have been working on, and are currently finalizing, our agreements with the city of Gary, whereby they will take over the operation and maintenance of all of the flood control project features within the city of Gary. This pump station is one small item of the larger operation and maintenance plan, which until completed, Gary was not willing to sign off as owner. We finally had made arrangements with Gary to sign the necessary agreements as owner of this station in the spring of 2004, whereby they would put up the money NIPSCO needed to provide the electric supply to the meter near Grant Street. From that point, NIPSCO had to schedule crews and line up material to run the electric to this point. The electric was finally run from this point to the aforementioned pump station early in July of 2004. Dyer Construction, the Development Commission, and the Army Corps had the pumps tested on July 20 and they are currently functioning as was designed.

Congressman Visclosky  
July 30, 2004  
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Over the past several months, this was all explained to Mr. Ewen that necessary agreements had to be put in place and money had to be fronted by the city of Gary to NIPSCO before the electric could be run to the meter. We had explained to Mr. Ewen on a number of occasions that this could take a few months because of coordination that would be necessary between Gary and NIPSCO to facilitate an agreement. Mr. Ewen complained that he could not get in to plow land that was leased from the Commission in order to plant his crops in an approximately 10-20 acre portion of land that was being affected by water present in this area. Mr. Ewen was awarded the contract to farm Commission lands based upon his submitting the highest bid with the understanding that he would be responsible for all pumping or watering in that area. Unfortunately, the pump we installed to remediate drainage problems in that area had not been completed. From this point on, standing water issues have been remediated to accommodate adjacent businesses and property owners who have problems with water on their properties and in their basements.

We feel that we have dealt fairly and informatively with Mr. Ewen since he signed an agreement with us in early 2004 and have kept him informed and "in the loop" of the progress of this pump. We appreciate Mr. Ewen's concerns with the scheduling of our project but in this particular case, coordination needed to be performed and followed procedurally in accordance with NIPSCO and the Gary Sanitary District's schedule. If further information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Imad Samara, COE  
Vic Gervais, COE  
Doug Anderson, COE  
Lou Casale, Attorney, LCRBDC

# **PROJECT ENGINEERING MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**For meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2004  
(Information in this report is from July 1 – July 28, 2004)**

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## **STATUS (Stage II Phase 1) Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:**

1. Project completed on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1992.  
Dyer Construction – Contract price: \$365,524

## **STATUS (Stage II Phase II) Grant to Harrison – North Levee:**

1. Project completed on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993  
Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price: \$1,220,386

## **STATUS (Stage II Phase 3A) Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:**

1. Project completed on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1995  
Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price: \$2,275,023

## **STATUS (Stage II Phase 3B) Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:**

1. Rausch Construction started on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1995. (Construction is now completed)
  - Current contract amount - \$3,288,101.88
  - Original contract amount - \$3,293,968.00
  - Amount overrun – current contract is under COE estimate.
2. A final inspection with the LCRBDC and the COE was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002.  
LCRBDC received O&M Manuals & inspection was found to be completed as per plans & specifications.
  - Awaiting “as-built” drawings.
  - Contractor is relieved from any further contractual responsibilities.
3. Refer to monthly contract status report (Handout)

## **STATUS (Stage II Phase 3C2) Grant to Harrison: (8A contract)**

1. WEBB Construction was the contractor.
  - Original contract amount - \$3,451,982.36.
  - Current contract amount - \$3,915,178.36
  - Amount overrun - \$463,196 (13%)

## **Landscaping Contract – Phase I (This contract includes all completed levee segments) installing, planting zones, seeding, and landscaping):**

1. Project completed June 11, 1999  
Dyer Construction – Final contract cost: \$1,292,066

## **STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2B) Clark to Chase:**

1. Project completed on October 2, 2002.
  - Dyer Construction Company, Inc. - Contract price: \$1,948,053



**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – South) EJ&E Railroad to Burr St., South of the Norfolk Southern RR.):**

1. Dyer Construction was low bidder. Given 450 days to complete
  - Current contract amount - \$4,285,345
  - Original contract amount – 3,862,737
  - Amount overrun - \$422,608 (11%)

**Landscaping Contract – Phase II (This contract includes all completed levee segments in the East Reach not landscaped):**

1. Projected date to advertise – May 15, 2004
2. Anticipated award of contract – June 30, 2004
3. Projected construction start – September, 2004
4. Anticipated construction cost \$1,787,000.
5. A review meeting was held on April 26, 2004 to discuss the 100% submittal of plans & specs
  - Scope of work, seed mixes, and locations for plantings was modified to improve aesthetics, and reduce long term O&M.
  - First seed planting anticipated in fall, 2005, after which the contractor assumes O&M for 5 years.
  - First tree plantings anticipated in spring, 2006, after which the contractor assumes O&M for 2 years.
  - A field walk-thru was held.
6. A pre-bid meeting was held with the COE on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, to answer any questions, provide clarifications, and discuss schedules with contractors and sub-contractors.
  - Bid due date is June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.
  - 104 acres included in bid – 100 to be herbicided, remaining 4 acres are ditches.
  - First seeding will probably be done in the Fall of 2005.
7. Refer to COE monthly contract status report. (Handout)

**STATUS (Stage II Phase 4) Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:**

1. Project completed on January 6, 2003.
  - Rausch Construction Company – Contract price: \$4,186,070.75

**STATUS (Stage III) Chase to Grant Street:**

1. Project completed on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1994  
Kiewit Construction – Contract price: \$6,564,520

**STAGE III Drainage Remediation Plan:**

1. The bid opening was September 10, 2002
  - A. The contractor is Dyer Construction
    - Contract was awarded on September 30, 2002
    - Construction started February, 2003
    - Anticipated completion **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - B. Project money status:
    - Original contract estimate - \$1,695,822
    - Original contract amount - \$1,231,845
    - Current contract amount - **\$1,435,747.42**
    - **Amount overrun - \$203,902 (16%)**



2. The scope of this project is to include the following:
  - A. Lift stations West of Grant to remediate drainage problems due to Stage III construction.
  - B. East Reach remediation lift station for interior drainage.
  - C. Extending the combination sewer, East of Grant St., North to our line of protection.
  - D. Phase indicator system, for generator plug-in at the North Burr St. pump station.
3. **The pump station start-up was done on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This pump station is now functional.** /
  - A punch list will be completed by the COE and the turnover will be done after the Marshalltown Station is completed.
  - The COE and their contractor will schedule training and turn over spare parts in the near future.
4. A letter was written to Congressman Visclosky's office on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 by Don Ewen 2-3 complaining of the delay to activate the Grant St. pump. (July 12<sup>th</sup>, letter from Visclosky.)
  - A letter of clarification will be sent to Congressman Visclosky's office 4-5
5. Refer to June COE monthly contract status report. 6

**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – North) Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern RR:**

1. IV-1 (North) The drainage system from Colfax to Burr St. North of the Norfolk Southern RR.
  - Current contract amount - \$2,956,964.61
  - Original contract amount - \$2,708,720.00
  - Amount overrun - \$248,244.60 (9%)
2. We received "as built" drawings from the COE on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The only item needed to be completed is to assure turf growth in all areas. (This will be inspected in the spring, 2004)
3. We received a response from the COE on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003, addressing vegetation.
  - Current plantings are for erosion control that will give way to native grasses. Native grasses weren't planned on this contract, but will be needed to be included in an upcoming contract.
  - LCRBDC has a concern with sloughing in the concrete ditch bottom between Colfax and Calhoun.
  - As part of the upcoming "project inspection" with the COE and Gary, we are anticipating this to be a punch list item that needs to be reviewed for remediation responsibility.

**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2A) Burr to Clark – Lake Etta:**

1. Dyer Construction – 100% complete.
  - Current contract amount - \$3,329,463.66
  - Original contract amount - \$2,473,311.50
  - Amount overrun - \$856,152 (34%)
2. The North Burr St. stormwater pumping station has been completed.
  - A. LCRBDC requested phase indicator system for generator plug-in. This is being done as part of the Stage III Remediation contract.
    - Awaiting as-built drawings.
3. The final inspection was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002, with the COE, Dyer & LCRBDC and found to be satisfactory as per plans and specifications.



- We received O&M Manuals and the hand held programmer on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002
4. Refer to COE monthly contract status report.(Handout)

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) EJ & E RR to, and including Colfax – North of the NIPSCO R/W (Drainage from Arbogast to Colfax, South of NIPSCO R/W):**

1. The bid opening was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000
  - The low bidder is Dyer Construction.
  - Current contract amount - \$2,228,652.16
  - Original contract amount - \$2,074,072.70
  - Amount overrun - \$113,604.62 (6%)
2. The drainage ditch north of the Mansards is having sloughing problems that should be corrected when Burr St. Phase II is completed.
  - **As per a request from the City of Gary, we are awaiting the final engineering drawings in order that a meeting can be held to discuss comments.**

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2 – Gary) Colfax to Burr St.**

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, paid for, and coordinated by the City of Gary. The Army Corps will oversee the construction to assure compliance with federal specifications.
2. We were informed of the change in schedule on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as follows:  
Final engineering drawings for review will be submitted May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004; design completion June 2004; advertise June 2004; and award August 2004.
  - **As per a request from the city of Gary, we are awaiting the final engineering drawings in order that a meeting can be held to discuss comments.**
3. A meeting was held with the COE, LCRBDC, and Jim Meyer (GSD attorney) on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, to discuss their portion of this project, funding, project management, and coordination.
  - Gary will contribute \$1.4 million toward this portion of construction.
  - The scope of work will be reviewed to reduce COE estimate of \$1.6 million to allow Gary appropriate budget.
4. Engineering drawings were sent to the Marathon Pipeline Company on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, requesting review & comments for any impacts.
5. Comments were submitted to the COE on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 regarding plans and specifications.
6. **The COE has requested the R.W. Armstrong do an ITR (Independent Technical Review) of both Burr St. plans. Currently investigating comparison of the amount of time & money it would take R.W. Armstrong compared to the COE doing their own review.** 7-9
7. **Gary Council Finance meeting held on July 27 for approval of ordinance for \$1.4 million available for Burr Street Phase 2 Gary portion of levee.**

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) North of the NSRR, East of Burr St., and ½ mile East, back South over RR approx. 1400**

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, coordinated, and facilitated by the COE and LCRBDC as a project cost.
2. A letter was sent to Wolverine Pipeline on July 18, 2003 requesting coordination for utility re-locates for their two (2) 16" pipelines.
3. We were informed of the change in schedule on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as follows: Final engineering drawings for review will be submitted August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004; design completion October 2004; advertise November 2004; and award January 2005.



4. Engineering drawings were sent to the Marathon Pipeline Company on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, requesting review & comments for any impacts.

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:**

1. Project completed on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1995.  
Dyer construction – Contract price: \$998,630

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):**

1. A meeting was held with the LCRBDC and the COE on May 14, 2003 to discuss revised scheduling with the recent appropriation from the State.
  - A. We considered breaking up Stage V-2 into (2) segments as follows:
    - Stage V-2A (Kennedy to Indianapolis Blvd.)
    - Stage V-2B (Indianapolis Blvd. to Northcote)
    - A letter was sent to the COE on June 5 requesting division of V-2 into (2) segments & also hydrology data and recreational tie-in. (Response is ongoing.)  
Dependent on remaining money from VI-1 acquisition.
2. INDOT drainage issues at Indianapolis Blvd. and the Little Calumet River.
  - A. INDOT had a coordination meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, to review their projects in the Lake County area.
    - INDOT indicated the earliest they could release Phase 1A (Ridge Road to Little Calumet River.) would be in 2005. Lift station couldn't be in use until we complete our levee in that area.
  - B. We received a letter from INDOT on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, agreeing to pay 85% of the maintenance and power costs and Highland and North Township will pay \$314,500 of the \$1,746,950 pump station construction cost.
    - North Township sent a letter to INDOT on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, indicating they support the 15% to be provided locally and that they will pay their fair share.
    - A call with Dan Gardner, John Bach (Town of Highland) and Jim Pokrajac on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, indicated that Highland would also support their fair share.
    - On a conference call with INDOT, the COE, and the LCRBDC on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, INDOT indicated that our portion of construction in this area must be completed before they install their pump station. LCRBDC needs to work with the COE to modify our construction and acquisition schedules to accommodate the INDOT project.
    - LCRBDC received a letter dated April 5, 2004, on behalf of the town of Highland, from NIES Engineering, to American Consulting Engineers which enclosed data regarding the floodplain in this general area.
    - The town of Highland sent a letter to INDOT on April 5, 2004 questioning the cost information previously provided by INDOT.
3. **LCRBDC received a fax from the Town of Munster on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 with (8) questions regarding the future construction of our project in Munster.**
  - **A letter was sent back to Munster on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, addressing these concerns, which included scheduling impacts to the community, design, and property ownerships.**
  - **A meeting with Munster, and the public, is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the Munster Town Hall.**

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#### **STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Woodmar Country Club:**

1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal process and revised schedule.
  - The current schedule shows a March 2006 advertising date. The construction sequence due to hydrology will push construction back in the schedule.
2. This project will be done after all other construction between Cline Ave. and Northcote is completed due to hydrology concerns with installing the control structure as part of the project.
3. A meeting with Woodmar was held on December 4, 2003 to discuss current status.
  - At this point in time, all of Hammond (Cline to State Line) would come out of the floodplain at one time. All construction needs to be completed north of the river because no tie-backs are currently available.
4. **A meeting was held with Woodmar on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to review and discuss the current schedule and construction options.**

#### **STATIS Stage VI-1 (South) South of the river – Kennedy to Liable**

1. The final engineering drawings were made available for review on April 6, 2004; design completion scheduled May, 2004; advertise contract July 2004; and award contract in September 2004.
  - **A Right of Entry was signed on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**
2. LCRBDC received a letter from the COE on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, regarding the suggestion of using a decorative concrete finish for the I-Walls.
  - LCRBDC received information from Milestones, Inc. on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, and has forwarded information to the COE to incorporate into their specifications as well as their bid forms.
  - **As per a conference call with the COE on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the LCRBDC suggested that the "Random Ashlar" pattern could be used for this segment, but additional information will be provided to the COE for future West Reach projects for consideration.**
  - **It appears this particular pattern will be comparable in cost to the previously used "Fin-Type" finish whereby an incremental extra could should not be incurred.**

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#### **STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 1-North) Cline to Kennedy – North of the river**

1. The COE is anticipating to make final engineering drawings available for review on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, complete design by September, 2004, advertise January 2005 (based upon real estate acquisition to sign ROE), and award contract in March, 2005.
2. A coordination meeting was held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003, with the Lake County Highway Dept., LCRBDC, and the Army Corps to discuss the upcoming construction by the county for their bridge and our construction on and adjacent to Kennedy Ave. The current schedule (as of April 15, 2004) is to complete engineering design in late September 2004; advertise in December 2004; and a tentative construction start in April 2005.
  - The county is only re-building portions of the existing bridge deck.
  - COE agreed we could accept the cost for the incremental difference for a 10' trail, include the concrete closure slabs, engineering costs, and minor clay work. This will be facilitated after the final COE design is completed and incorporated into their plans for bid.
  - An interlocal agreement will need to be signed between the COE, Lake Co. Hwy., and the LCRBDC.



3. A meeting was held with the COE, Lake County Highway Dept., and the LCRBDC on May 14, 2004, to review scope of work, scheduling, and coordination.
  - A final e-mail was sent by LCRBDC on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, to COE & Lake Co with intent of Scope of Work.
  - Minutes of the meeting were sent to all parties by RQAW (Lake Co. engineering consultant) on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

#### **UTILITY COORDINATION**

1. A utility coordination meeting was held with NIPSCO on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to review all re-locations and identify necessary coordination to get agreements.
  - **NIPSCO completed engineering design and cost estimates for re-locations in VI-1 South. These were submitted to the COE for review and concurrence on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2004.**
  - **LCRBDC received a letter from the COE on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, finding NIPSCO submittal fair and reasonable in the area at Kennedy Ave. The agreements will be sent to NIPSCO.**

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#### **STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 2) Liable to Cline – South of the river:**

1. Rani Engineering was awarded the A/E contract by the COE in January 2000. They are out of St. Paul, Minnesota.) (COE anticipates 100% review set will be available in May, 2004.
  - The anticipated construction cost for this segment is \$3,650,000.
2. We received a modified schedule from the COE on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, indicating that final engineering drawings would be made available for review in May 2004; design completion May 2004; advertise contract January 2005; and award contract in March 2005.
  - LCRBDC has not received engineering drawings for review as of **July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**
  - NIES Engineering has been given the task to do all utility coordination
3. A utility coordination meeting was held with NIPSCO on February 20, 2004, to review all re-locations and identify necessary coordination to get agreements.
4. A memo was sent to LCRBDC attorney on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004, along with a copy of a license agreement with the EJ&E RR, East of Cline, requesting we begin coordination of an easement agreement.

#### **STATUS (Stage VII) Northcote to Columbia:**

1. The final contract with Earth Tech to do the A/E work for this stage/phase of construction was signed and submitted by the COE on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999.
2. The COE anticipates we should be getting the 100% drawings for review and comment no later than the fall of 2004. (ongoing)
  - LCRBDC received Earth Tech comments from the COE on December 9, 2003. The COE will handle the update of the plans when project is reactivated.
3. A letter was sent to the Lake County Highway Dept. on January 22, 2004 requesting they coordinate their design and scope of work with the COE for re-building the deck of the Columbia Avenue bridge.
4. Refer to COE monthly contract status report. (Handout)

#### **STATUS (Stage VIII) Columbia to the Illinois State Line:**

1. Project currently on hold.
2. Some preliminary design has been completed by SEH. (Contract has been terminated at this point in time.)



### **East Reach Remediation Area – North of I-80/94, MLK to I-65**

1. Project cost information
  - Current contract amount - \$1,873,784.68
  - Original contract amount - \$1,657,913.00
  - Amount overrun - \$215,971 (13%)
2. The lift station at the Southwest corner of the existing levee that will handle interior drainage is being done as part of the Stage III remediation project. (See Stage III remediation in this report for details.) Construction started March, 2003. Approximately 95% complete.
  - Awaiting NIPSCO electric power to test pumps. (See Stage III remediation for information.)

### **Mitigation (Construction Portion) for “In Project” Lands:**

1. Bids were opened on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002, and Renewable Resources, Inc. (from Barnesville, Georgia) is the successful bidder.
  - The government estimate is \$1,017,082 and the low bid came in at \$921,103 (this is \$95,979 under the estimate).
  - **The current contract amount is \$1,341,940.96, based upon COE monthly June construction progress report.**
  - **Amount overrun - \$420,838 (above their bid). This is approx. a 46% overrun.**
  - Modification #6 to the contract was issued by the COE on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to cancel modification #1 – no change in money or schedule.
2. A final inspection was held on both sites on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, with the COE, LCRBDC, project A/E, and Renewable Resources.
  - A summarization of the inspection was received by the LCRBDC on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
3. Refer to **June** COE monthly contract status report.

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### **West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1A:**

1. The four (4) pump stations that are included in this initial West Reach pump station project are Baring, Walnut, S. Kennedy, and Hohman/Munster.
2. Low bidder was Overstreet Construction. Notice to proceed was given on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – 700 work days to complete (Anticipated completion date is **August 26, 2004**)
  - Current contract amount - \$4,855,320
  - Original contract amount - \$4,638,400
  - Amount overrun – \$216,920 (4.7%)
3. We received the project progress update from the COE on May 21, 2004. For any detailed information regarding construction status, refer to the attached “Project Progress Update Report”.
  - **Baring Pump Station**  
99% complete
  - **Walnut Pump Station**  
70% complete
  - **S. Kennedy Pump Station**  
69% complete



- **Hohman/Munster Pump Station**  
**98% complete**
4. A letter was sent to the COE on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, requesting status of this contract and how much money the contractor was being penalized for not meeting the current construction completion date of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
    - A. A rough estimate of \$1,300/day penalty would calculate out to over \$250,000.
      - **We received the June, 2004 construction progress report indicating that the completion date was revised to August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**
    - B. **The meeting with the COE and the interested Commission members is scheduled at the Griffith COE office on August 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
      - **This meeting will afford an opportunity for the Commissioners to ask questions on the contract extension as well as become familiarized with COE procedures for issuing change orders and modifications to contracts.**
  5. Refer to **June** COE monthly contract status report.

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**West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1B:**

1. The two (2) pump stations included in this contract are S.E. Hessville (Hammond), and 81<sup>st</sup> St. (Highland). Overall contract work is completed.
2. Thieneman Construction from Griffith, IN was the successful bidder.
  - Final contract amount - \$2,120,730.12
  - Original contract amount - \$1,963,400.00
  - Amount overrun - \$157,330 (9%)

**North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:**

1. The low bidder was Overstreet Construction
  - Current contract amount - \$2,501,776
  - Original contract amount- \$2,387,500
  - Amount overrun - \$114,276 (4.8%)
  - Project is currently 99% completed
  - Project completion date was scheduled for **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**
2. We received the **June** Project Progress Update from the COE on **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**
3. LCRBDC received a copy of the pre-inspection punch list from Highland on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. (Dated January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004.)
  - Additional comments for a punch list were submitted by NIES Engineering to the COE on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

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**General**

1. INDOT coordination for Grant St. & Broadway interchanges with I-80/94.
  - INDOT sent a letter to the COE on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004, indicating they worked out an agreement with the COE whereby flood control features will be included in their contract at no cost to the COE, which could be credited to the LCRBDC for that portion constructed for the flood control of the Little Calumet River.
  - A revised schedule has been submitted by the COE on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, based upon the April Real Estate meeting. (This is work anticipated for this biennium.)

- **LCRBDC is awaiting a letter from the COE indicating that all of the flood control related features done as part of the INDOT construction will be creditable to the LCRBDC.**

**Sandy Mordus**

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**From:** "Craib, Robert A LRC" <Robert.A.Craib@lrc02.usace.army.mil>  
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**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2004 9:53 AM  
**Subject:** (Sandy) Stage 3 Drainage Remediation

Jim,

**Our contractor, Dyer Construction, is planning to test/commission/turnover the "Drain Tile" pump station on July 20, 2004 at 1000 hours. Please feel to attend, if you are able.**

Per our Rick Stebbens, NIPSCO has not provide power to the Marshalltown pump station, as of this date.

1. Do you know if the City of Gary has ordered the new NIPSCO service for this station? Our contract completion was back on May 28, 2004.

2. Per Dyer Const. (Harold), they do not feel Gary's pump station personnel will be at the Drain Tile station for their training. I suggested to Harold that if Gary is not present for the commissioning/training (at the Drain Tile station) Gary might be able to receive their training during the future commissioning of the Marshalltown station.

3. Currently there is no lock on the Drain Tile station gate. Does Gary usually install their lock? If so, who should Dyer, or I, contact at Gary?

Jim if you are able, please respond to item #1 and #3 above, when you have an opportunity.

Thanks,  
Bob

7/19/2004



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July 12, 2004

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

Dear Dan:

Enclosed please find correspondence submitted to my office by my constituent, Mr. Donald Ewen.


Mr. Ewen has contacted my office with concerns regarding the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project. As you may know, traditionally, Mr. Ewen's farmland would be water covered and drain into the Little Calumet River. However, with the construction of the levees, this drainage is no longer possible. According to Mr. Ewen, a pump station that was completed in 2003 has never been activated.

I would greatly appreciate your review of the circumstances involved in this matter and your insights as to efforts which can be taken to address Mr. Ewen's concerns.

Please feel free to contact my Manager of Projects and Grants, Kelsee Waggoner, at the Merrillville District Office should you have any questions or comments pertaining to this request.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress

PJV:kw

cc: Imad Samara, Chicago Corps of Engineers

June 10, 201

Dear Pto.  
Congratulations on your stellar career notwithstanding  
our people are to be admired. The little Communist Russia  
good control project for her a major concern of mine.  
I have always been critical of the way the (Cory) Eisenhower  
resolves the problem. Since a few years, they go overboard in  
proliferating water tanks. Our old Communist responded on  
purpose for drainage but the COE did not cut off from the  
main. Probably because the National to complaints of years  
constituted, I pumping system was completed in 2003. For  
over many years this has not been activated. I would like  
your investigation as to why this seems to not work.

Over Niger is suffering from high local taxation  
putting because our cost of providing food for the poor.  
Our local food bank is poorly managed. Can you  
arrange a place that give out food not being bought  
at a farm the adjacent property, I am in a position to  
observe. Some days there are more than 1000 people  
employment I was requested to resign from the kind of  
decision when I questioned the amount of a gift I had  
made to them about 3 years ago.

In the Great Depression of the 1930s, the local  
food bank provided hundreds of acres for gardening on (day  
sp. in day. It was successful in the food and recreational  
results it provided. The same opportunity exists for my former  
farm of about 500 acres. It is now owned by government  
but my volunteer efforts are noted by local employees of  
Second Harvest Food Bank. Why don't you pay them a visit?

2 ISSUES - 2 LETTERS + 1 COVER  
LETTER

Sincerely  
Don Ever  
4767 E 61st Ave  
NORFOLK IN 46342

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#2 - BACK TO LITTLE ROCK  
15005

PUMP  
STATION  
BACK  
LITTLE ROCK  
15005



July 27, 2004

Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress  
701 East 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Congressman Visclosky:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 12, 2004 regarding concerns from Mr. Don Ewen regarding a pump station west of Grant Street in Gary, Indiana. According to Mr. Ewen, he stated that this pump station was completed in 2003 and has not been activated. The reality of this statement is that some construction began in 2003 to construct ditch work, concrete work, and preliminary electric. For this pump station to operate, electric power needed to be provided by NIPSCO to the meter directly west of Grant Street. The pump station was not ready for electric until early 2004. A number of procedures were required in order to have someone sign off as owner of this station. The Development Commission cannot sign off as owner of this station because we have no funds designated for us to provide operation and maintenance for this station after it is completed. We have been working, and are currently finalizing, our agreements with the city of Gary, whereby they will eventually take over the operation and maintenance of all of the flood control project features within the city of Gary. This pump station is one small item of the large picture and at this point in time, other negotiations have not been completed; therefore, Gary was not willing to sign off as owner. We finally had made arrangements with Gary to sign the necessary agreements as owner of this station in the spring of 2004, whereby they would put up the money NIPSCO needed to provide the electric supply to the meter near Grant Street. From that point, NIPSCO had to schedule crews and line up material to run the electric to this point. The electric was finally run from this point to the aforementioned pump station early in July of 2004. Dyer Construction, the Development Commission, and the Army Corps had the pumps tested on July 20 and they are currently functioning as was designed.

Congressman Visclosky

July 27, 2004

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Over the past several months, this was all explained to Mr. Ewen that necessary agreements had to be put in place and money had to be fronted by the city of Gary to NIPSCO before the electric could be run to the meter. We had explained to Mr. Ewen on a number of occasions that this could take a few months because of coordination that would be necessary between Gary and NIPSCO to facilitate an agreement. Mr. Ewen complained that he could not get in to plow land that was leased from the Commission in order to plant his crops in an approximately 10-20 acre portion of land that was being affected by water in this area. Mr. Ewen was awarded the contract to farm Commission lands based upon his submitting the highest bid with the understanding that he would be responsible for all pumping or watering in that area. Unfortunately, the pump we installed to remediate drainage problems in that area had not been completed. From this point on, standing water issues have been remediated to accommodate adjacent businesses and property owners who have problems with water on their properties and in their basements.

We feel that we have dealt fairly and informatively with Mr. Ewen since he signed an agreement with us in early 2004 and have kept him informed and "in the loop" of the progress of this pump. We appreciate Mr. Ewen's concerns with the scheduling of our project but in this particular case, coordination needed to be performed and followed procedurally in accordance with NIPSCO and the Gary Sanitary District's schedule.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Imad Samara, COE  
Vic Gervais, COE  
Doug Anderson, COE  
Lou Casale, Attorney, LCRBDC

**Calumet Area Office  
Construction Progress Report  
Thru End of: June 2004**

TS-C-S  
Gervais  
Stebens

CONTRACT NO.: DACW23-02-C-0010  
CONTRACTOR: Dyer Construction Company, Inc.  
DESCRIPTION: Little Calumet River - Stage III Remediation

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	29-Sep-02	1,231,848.50
NTP DATE/CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00008 Thru P00005	14-Nov-02	1,435,747.42
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	9-Nov-03	360
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	28-May-04	561
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	27-Jul-04	60

**ESTIMATED PROGRESS**

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 8	1,323,856.16
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period	0.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)	0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>	<b>1,323,856.16</b>

D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)	0.00
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<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)</b>	<b>1,323,856.16</b>
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E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs) (If Applicable)	0.00
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<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>	<b>1,323,856.16</b>
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**TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT**

F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00008 Thru P00005	1,435,747.42
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)	4,144.25
H. Directed, Pending Modifications	0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>	<b>1,439,891.67</b>

FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00008 Thru P00005	1,380,715.75
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<b>ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)</b>	<b>91.94%</b>
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<b>SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)</b>	<b>92.00%</b>
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<b>PRESENT EARNINGS</b>	<b>1,323,856.16</b>
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**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Contractor submitted proposal for electrical upgrades, modification has been executed
- Electrical subcontractor completed electrical work at Grant St. and Marshalltown.
- Contractor/TS-C-S still awaiting NIPSCO to provide electrical power
- LCRBDC has requested a bike trail entrance at Grant Street Lift Station.

**Sandy Mordus**

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**From:** "Schmidt, Joseph J LRC" <Joseph.J.Schmidt@lrc02.usace.army.mil>  
**To:** "Samara, Imad LRC" <Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; "Jim Flora (E-mail)" <jflora@rwa.com>; "Little Calument (E-mail)" <littlecal@nirpc.org>  
**Cc:** "Maali, Khalid J LRC" <Khalid.J.Maali@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; "Roach, Nicole L LRC" <Nicole.L.Roach@lrc02.usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2004 9:26 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Burr Street Betterment Levee Comments

Concur with Imad's assessment.

The ITR is an independent technical review. The term "technical" is used to distinguish this review from a "policy" review. The ITR is roughly equivalent to the old Division review that it replaced. It is not a detailed "technical" review but an overall assessment of the quality of the product and a verification that the P/S presented will accomplish the objective defined in the Feasibility report or project Design Memorandum. Quality Control is the responsibility of the designer. The ITR reviewer is confirming that the designer used proper procedures to assure quality in the product.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Samara, Imad LRC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2004 10:48 AM  
**To:** Jim Flora (E-mail); Little Calument (E-mail)  
**Cc:** Maali, Khalid J LRC; Schmidt, Joseph J LRC; Roach, Nicole L LRC  
**Subject:** RE: Burr Street Betterment Levee Comments

Jim, I wished that you have requested a meeting or a conference call to discuss this earlier if you have any concerns about what we were asking for. I just want to remind you that we have done this before for the Burr Street Betterment Levee Phase 1. You are correct in your statement below that as the local sponsor consultant you usually not asked to perform the ITR review. But since this a betterment we agreed in the past as a cost saving measure we used the local sponsor as ITR members. The cost saving measure is not using additional people to perform this effort, since you guys will be doing the review anyway.

The comments that were given to us and were responded to were comments that did not produce an issue that is still unresolved.

My views on the issue of the TMDL role 13 is that this is an issue outside the scope of this design. I feel that this issue needs to be addressed, but it needs to be addressed for the entire project. We have assigned a person from our office in the Environmental Engineering Section to coordinate this effort for the project, her name is Nicole Roach. Nicole is trying to contact Jay Nice to discuss this issue.

Jim, If you feel that we need to discuss this further please let me know so that we can arrange for a conference call.

Imad Samara

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7/19/2004

Project Manager  
111 N Canal Street  
Chicago IL 60606  
(W) 312-846-5560  
(Cel) 312-860-0123

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Maali, Khalid J LRC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2004 9:01 AM  
**To:** Samara, Imad LRC; Schmidt, Joseph J LRC  
**Subject:** FW: Burr Street Betterment Levee Comments

-----Original Message-----

**From:** James J. Flora, Jr. [mailto:jimflora@netnitco.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2004 6:57 PM  
**To:** Maali, Khalid J LRC  
**Cc:** Jim Pokrajac; Phil Gralik  
**Subject:** Re: Burr Street Betterment Levee Comments

Khallid,

I received your e-mail regarding the Burr Street Betterment Comments. I am in the office infrequently, so I have not yet signed the form you e-mailed. I have however seen the form and believe that it would be inappropriate for us to sign the form without significant modification. We have not performed an "independent technical review" in accordance with "the Quality Control Plan and the ITR documentation" as stated in the form you supplied. Why are we now being asked to sign such a form when we have not in the past?

Per direction and discussion with the LCRBDC, our reviews of plans and specifications for this project and previous projects have been for the purpose of checking items of concern to the LCRBDC. Our review did not and has never included an indepth technical review which would check design calculations and verify all techical data and issues. These items are the responsibility of the designer and the Corps.

James Flora

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Maali, Khalid J LRC  
**To:** 'Phil Gralik' ; Maali, Khalid J LRC  
**Cc:** Samara, Imad LRC ; [littlecal@nirpc.org](mailto:littlecal@nirpc.org) ; James Flora  
**Sent:** Friday, July 09, 2004 8:36 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Burr Street Betterment Levee Comments

Phil,

We really need to get James Flora's signature. Could you fax it to me today?

Khallid

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Phil Gralik [<mailto:PGralik@rwa.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2004 8:56 AM  
**To:** Maali, Khalid J; James Flora  
**Cc:** Samara, Imad; [littlecal@nirpc.org](mailto:littlecal@nirpc.org)  
**Subject:** RE: Burr Street Betterment Levee Comments

Khalid,

The Commission has asked me to specifically respond to the COE responses to our comments on these plans.

#2 - Reference sheet C-02 - The LCRBDC would like to review the revised plans to be assured the changes will resolve the problem. Is there any concern of sloughing similar to what occurred on IV-1 South?

#5 b - Reference sheet C-07 - Will this be changed to include a closure device? The LCRBDC would like to see the modified drawings.

#5 c - Reference Sheet C-07 - Is the Ditch 5 Profile, Section 2/C-07 existing?

#7 b - Reference Sheet C-13 - Is there something other than rip-rap that will work? Is the COE willing to use something else?

And then one additional comment....

#13 - Upon further review of the drawings and conversations with the City of Gary, is anything proposed that would address water quality issues for the open drainage ditch from Colfax to Burr Street?

Thanks,

Phil Gralik

# TOWN OF MUNSTER

## FACSIMILE

**To:** Dan Gardner

**From:** James M. Mandon PE *JMM*

**Fax No.** 219-762-1653

**Date:** July 7, 2004

**Number of pages including this cover sheet:** 1

**Remarks:**

Dan, Here are the questions we talked about a few days ago. If you have any questions please call me at 836-6995, or email at [jmandon@munster.org](mailto:jmandon@munster.org).

1. What is the most optimistic timetable concerning the first project constructed in Munster (Alta Vista to Baring)?
2. When is the probable date of the first project in Munster?
3. Is the design still subject to possible changes in the area east of Hawthorne, and from Baring to Columbia?
4. What % of trees is remaining in the current design?
5. Are there other plausible designs which would have less impact in the area east of Hawthorne, and from Baring to Columbia?
6. How was the current design determined?
7. Could local dollars be used to change to a design which more closely meets local needs?
8. Who actually owns the property between Hart Ditch and Hawthorne Drive, north of Ridge Road?



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Appointment

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Lake County Commissioners'  
Appointment

DAN GARDNER  
Executive Director

LOU CASALE  
Attorney

July 9, 2004

**Mr. James M. Mandon, P.E.**  
Town Engineer  
Town of Munster  
1005 Ridge Road  
Munster, Indiana 46321

Dear Jim:

Following are the Development Commission's responses to your eight questions that you had submitted to us on July 7, 2004.

- (1) What is the most optimistic timetable concerning the first project constructed in Munster Alta Vista to Baring)?
  - We anticipate October of 2007 to begin construction in this area.
  - This is our best estimate based upon State funding for money availability.
  - All land acquisitions and utility re-locations need to be completed to sign right-of-entry
- (2) When is the probable date of the first project in Munster?
  - We anticipate trying to meet the optimistic date of October 2007.
  - We will need added State funding, which we will be requesting in the upcoming State budget to keep to this schedule.
- (3) Is the design still subject to possible changes in the area east of Hawthorne, and from Baring to Columbia?
  - The design is subject to possible changes (east of Hawthorne).
  - The Army Corps of Engineers generally submits plans for review and comments a minimum of six months prior to advertising that segment for construction.
  - The commission will distribute these plans to you to discuss with representatives from Munster to ask questions, suggest changes, or address any concerns that the town of Munster would have.
  - If the ACOE would modify their design, they would do an economic analysis to determine if it is the most cost efficient way to provide flood protection in that area.
  - If the cost to modify the design is used and costs more money, the ACOE refers to this as a "betterment". This can be done whereby the locals would pay for the incremental difference.
  - Currently, the design between Northcote and Columbia, south of the river, has incorporated sheet piling into the existing levees to minimize impacts to the residential areas. (This is referred to as Stage VII)



Mr. James M. Mandon  
July 9, 2004  
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4. What % of trees is remaining in the current design?
  - No specific numbers are currently available.
  - In the past, the contractor will be instructed in his contract to minimize the impact to trees. We would also go out prior to construction and flag which trees should remain.
  - We would work with the town of Munster to fine tune the alignment.
  - On the Hart Ditch side of the levee, the ACOE proposes to clear out all debris, dead falls, or any obstructions that would restrict the water flow to the Little Calumet River. It may allow some of the trees on the Hart Ditch side of the levee to remain.
5. Are there other plausible designs which would have less impact in the area east of Hawthorne, and from Baring to Columbia?
  - In the area south of the Little Calumet River between Northcote and Columbia, the ACOE has accepted a "Value Engineering" proposal to drive sheet piling into the existing levee.
  - This sheet piling will be installed at the design elevation to provide a 200 year level of protection plus freeboard. Decorative concrete formliner will face the sheetpiling.
6. How was the current design determined?
  - When the ACOE did the initial design, it was based upon their hydrology information and upon the most cost effective method of providing a line of protection.
7. Could local dollars be used to change to a design which more closely meets local needs?
  - Refer to #3
  - Any other costs that will be incurred for design modifications will also have to be included as part of that betterment.
8. Who actually owns the property between Hart Ditch and Hawthorne Drive, north of Ridge Road?
  - We have researched the area and found that North Township owns all of the property east of the east right-of-way of Hawthorne Drive from Ridge Road northward to South River Drive.
  - They also own the property from the north right-of-way line of South River Drive extending westward to the east right-of-way line of Northcote Avenue.

We hope that our responses answer your questions and if you need any additional information or would like to meet with us, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
cc:

Tom DeGuilio, Town Manager, Munster  
Imad Samara, ACOE

**Sandy Mordus**

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**From:** "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>  
**To:** "Samara, Imad LRC" <Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>  
**Cc:** <jimflora@netnitco.net>; <milest@presenter.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2004 4:44 PM  
**Subject:** Stage VI-1South concrete formliner finish

Imad:

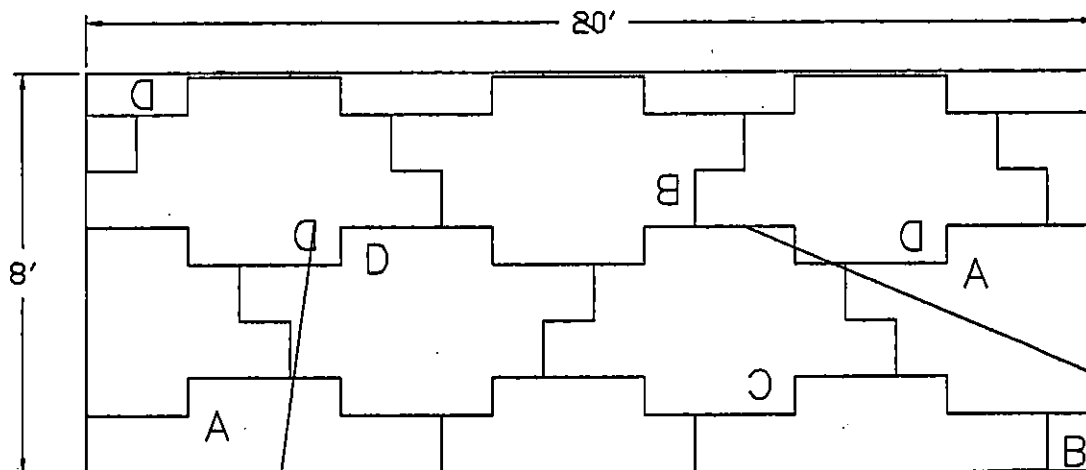
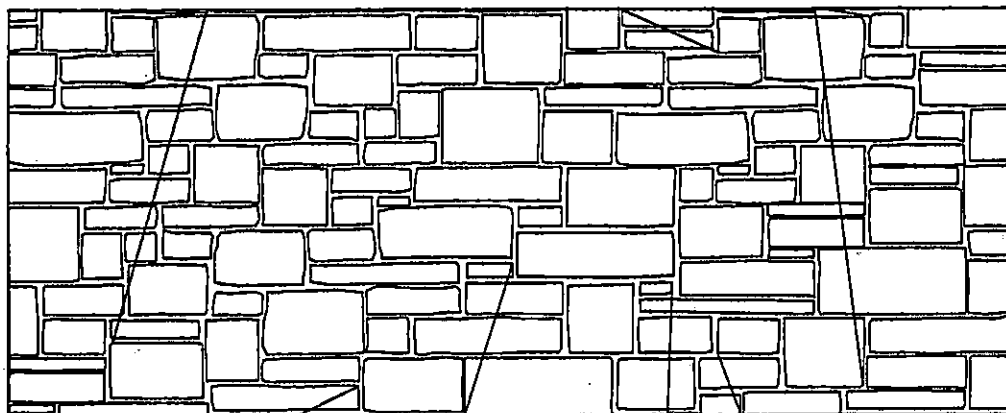
As per our conversation of July 13 regarding the use of a formliner finish in lieu of the "fin type finish", I have several requests. My first request is for you to contact the following representative to obtain, not only cost information, but any general data regarding formliner finishes:

Paul Nasvik  
MILESTONES, INC.  
235 Monroe Street  
Hudson WI 54016  
Phone (715) 381-9660  
Fax (715) 381-9679

It is my understanding that you will have your estimator get a cost for the "fin type" formliner and then contact several other sources to get costs for a formliner finish. In my past conversations with Paul Nasvik, I am under the impression that for a simple flagstone type finish with no color, it could actually be less expensive than using the "fin type" and have more pleasing aesthetic quality. As per our conversation, I also understand that if the costs you estimate for a formliner are higher than the "fin type", it would be a betterment and that the local sponsor would have to assure that the differential cost would have to be guaranteed locally in order for the COE to proceed to award a contract. As you are aware, the Development Commission does not have money available to fund betterments. In that particular case, we would have to contact the town of Highland, or some other local entity, to see if additional money would be made available. As soon as your estimates are completed, please let us know in order that we may immediately begin local coordination. I realize that the timetable for Stage VI-1South is almost at an end and I would concede that on this particular segment, we could go with the original COE proposal which appears to be a "flagstone type" finish. I will follow up with a letter and enclosures with a series of other types of finishes that we may discuss and/or review for other upcoming west reach projects.

I hope that by contacting Mr. Nasvik, you can obtain the information that you need and if you need any additional information or anything I can help you facilitate, please let me know.

Jim Pokrajac, Agent  
Land Management/Engineering



# MS-1002 Large Random Ashlar

Sample Pattern and Pattern layout

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APP BY :	SCALE: NTS
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235 Monroe St.  
Hudson, VT 54016

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**CHICAGO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**111 NORTH CANAL STREET**  
**CHICAGO IL 60606-7206**

July 12, 2004

Programs and Project  
Management Branch

Mr. James E Pokrajac  
Little Calumet River Basin  
Development Commission  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

This letter is written in response to your June 11, 2004 Letter regarding NIPSCO Relocations. In your letter you requested that we review NIPSCO's relocation plan and cost estimate for work to be performed on Stage VI- 1 South Project. We have reviewed NIPSCO's submittal and found it to be fair and reasonable. Funding of this relocation by the commission in the amount included in the submittal is considered creditable to the commission's 25% local share.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mr. Imad Samara, the Project Manager at 312-846-5560.

Sincerely,

Imad N. Samara  
Project Manager

**Calumet Area Office**  
**Construction Progress Report**  
**Thru End of: June 2004**

CONTRACT NO.:	DACW23-02-C-0011	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR:	Renewable Resources	Gervais
DESCRIPTION:	Little Calumet River - Mitigation	Stebens

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	29-Sep-02	921,102.68
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods	P00010	1,341,940.96
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	11-Jan-04	430
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	15-May-04	555
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	15-May-04	0

**ESTIMATED PROGRESS**

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No.	9	1,130,984.96
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		137,610.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>		<b>1,268,594.96</b>

D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)		0.00
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)</b>		<b>1,268,594.96</b>

E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}		0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>		<b>1,268,594.96</b>

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod.	P00010	1,341,940.96
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)		0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>		<b>1,341,940.96</b>

FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification	P00010	1,284,940.96
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ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)		94.53%
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SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)		98.00%
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PRESENT EARNINGS		1,130,984.96
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**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Pre-final inspection conducted on 12 May 2004, of Chase Street and Black Oak Sites
- 15 May 2004 Contractor begins 24 month monitoring period.
- Modification P00010 Variation in quantity for Debris Removal has been executed.
- Modification P00011 for Drain Tile Removal has been executed.

**Calumet Area Office  
Construction Progress Report  
Thru End of: June 2004**

CONTRACT NO.:	DACW27-01-C-0001	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR:	Overstreet Engineering and Construction, Inc.	Gervais
DESCRIPTION:	Little Calumet River - Pump Station Rehabilitation Phase 1A	Anderson
		Craig
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	5-Oct-00	4,638,400.00
NTP DATE/CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00013 thru P00018	7-Nov-00	4,869,610.62
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	8-Oct-02	700
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	26-Aug-04	1388
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	31-Dec-04	127
<b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 27		4,073,072.82
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		135,000.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>		<b>4,208,072.82</b>
D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)		0.00
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)</b>		<b>4,208,072.82</b>
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}		0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>		<b>4,208,072.82</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00013 thru P00018		4,869,610.62
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)		0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (Thru RFP "SS031)		25,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>		<b>4,894,610.62</b>
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00013 thru P00018		4,092,427.59
<b>ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)</b>		<b>85.97%</b>
<b>SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)</b>		<b>88.00%</b>
<b>PRESENT EARNINGS</b>		<b>4,073,072.82</b>

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Painting is about complete at Baring Ave. and Hohman Ave. pump stations. Numerous items remain to be completed.
- Reviewing contractor's proposal for SS030 (SK Trash Rack Enclosure).
- Walnut Ave.
  - Rebuilt pumps w/new motors #1, 2, and 3 have been placed in service.
  - Pump #6 is being rebuilt. A modification will be issued to cover additions to the pump refurbishing.
  - The motor has been rebuilt and factory tested. Results should be available soon.
  - Pump #4 and #5 have yet to be removed and rebuilt.
- Kennedy Ave.
  - Access to station is being hindered due to construction on Interstate 94
  - Rebuilt pumps w/new motors #4 and #5 have been placed in service
  - Pump and motor #3 has been removed and the pump is being rebuilt.
  - Pump #1 and #2 have yet to be removed and rebuilt.

**Calumet Area Office  
Construction Progress Report  
Thru End of: June 2004**

CONTRACT NO.: DACW27-01-C-0008	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: Overstreet Engineering and Construction, Inc.	Gervais
DESCRIPTION: Little Calumet River - North Fifth Ave. Pump Station Rehabilitation	Anderson Craib

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	21-Feb-01	2,387,500.00
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00011 thru P00012	16-Apr-01	2,501,776.39
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	17-Mar-03	700
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	6-Jan-04	995
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	21-Jan-04	15

**ESTIMATED PROGRESS**

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 22	2,483,405.36
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period	35,583.08
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)	0.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C) 2,518,988.44

D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)	0.00
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TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D) 2,518,988.44

E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs) {If Applicable}	0.00
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FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E) 2,518,988.44

**TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT**

F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00011 thru P00012	2,501,776.39
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)	0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (A00013 & A00014)	17,212.05

TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H) 2,518,988.44

FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00011 thru P00012 2,501,776.39

ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H) 100.00%

SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart) 100.00%

PRESENT EARNINGS 2,483,405.36

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Executed Modification SS-022 (Exit Signs) and SS-078 (Concrete Sump Pit #2).
- Contract substantial date 27 January 2004.
- Pre-Final inspection was performed.
- Contractor work on punch list items.
- Final inspect to be scheduled at a later date.



**Sandy Mordus**

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**From:** <ADColvin@aol.com>  
**To:** <smordus@nirpc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 05, 2004 12:26 PM  
**Subject:** Burr Street Betterment Levy Project

Hi Sandy,

Please let Dan know that the Council Finance Chair (Councilwoman Mary Brown) has requested "as much information as you have available about the project". We need to put a packet of info together with background material, funding sources, project status and projected project complete timelines. I am talking about the entire project. Also, as to the latter, timelines would be good for the Burr Street project as well.

I might be missing something, but see what Dan thinks about what I have suggested.

Arlene

Monday nite 7:15  
map.  
Indy web site

8/5/2004



## Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

### WORK STUDY SESSION

3 August 2004

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Mark Reshkin, Chairperson

#### Mitigation Update:

- 1.) The numbers change from week to week but TPL is talking with five separate landowners at this time. TPL expects to have all five properties under option or acquired by the end of the 2004. The final total would be 393 acres and the shortfall of 18 acres could be made up at the 200 acres between Chase and Grant in Gary.

#### Mitigation Requirements: 411 acres

M-12 & 14 (Bailey)	173 acres (acquired)
M-15 (Quail Hollow)	48 acres (under option)
M-4 (Bundalo)	24 acres (soon to be under option)
M-2 (Nozrik)	50 acres (donation may now be a sale)
M-1 (Kim)	50 acres (based on a letter of "intent to sell")
M-13, M-10, M-7 (Crossk, Mueller, & Julian)	48 acres (being appraised)
TOTAL	393 total acres

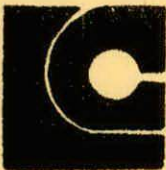
393 acres would be acquired in the Hobart Marsh

18 acres in Chase to Grant area

411 Total Acres

*C-Imailed  
to ME on 8/9*





## Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

### **WORK STUDY SESSION** **LAND MANAGEMENT**

**August 4, 2004**

**Arlene Colvin, Committee Chairperson**

START  
5-30  
5-1

ACTION

1. Consideration of Resolution 04-01 for donation of surplus property to city of Gary as part of a comprehensive O&M commitment
  - Proposed revision
2. 3120 Gerry Street
  - Advertised property for sale on July 27
  - Bid opening scheduled for August 17
  - Refer to Attachment #2 in Land Management report for notice of sale
3. Cady Marsh ditch easement agreements with Griffith were signed on July 26
  - Documents have been recorded
4. LCRBDC received a written request from View Outdoor Advertising (affiliated with WHITECO) on July 28 requesting consideration for leasing four (4) signs in the area of the southwest quadrant of I-80/94 and I-65.
  - It could generate over \$25,000/year to the Commission for use of O&M after Gary comes out of the floodplain.
  - Refer to handout.
5. Refer to Attachments 7-11 of the Land Management report for a summary of the June 28 coordination meeting with Gary for O&M.
6. Don Ewen wrote a letter to the Congressman on June 10 regarding land usage outside the line of protection, west of Grant Street for farming. (Refer to page 3 in the attachments of the Land Management report)
  - Refer to attached letter of response dated July 30 to the Congressman in response to Don Ewen's letter
7. Sign for Charles Agnew Handicapped Park is being proofed. Dedication will be scheduled for sometime in August.

get more info  
to Arlene.  
How close?  
What other  
signs are  
there?

ask Don  
Dunne  
next step

Oct.

**RESOLUTION 04-01  
OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER  
BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is the local sponsor for the United States of America, Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control/Recreation Project along the Little Calumet River; and,

WHEREAS, as the local sponsor for said flood Control Project, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is charged with the responsibility of acquiring the necessary lands, easements, and rights-of-way; utility relocations; 5% local share cash contribution; and providing for operation and maintenance of the project once it is construction complete; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting a final inspection of the flood control features with the intent of turning over operation to the local entities; and,

*delete*  
~~WHEREAS, as a result of that inspection, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will correct any deficiencies due to design or engineering and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will seek to correct any remaining capital items required to bring the project to total function; and,~~

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has indicated that to remove the city of Gary from the floodplain, a commitment in writing by the Mayor of Gary for operation and maintenance of said flood control project within the city is required; and,

WHEREAS, in discussions with the Mayor's office, there has been a request for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to donate Commission owned surplus property, as indicated on attached map, to the city at no cost for development purposes; and,

WHEREAS, to demonstrate good faith commitment to a cooperative comprehensive approach to removing Gary from the floodplain and meeting the Mayor's request;

*add*  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, that it commits to donating to the City of Gary at no cost, the approximate 359 acres of surplus property, as indicated on attached map (Exhibit A), according to the rules and regulations of the Indiana Disposition of Property Act subject to the City of Gary's agreement and commitment, in writing, to provide the operation and maintenance of the portion of the Little Calumet Flood Control project lying within the City of Gary, all in accordance with the Local Cooperation Agreement between the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

This Resolution approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_ by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Marszalek, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Gardner, Executive Director



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OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

July 28, 2004

Mr. James Pokrajac  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, IN 46368


Dear Jim,

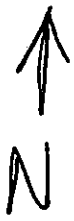
Pursuant to our telephone discussions, this letter will serve to express our interest in leasing up to four advertising sign locations on property owned by the Commission at the southwest corner of the intersection of I-80/94 and I-65.

Preliminary engineering appears to indicate that there are 2 potential sites on Commission property along I-80/94 that would meet State and Local requirements for advertising signs, and also two sites along I-65. Subject to working out the specifics of such an agreement, this could result in an annual cash flow to the Commission totaling over \$25,000 per year.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal in anticipation of establishing a mutually beneficial relationship.

Regards,

  
Dennis Sonntag  
Real Estate Manager  
View Outdoor Advertising, LLC



40-5-16.90

I-80/94

IRON  
△

NIPSCO PROPERTY

PROPOSED  
LOCATIONS

How close  
together?

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I-65

30.23

48-1-2

31ST AVE.

50-110-38.10

PENNSYLVANIA

50-110-8

2ND AVE





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Attorney

July 30, 2004

FOOD PANTRY

Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress  
701 East 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 9  
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Congressman Visclosky:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 12, 2004 requesting a review of the use of property owned by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission at Grant Street in Gary to be looked at for agricultural purposes to supply local food pantries by Mr. Don Ewen. As Mr. Ewen stated in his letter to you, this roughly 196 acres was owned partially by Mr. Ewen for many years and was purchased by the Development Commission in 1983 at fair market price from Mr. Ewen as part of the needed project lands for the retention of flood waters in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control/recreation project. Mr. Ewen has consistently felt that the flooding could be addressed by river dredging and some limited culvert improvement alone; but the Federal analysis and the state of Indiana permitting rejected that approach and called for those lands to be publicly owned and available for flood storage in times of need. On an interim basis, the Development Commission has bid the use of the lands in between the levees for farming purposes but Mr. Ewen was not the successful bidder this year. Therefore, the land is being farmed but subject to the primary need for flood storage as required. The long term plan for the land between the levees is to restore the original environment to a more natural state before it was drained for farming. Toward that end, the Development Commission, the COE, the IDNR, and the IDEM have committed these 196 acres to the creation of needed acres for hydric soil restoration as required by the IDEM 404 water quality certification permit for this project to proceed according to State law. A copy of that letter is included.

Also, the Development Commission has allowed lands (approximately 120 acres) owned by the Commission on the protected side of the levee to be utilized for farming purposes by Mr. Ewen and we have encouraged working with the Second Harvest Food Bank. That land is now being requested for commitment to the city of Gary for urban development purposes and as such, will not be available for farming purposes in the future. We believe this to be

Honorable Peter Visclosky  
July 30, 2004  
Page 2

consistent with the long term intention of the flood control plan in that the land will be removed from the floodplain. We currently are in discussions with the city and the Gary Sanitary District toward accepting maintenance responsibilities to allow the area to be removed from the flood plain. These commitments of the lands described above for (1) flood storage, (2) IDEM 404 permit requirements, and (3) appropriate urban development outside the levee system, we believe are the highest and best use of the properties consistent with the authorized Federal project. We appreciate Mr. Ewen's passionate views regarding farming, the poor, and the land he once owned; and we regret that they are in conflict with the greater public purpose, flood protection for 8,850 homes, businesses and public buildings, economic redevelopment along the I-80/94 corridor, and recreational/environmental restoration of the river corridor.

I hope this answers our reasons, past discussions, and future plans for lands questioned by Mr. Ewen. Please contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
encl.

cc: Imad Samara, COE  
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney

Sandy

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Start 5:10

WORK STUDY SESSION

4 August 2004

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

ACTION

1.) We have four condemnations:

1.) DC 210 Lot 31 Block 38 Tolleston Club Property

2.) DC 211 Lot 32 Block 38 Tolleston Club Property

Both lots owned by the same landowners. They received their property re-assessments and are disappointed that our flowage easement offer is low compared to the re-assessed value of the property. They are refusing our offer and have agreed to a friendly condemnation.

3.) DC 617 E1/2 NE 1/4 Ex. N 150' of S 190' Sec. 22, T36N, R9

4.) DC 1000 N 3337.90 ft. of W 590 ft. E 1/2 SE 1/2 Sec. 22, T36N, R9

These flowage easement offers have expired and we are in contact with landowners, however, the landowners seen reluctant to accept the offer. Permission to condemn is sought in case we can't come to an agreement.

W. of  
Cline

2.) Krosan Development litigation update. (Refer to Lou)

3.) FYI - We have met the deadline for Stage VI-1 South (Kennedy Avenue to Liable Road south of the river):

- Right-of-Entry signed 16 July 04
- Corps to advertise for bids 6 August
- Corps to award contract in mid-September
- Construction start in early 05
- Construction scheduled for completion in November 06

Info  
only.

4.) Woodman C.C. - Pam discussed.

Remark

ACTION to withdraw exception & dismiss.

\$343,500 they withdrew exception.



**LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT**  
**For meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2004**  
**(Information in this report is from July 1 – July 28, 2004)**

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**A. NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT**

The Charles Agnew Park dedication is tentatively set for the Fall of 2004. Playworld system Playground Company has a new area representative. We will be working together to have the playground sign finished for the dedication. **The sign for Charles Agnew Park must be proofed and approved. Construction will take nine weeks. New company representative is researching the file to see if sign is included in agreement or must be paid for at delivery. Installation could also be an extra charge for LCRBDC or River Forest could use their personnel to install the sign.** /

**1. 3120 GERRY STREET (RENTAL HOUSE)**

- LCRBDC advertised this property for sale on July 27. The bid opening is scheduled for August 17. 2

**2. CHASE STREET FARM STAND (VILLAGE FARM STAND)**

- A motion was made at the January 7, 2004 Board meeting regarding future rent and back rent due. Rent will remain at \$1,700/month until Grant Street construction is completed to 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- LCRBDC has now, and will be receiving \$1700/month.

**3. FARM LEASES:**

- Modified farm license agreements were sent to both Don Ewen and the Bult brothers on December 30, 2003. These were signed and returned.
- Both areas currently being farmed.
- Don Ewen wrote a letter on June 10 to the Congressman's Office. We received a letter from the Congressman's office on July 12 regarding land usage for farming west of Grant Street and north of 35<sup>th</sup>. Letter of response will be sent to Congressman's Office. 3-6

**B. PROJECT RELATED LAND MANAGEMENT**

**A. O&M Committee (ongoing issues)**

**1. Funding to complete O&M obligations.**

- A. A letter was received from the COE on April 14 indicating that FEMA will require that the city of Gary must provide certification that they will provide O&M in compliance with the COE manual prior to FEMA completing their re-mapping of the floodplain.
  - As part of the City of Gary's request for taking O&M responsibility, they requested that the COE assume responsibility for complying with IDEM requirements for water quality regarding discharges for the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project.
  - A letter was sent to Greeley & Hansen Engineers (GSD Engineering consultants) on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, requesting they provide a Scope of Work that



could be incorporated into a contract that would be done in 2005 as a LCRBDC/COE project cost.

- B. City of Gary (or their representatives) position on taking over O&M for pump stations.
- A letter was received from United Water on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, indicating status of pumps at the Burr St. Pump Stations.
  - LCRBDC received a letter from United Water regarding the maintenance of pump stations on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
    - Services which had been performed in the past were stopped because they were not being compensated for their time or material.
    - A proposal was submitted with this letter requesting \$37,250.71 in back payments as well as \$4,876/month for services with additional adjustments. (Available upon request.)
2. A meeting was held with the City of Gary on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to discuss land transfers, COE upgrades on lift stations, and Gary Stormwater Management District O&M.
- A. Land transfers (approx 359 acres) were discussed. LCRBDC to make a resolution at the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 commissioners meeting to begin process.
- **A hold was put on the resolution by the Commission. They wanted a total cost to complete the punch list from the final inspection before approving.**
- B. Inspection scheduled with the COE around the end of July for the entire East Reach. Representatives from LCRBDC and Gary will participate. A punch list will be formulated. LCRBDC will try to facilitate with the state and the COE to pay capital expenses before Gary takes over O&M.
- C. **The notes from the meeting were distributed for comments from the COE & 7-11 the attendees. (This will be sent to Gary after COE review)**
- D. A phone call was received from the COE (Reric Witowski) in early June requesting that the LCRBDC participate in an inspection of the entire East Reach completed construction.
- The understanding is that the COE is required to perform an inspection, comprise a punch list, and assure that the project features are in the same condition they were when construction was completed **(at a total Federal cost for inspection)** Also that the COE assumes no costs, unless it is due to a design or construction deficiency, to improve these items as part of an upcoming contract.
  - A preliminary site visit was held with Jim Pokrajac and Reric Witowski on July 26 to familiarize the inspection team with the project and try to establish a schedule to inspect the entire Gary portion of the east reach. 12
  - A letter was sent to Spike Peller on July 27, 2004 requesting dates whereby the four (4) east reach pump stations could be scheduled for inspection. 13-14



E. Portions of West Reach pump stations in Hammond and Highland have been turned over to their respective communities. Representatives of the Hammond and Highland Sanitary Districts have inspected these facilities with the COE and contractor and signed off as completed.

- LCRBDC received a copy of a letter from Attorney Allegretti on March 12 dated March 1) with (8) concerns from the HSD before approving.
- A letter was sent to the Hammond Sanitary District on January 13, 2004 providing data addressing previous concerns for turnover. We suggested their re-visiting of the Interlocal Agreement.
- A follow-up letter was sent to Attorney Allegretti on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004, requesting a letter and information regarding a question on station operation.
- A letter was sent to SEH Engineering along with (1) copy of the O&M Manual for them to review on behalf of the HSD.
- LCRBDC received a phone call that the HSD was reluctant to sign the agreement because they were concerned that a sluice gate was being installed at the line of protection which could prohibit their pumping during a flood event.
  - The COE indicated this is not true in an e-mail on April 20, 2004.
- Signing of the agreement is ongoing.

F. Bids were requested for mowing all of the East Reach levees on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

- **Contract was awarded to C&H Mowing on July 8 based upon motion from the Commissioners at the July 7 Board meeting.**
- **(2) contracts signed – One for mowing for \$7,199.64, and a second for herbicide treatment on the levee trails, and clearing of an existing rail behind the Boxer Club in Gary for a total cost of \$2,000.00**
- **Inspection was made on July 20 and both were found to be satisfactory as per agreement.**

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G. COE letter received September 8, 2003 requesting hydric soil lands

- **A conference call was held with the COE, IDEM, LCRBDC on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to discuss IDEM mitigation requirements to get the 401 water quality certification.**
  - **IDEM suggested it would be more beneficial to submit a single application for the entire project.**
  - **To do this, the LCRBDC agreed to make the 57 acres West of Chase St., as well at the 196 acres between the levees between Chase and Grant available to fulfill the balance of IDEM mitigation requirement.**
  - **The COE submitted their letter of clarification and understanding regarding this commitment on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

H. LCRBDC received a request from the Town of Griffith on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, for easements for their Cady March Ditch project in the vicinity of Arbogast and the NIPSCO R/W.

- **Signed easement agreements were sent to the town of Griffith on July 23, 2004.**

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**I. A thank you letter was sent to Boy Scout Troop #280 for their yearly support of levee maintenance and clean-up.**

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LOU CASALE  
Attorney

7 July 2004

Ms. Patty Jasiewicz  
2713 Belknap Lane  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

Dear Ms. Jasiewicz:

RE: Information on the Charles Agnew Handicapped-Accessible Park

As we agreed I'm sending you information from our files on the Charles Agnew Handicapped Accessible Park constructed in 2001 at River Forest Elementary School in Lake Station, Indiana by Playworld Systems.

I've attached notes on each sheet to explain the documents. Please call me at 219-763-0696 when you receive this packet if you need further explanation.

Please accept my grateful thanks for your prompt reply to my call and for your cooperative attitude. We look forward to the sign's completion so a park dedication can be held sometime in the fall of this year.

Respectfully,

Judith Vamos, Land Acquisition  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Attachments:

*Patty is  
researching files  
for cost of sign  
& installation. How  
are on these pages?  
She'll get back  
to me. J.  
7/7/04*

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will be receiving sealed bids for the purchase of real estate/house which it owns in Lake County, Indiana and which the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has declared to be surplus property. The address of the real estate/house is 3120 Gerry Street in Gary, Indiana, located approximately ½ mile south of 29<sup>th</sup> Street, north of the Norfolk Southern RR, and approximately ¼ mile west of Burr Street. Property will be open for inspection by appointment only. Contact Jim Pokrajac, Land Management Agent, at 219/763-0696;

Email: [jpokrajac@nirpc.org](mailto:jpokrajac@nirpc.org); or 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN.

Property for sale consists of a frame house, 840 total square feet, constructed in 1958; concrete block foundation; crawl space; 120 amp electricity service; two bedrooms; one bath; no garage.

An appraisal of the property has been made on behalf of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission by an independent appraiser professionally engaged in making appraisals. Said appraisal is available at the:

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6100 Southport Road  
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and may be inspected by bidders.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at the offices of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission located at 6100 Southport Road, Portage, Indiana 46368, at which time said bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

All bidders must include, with their sealed bid, the exact amount of purchase price that they are willing to pay for the property described herein as well as a certified or cashiers check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. Said 5% certified or cashiers check will be held as security to insure that the winning bidder concludes the transaction according to the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. The remaining certified or cashiers checks from the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them within fourteen (14) days after the bid award.

The successful bidder will be expected to finalize transaction of sale within forty-five (45) days after the award that will outline the term and conditions of sale.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Dan Gardner, Executive Director  
(219) 763-0696

June 10, 201

Dear Pete,  
Congratulations on your stellar career representing our district! Your determination and energy in helping our people are to be admired. The state Council Rural Road Control Project has been a major concern of mine. I have always been critical of the way the (City of Englewood) solves the problem. With a few years, they go overboard in prioritizing road work. Our old Council responded on purpose for drainage. But the COE did not cut it off from the river. Probably because you liked to compensate of your constituents. Pumping system was completed in 2003. For some reason, this has not been activated. I would like your investigation as to why this seems to not work.

Our Niger is suffering from high local taxation partly because of our cost of providing food for the poor. Our local food bank is poorly managed. Can you arrange a place that gives out free food not being bought at a farm the adjacent property? I am in a position to observe. Some days there are more than 1000 people at the food bank. I was requested to resign from the board of directors when I questioned the amount of a gift of that make. To them about 3 years ago.

In the Great Depression of the 1930s, the local food bank provided hundreds of acres for gardening on Clay St. in Long. It was successful in the past and recreational needs of people. The same opportunity exists for my farm farm & grow & especially since it is now owned by government but my volunteer efforts are valued by local employers of Second Harvest Food Bank. Why don't you pay them a visit?

#1 - BUCK LITTLE - C&L / USCOE  
PUMP STATION  
ISSUE

#2 - BUCK TO LITTLE C&L / USCOE  
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2 ISSUES - 2 LETTERS + 1 COVER  
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Sincerely,  
Don Ever  
4767 E 61st Ave  
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July 12, 2004

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

Dear Dan:

Enclosed please find correspondence submitted to my office by my constituent, Mr. Donald Ewen.

Mr. Ewen is very concerned about our local food pantries and feels that more can be done locally to grow food for the pantries in Northwest Indiana. Specifically, Mr. Ewen makes reference to his former farm at Grant Street in Gary. Mr. Ewen believes that this is prime agriculture land and would like to see this area farmed for our local food pantries.

It is my understanding that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is the current owner of this property. Thus, I would greatly appreciate your review of the circumstances involved in this matter and your insight as to efforts which can be taken to address Mr. Ewen's concerns.

Please feel free to contact my Manager of Projects and Grants, Kelsee Waggoner, at the Merrillville District Office should you have any questions or comments pertaining to this request.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress

PJV:kw

July 27, 2004

Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress  
701 East 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Congressman Visclosky:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 12, 2004 regarding concerns from Mr. Don Ewen regarding a pump station west of Grant Street in Gary, Indiana. According to Mr. Ewen, he stated that this pump station was completed in 2003 and has not been activated. The reality of this statement is that some construction began in 2003 to construct ditch work, concrete work, and preliminary electric. For this pump station to operate, electric power needed to be provided by NIPSCO to the meter directly west of Grant Street. The pump station was not ready for electric until early 2004. A number of procedures were required in order to have someone sign off as owner of this station. The Development Commission cannot sign off as owner of this station because we have no funds designated for us to provide operation and maintenance for this station after it is completed. We have been working, and are currently finalizing, our agreements with the city of Gary, whereby they will eventually take over the operation and maintenance of all of the flood control project features within the city of Gary. This pump station is one small item of the large picture and at this point in time, other negotiations have not been completed; therefore, Gary was not willing to sign off as owner. We finally had made arrangements with Gary to sign the necessary agreements as owner of this station in the spring of 2004, whereby they would put up the money NIPSCO needed to provide the electric supply to the meter near Grant Street. From that point, NIPSCO had to schedule crews and line up material to run the electric to this point. The electric was finally run from this point to the aforementioned pump station early in July of 2004. Dyer Construction, the Development Commission, and the Army Corps had the pumps tested on July 20 and they are currently functioning as was designed.



Congressman Visclosky  
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Over the past several months, this was all explained to Mr. Ewen that necessary agreements had to be put in place and money had to be fronted by the city of Gary to NIPSCO before the electric could be run to the meter. We had explained to Mr. Ewen on a number of occasions that this could take a few months because of coordination that would be necessary between Gary and NIPSCO to facilitate an agreement. Mr. Ewen complained that he could not get in to plow land that was leased from the Commission in order to plant his crops in an approximately 10-20 acre portion of land that was being affected by water in this area. Mr. Ewen was awarded the contract to farm Commission lands based upon his submitting the highest bid with the understanding that he would be responsible for all pumping or watering in that area. Unfortunately, the pump we installed to remediate drainage problems in that area had not been completed. From this point on, standing water issues have been remediated to accommodate adjacent businesses and property owners who have problems with water on their properties and in their basements.

We feel that we have dealt fairly and informatively with Mr. Ewen since he signed an agreement with us in early 2004 and have kept him informed and "in the loop" of the progress of this pump. We appreciate Mr. Ewen's concerns with the scheduling of our project but in this particular case, coordination needed to be performed and followed procedurally in accordance with NIPSCO and the Gary Sanitary District's schedule.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Imad Samara, COE  
Vic Gervais, COE  
Doug Anderson, COE  
Lou Casale, Attorney, LCRBDC

**OUTSTANDING GARY SANITARY DISTRICT ISSUES**  
**MEETING HELD JUNE 28 WITH GARY CITY COUNCIL OFFICE**

Participating people: James Meyer, Spike Peller - Gary Sanitary District  
Arlene Colvin - City of Gary, LCRBDC  
Jim Pokrajac, Bob Huffman, Lou Casale - LCRBDC  
Jim Flora - R. W. Armstrong

1. **Issue:** **Installation of telemetry at pump stations constructed in Gary.**

- All parties have concurred that a telemetry system for the pump stations is not project related and cannot be funded by the flood control project. This is no longer an issue.

2. **Issue:** **Whether the levee project has a significant impact on GSD sewer outfalls due to higher river levels**

- Sue Davis has been working with Paul Vogel from Greeley & Hansen to determine whether there is an impact or not. The process is ongoing.
- Earthtech has provided Sue Davis the SWMM information and she is currently reviewing.

3. **Issue:** **Access to the Ironwood Pump Station**

- The COE has committed to provide a spare pump and a jib crane on the job site.
- This will be provided in an upcoming contract that the COE is projecting to advertise in their upcoming 2005 fiscal year.
- By providing the pump and the crane on the site, it would eliminate a major concern of gaining access to this area during a flood event to replace any pumps.
- Spike Peller to provide GSD's anticipated scope of work for the upcoming COE 2005 contract.

4. **Issue:** **I-80/94 Drainage**

- Gary has a concern with the ongoing INDOT/I-80/94 construction drainage. The LCRBDC north line of protection does not provide any culverts or control structures that would allow highway runoff to drain to the Little Calumet River.
- The only areas where drainage could get to the river are at the main interchange intersections where culverts and/or control structures will be adjacent to the ingress/egress ramps.
- COE to assure that engineering and environment coordination were done with INDOT for the outfalls and culverts during the design phase.

**5. Issue:**

**USEPA and IDEM correspondence regarding Gary projects**

- Sue Davis said the COE did not address this issue during their design phase and that these are the city of Gary's outfalls for which they have permits. Responsibility or special permitting for land side settlement of sewage would be the responsibility of Gary.
- Sue Davis also pointed out that prior to finalizing any design in Gary, that the city of Gary and the GSD were provided all the plans and specifications for review and comment. They did not express any concern regarding these issues at that time.
- Imad Samara asked where this may be occurring. It was indicated that Grant Street had this problem but now with the penetration through the existing I-wall on the east side of Grant, that backup in this area would not be a concern. Currently, the same condition exists on the east side of Broadway and also needs to be addressed. There may be other areas that may also be impacted.
- The city of Gary assumed that the LCRBDC and/or COE would get all the necessary permits for this. Sue pointed out that it was not the project responsibility because the city of Gary is the owner.
- Sue Davis indicated that she gave Jim Pokrajac all the IDEM/IDNR correspondence and documentation regarding these issues.

**6. Issue:**

**Documentation that contractors practiced soil and erosion control measure during construction**

- Gary required that they be provided with all of the necessary permits and information from the COE regarding coordination with IDEM and the IDNR.
- Sue Davis provided this information to Jim Pokrajac to distribute to Gary. (Jim Pokrajac to review files and forward to the city of Gary).
- Jim Pokrajac to provide information from the COE specification packages for each of the east reach flood control projects.
- This information will be provided to the COE Griffith area Office to get a sign-off from the COE that these construction procedures were followed on all of the projects.

**7. Issue:**

**O&M Manual**

- The COE provided the O&M manuals for Gary to the LCRBDC as a "living document".
- Two of these sets of manuals were provided to Spike Peller (with one to be distributed to the WREP/Greeley & Hansen) and one set was provided to Jim Meyer at this meeting.
- An inspection is scheduled in the next few months with the COE to comprise a punch list for all completed flood control features from Cline Avenue to I-65.
- Jim Pokrajac to coordinate with Spike Peller to assure appropriate representation will be involved for Gary on these inspections.
- It is the intent of the LCRBDC to pursue with the State and the COE to pay capital expenses to bring these deficiencies to the original intent of design.

- Lou Casale suggested that LCRBDC, city of Gary, and the COE coordinate to facilitate a turnover process whereby all concerned parties will sign off to assure that the city of Gary will assume responsibility to maintain this project from this point on, as per the COE manual.

**8. Issue:      Drainage ditch at the 27<sup>th</sup> and Chase Street Pump Station**

- The COE is coordinating with the city of Gary to determine what will be required to remediate the drainage problem along the north line of protection east of Chase Street at the closure structure.
- Upon concurrence with the city of Gary, the COE will incorporate the remediation of this feature into their 2005 construction project.
- Jim Pokrajac said he would ask Jay Niec about the work scope to see if this is OK and if he will meet the schedule.

**9. Issue:      Is an EPA discharge permit necessary for our project? (As per request from Jim Meyer, GSD attorney)**

- The COE has agreed that they will be in compliance with EPA discharge requirements in those areas where our project has impacts for the discharge going into the Little Calumet River.
- The COE agreed that upon receiving the scope of work from Greeley & Hansen, they would review those issues and formulate a scope of work that will be incorporated into the COE's upcoming 2005 construction project.
- Jim Pokrajac said he would ask Imad Samara about IDEM requirements. COE needs to determine if they will agree to comply.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

1. Burr Street II (Gary portion of the Betterment Levee) from Colfax to Burr Street
  - Gary will submit their concerns and comments to the COE no later than July 2, 2004.
  - Treatment of water from the open drainage ditch south of the NIPSCO right-of-way that drains to Burr Street is an issue from Gary.
  - Gary is suggesting the possibility of some type of treatment of this water west of Burr Street before it discharges into the Gary pump station located east of Burr Street.
  - Jim Meyer requested that when the COE responds to these concerns that a final meeting will be held to discuss what the COE is going to do and how they will be addressed before the plans are finalized.
2. Resolution for transfer of LCRBDC surplus lands to the city of Gary
  - Lou Casale suggested that the LCRBDC Board members will review the resolution at the upcoming July 7 Board meeting.
  - This would allow the process to begin to transfer LCRBDC surplus lands that are not needed for project purposes to be transferred to the city of Gary.

- Gary questioned who would have the responsibility of doing survey and/or appraisal work for these parcels.
  - Jim Meyer asked how many acres of the 179 acre parcel were in wetlands and could not be used.
  - Gary asked if LCRBDC had any other lands that could be made available to them other than what was shown on the mapping.
  - Jim Meyer asked about the omission of the Chase Street Produce and the radio tower from the turnover. Bob Huffman mentioned that these were deliberately omitted to allow the LCRBDC future revenue after the flood protection project has been completed to perform their O&M responsibilities to the project.
  - Attorney Lou Casale suggested that the LCRBDC has to follow a process for transferring land according to State regulations.
3. LCRBDC mentioned ongoing problems with the existing four (4) pump stations that we have constructed as part of the flood control in Gary.
- The Burr Street pump station located east of Burr Street and north of the Little Calumet River is currently not operational.
  - The only way water can be pumped down is by manually operating one (1) pump. If this was not done, a large portion of Black Oak would have been flooded out.
  - It was suggested that as part of the turnover process, if the pump stations could be handled as a separate issue in order to expedite responsibility for the O&M of these stations to avoid potential serious overflowing into areas that should be currently protected as part of our project.
4. United Water letter of June 9, 2004 requesting reimbursement for past O&M services as well as future charges to continue maintaining pump stations.
- Jim Pokrajac stated that this will be one part of the overall O&M for the city of Gary and the monthly and/or annual fees for this work would be incorporated into the overall agreement.
  - Gary requested a sum of \$37,250.71 to compensate them for past services to do the O&M for these pump stations. This will have to be discussed to see if this might be a capital expense issue.
5. FEMA requirement for the city of Gary to assume operation & maintenance responsibilities for this project in order that they may be removed from the floodplain.
- Discussion of COE letter to the LCRBDC on April 14, 2004 stating FEMA position on O&M for the flood control project.
  - Also discussed April 30, 2004 letter to Mayor Scott King referring to the FEMA requirements for removing Gary from the floodplain.
6. Current LCRBDC review of the O&M Manual presented to the LCRBDC by the COE.
- LCRBDC had comprised 11 initial comments questioning data as part of the O&M.



- **Provided a 3-page summarization table of the operation and maintenance manual abbreviating the estimated tasks as well as the operation & maintenance costs.**
- **The intent of this table was to provide a “quick and easy glance” of all of those items that the COE will be requiring to continue ongoing operation & maintenance.**

**Sandy Mordus**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2004 3:46 PM  
**Subject:** Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation ICW Inspection

Jim: It was a pleasure to discuss plans for the initiation of the Little Calumet River Basin Flood Control and Recreation Project

With you and Imad Samara this afternoon. By way of review, your group is interested in completing these inspections as soon as possible. Therefore my intent is to visit the project on 26 Jul 04 between 930 and 1000, meeting you at the Army Corps of Engineers Area office in Griffith, IN. From there we can review the terrain and discuss and review segments we will cover in greater detail. Also, allow me to propose that we begin the inspections this fiscal year with the pump stations in the East Reach. If you could identify dates during early August, 2004, which are acceptable to your group, we could begin to emplace plans for the inspection of these structures. Looking forward to working with you.

Cordially,

Reric J. Witowski

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July 27, 2004

Mr. Spike Peller, Director  
Gary Sanitary District  
3600 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Gary, Indiana 46406

Re: Pump Station inspections in Gary, IN

Dear Spike:

At our coordination meeting of June 28, one of the issues discussed were the inspections that will be coming up in Gary for the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project. We are trying to coordinate an inspection with the Army Corps of Engineers of the four (4) pump stations that were constructed in Gary as part of the flood control project. These four pump stations are as follows:

- (1) North Burr Street pump station (located north of the Little Calumet River and east of Burr Street)
- (2) Grant Street pump station (located east of Grant Street directly north of the Steel City Truck Stop)
- (3) Broadway pump station (located east of Broadway directly south of the Little Calumet River)
- (4) Ironwood pump station (located north of the Norfolk Southern Railroad between Georgia Street and Martin Luther King Drive directly south of the Ironwood Sub-division)

We feel that, although there are a number of features from our project that need to be inspected prior to the city of Gary assuming responsibility for all O&M, these four pump stations have the highest priority. The Burr Street pump station is only manually operational at this time. We would like to schedule this inspection first in order to make these stations fully operational and functional as soon as possible. This will help facilitate drainage from adjacent properties and to protect adjacent landowners from potential storm water damage. Accordingly, I would like to schedule two (2) days that we could have the appropriate representatives for the city of Gary, the COE, and the Development Commission available. We would like to schedule two pump stations each day for two days and would like to do these in the month of

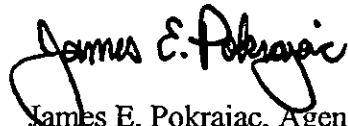
Mr. Spike Peller  
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August on any day except Thursday. Will you please let me know what days would be good to have Gary representation attend these inspections? Please let me know no later than August 6 in order that all parties can plan accordingly. It would be very helpful (and expedite the inspections) if you could forward records to me that have been comprised by your maintenance crews for these stations as to what deficiencies they have found that need to be repaired or replaced.

I realize there are a number of other inspections that will need to be performed on items such as levees, sluice gates, flap gates, closure structures, and other miscellaneous features; and we will pursue those either late in August or into September and I will coordinate the schedule of these inspections with you as well.

As we discussed in our meeting of June 28, the Development Commission is hoping to work with the COE and the state of Indiana to obtain funds to complete the punch list items. We feel it is a good time to do these inspections and work with the city of Gary and their representatives to assure that, at the time of the turnover, Gary has a "like new" flood control project. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm

cc: Scott King, Mayor of Gary  
Jim Meyer, attorney, GSD  
Arlene Colvin, City of Gary, LCRBDC  
Paul Vogel, Greeley and Hansen  
Don Smales, Greeley and Hansen  
Jay Niec, Greeley and Hansen  
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Reric Witowski, COE



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Mr. Kelly G. Hall  
President  
C&H MOWING, INC.  
918 South 250 West  
Hebron, Indiana 46341

Dear Kelly:

Enclosed please find 3 copies of the agreement between C&H MOWING and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to provide the mowing of 59,997 lineal feet of levee within the city of Gary, Indiana.

If you are agreeable to all of the terms provided therein, please sign all copies, keeping one for yourself and returning the other two to this office. Once I have received your signed copies, you may consider this letter as your notice to proceed.

Upon completion of the work, please call me and I will meet with you at the site for a final field inspection. If you have any questions at any time, you can reach me at the above number.

Sincerely,

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Dear Kelly:

Enclosed please find 3 copies of the agreement between C&H MOWING and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to provide the clearing of the trail between the Boxer Club on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the fishing pier west of Broadway, and to provide a herbicide treatment of Roundup to the existing stoned recreational trails from the EJ&E RR (east of Cline Avenue) to MLK Drive in Gary, Indiana.

If you are agreeable to all of the terms provided therein, please sign all copies, keeping one for yourself and returning the other two to this office. Once I have received your signed copies, you may consider this letter as your notice to proceed.

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DOBOSZ & VINOVIK, LLP  
2637 - 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
Highland, Indiana 46322

Dear Bob:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies each of the approved, signed easement agreements for the permanent easement and the temporary easements needed by the town of Griffith for the Cady Marsh Ditch tunnel project.

Please have the documents recorded and kindly return two (2) copies back to our office. If you have any questions or need any additional information from us, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
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cc: Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney  
Imad Samara, COE



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Mr. Walter Church, Scoutmaster  
Troop #280  
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Hammond, IN 46324

## RE: Pictures of Troop #280 Maintenance Project on Little Calumet River

Dear Mr. Church,

In this mailing you'll find pictures of the scouts during their recent maintenance project on the levee between Columbia and Northcote Street in Hammond. These pictures are for your files.

I shared the pictures with the LCRBDC Commissioners at their meeting held on Wednesday, 7 July 04. The Commissioners expressed their sincere gratitude for the work the scouts have accomplished over the last five years: landscaping, building trails, and maintaining the levee area. The scouts and your dedication to the project is exemplary and it has been my personal pleasure to meet and talk with you and the scouts each year. Perhaps we can work together again on other Little Cal projects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Vamos, Land Acquisition  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Enclosures:

**LAND ACQUISITION REPORT**  
***For meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2004***  
**(Information in this report is from July 1 – July 28, 2004)**

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**STATUS (Stage III) – Chase to Grant:**

1. Six landowners want to complete their acquisitions. Appraisal has been approved by the COE. These acquisitions are difficult due to breaks in the title chains. Title work is still causing some delays. **Two offers were sent to landowners on 7/15/04.**

**STATUS (Stage III) – REMEDIATION**

**Pumping west of Grant Street**

1. Status of Right-of-Entry:
  - ROE was signed by the LCRBDC on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002.
  - Contract awarded – Construction started February, 2003.

**STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1 South) EJ&E RR to Burr St – South Levee:**

1. Construction on the WIND Radio station property has been completed using a right-to-construct.
2. Appraisal by appraiser Tim Harris was submitted January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, for review. COE reviewer is requiring revisions and is asking for follow-up information on septic tank and an underground storage tank located on the property. (ongoing)
  - Mr. Harris has the new information and will complete this appraisal when he completes the railroad appraisals.
3. **Appraiser Tim Harris, under a new contract due to the excessive time delays, will complete the Norfolk & Southern RR appraisal in September.**
  - **To speed the process, we are contacting the railroad and COE and suggesting some alternative plans: Could the appraiser complete an appraisal quicker, would the COE reviewer approve that appraisal?**

**STATUS (Stage V – Phase 2) – Indianapolis to Kennedy – North Levee:**

1. A Proposal to divide V-2 into (2) segments is being considered as follows:
  - Stage V-2A (Kennedy to Indianapolis Blvd.)
  - Stage V-2B (Indianapolis Blvd. to Northcote)
2. On a conference call with INDOT, the COE, and the LCRBDC on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, INDOT indicated that our portion of construction in this area must be completed before they install their pump station. LCRBDC needs to work with the COE to modify our construction and acquisition schedules to accommodate the INDOT project.

**STATUS (Stage V – Phase 3) – Northcote to Indianapolis – (Woodmar Country Club):**

1. Construction is currently projected to start in the summer of 2006.
2. Woodmar Country Club acquisition is “on hold”.
  - **A meeting was held with Woodmar Country Club on 7/28/04 to discuss pertinent issues.**



**STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1 South) – Kennedy to Liable - South of the river:**

**Land Acquisition deadline July, 2004**

1. Highland easements were signed on 7/12/ and 7/15 and recorded on 7/21/04.
2. Right-of-entry for Stage VI-1 South with all tracts acquired signed 7/16/04.
3. Appraiser Dale Kleszynski will complete an appraisal on two small ball fields in Homestead Park. The ball fields will be eliminated by our levee. Highland Parks Dept. has already constructed new fields.
  - LCRBDC committed to the Highland Parks Department in a letter on July 12 that we intend on fully compensating them for damages to their fields. Awaiting some additional data from Highland Parks to complete appraisal.

**STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1 North) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable – South of the River:**

**Land Acquisition deadline January, 2005**

1. Landowners of the Deja-Vu and the old Burger King are meeting with our attorney to discuss our offer.
  - They are asking for a letter from the Corps that re-engineering our acquisition would leave them their 18 parking spaces. Hammond has asked for the letter.
  - COE has submitted a draft letter to LCRBDC for its approval.
2. Oak Brook Metro has rejected our offer. Condemnation has been filed.
3. Krosan (DC 1015) condemnation is proceeding. Krosan's attorney has informed our attorney he will accept the court award and drop his objections to the court award as being too low.
  - Second Krosan parcel has finally been approved by the COE. Offer will be sent as soon as possible.
4. Condemnation papers for Motel 6 were filed April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Appraisers were sworn in on July 13, 2004. Will return with findings on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 2) – Liable to Cline – South of the river:**

**Land Acquisition deadline January 31, 2005**

1. All appraisals have been submitted and approved. We are waiting for the COE to send the approval documents so we can send offers to landowners as soon as possible.

**STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia:**

1. The COE has put Stage VII on hold.

**STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both sides of river)**

1. The COE has put Stage VIII on hold.

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1 - Gary) Colfax to Burr Street:**

**Land Acquisition is completed.**

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, paid for, and coordinated by the city of Gary. The COE will oversee the construction to assure compliance with Federal specifications. We still need a signed agreement with Gary before we can sign our right-of-entry.



**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2 North of the NSRR east of Burr Street, and ½ mile east, back South over RR approximately 1400’:**

**Land Acquisition deadline is November, 2004**

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, coordinated, and facilitated by the COE and Commission as a project cost.
2. Only two acquisitions are remaining in Burr Street Phase 2. DC-69A (I-80 Auto Parts) and DC582/583 (Tip Top lots) are both in condemnation.
  - **DC 69 – I/80 Auto Parts is in condemnation. Appraisers were sworn in on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Findings will be returned on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.**
  - DC 582/583 – Condemnation on Tip Top lots was filed in circuit court on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to comply with publication and will be filed in superior court of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004. (Ongoing)
  - **Appraiser Tim Harris has been given a new contract to finish the NSRR appraisal. He will not be done until September. We are researching if COE would approve an appraisal completed by the railroad appraiser. This would speed the process along.**

**EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA – (NORTH OF I-80/94, MLK TO I-65):**

1. Nine parcels may be available on commissioners’ tax sale. We need only to submit a letter to Rosa at the Lake County Commissioners office to start the property transfer process.
  - Submitted a letter on 3/29/04
  - Lots will be available on August tax sale. We will submit a new request in July 2004.

**IN-PROJECT MITIGATION:**

1. Acquisition on in-project mitigation is complete. Construction started March, 2003 and we anticipate completion by June, 2004. (ongoing)
  - Renewable Resources is the contractor.

**CREDITING:**

1. INDOT will send LCRBDC cost information regarding approximately \$700,000 additional credit for their Cline Avenue project.(Ongoing)
  - COE to send copies of their agreements with INDOT indicating costs and scopes that they paid for. After LCRBDC review, there may be additional items. (Ongoing)
2. The COE’s new computer tracking program is primarily for crediting use, but it may have the ability to trace current acquisitions as well. **A demonstration of the new program will be held after the real estate meeting in August or at a special time.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Acquisition in the Hobart Marsh is continuing. Three acquisitions totaling approximately 120 acres are being considered.
2. **We are calling appraisers to work with our project and receiving refusals because of the review process with the COE. We keep trying.**
3. We are receiving tax bills from the Lake County Treasurer. Confusion is due to current re-assessment situation. We are asking for a change to tax status. (Ongoing)



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**TO:** Mark Herak, President, Highland Town Council  
Alex Brown, Superintendent, Highland Parks Department  
Rhett Tauber, Attorney-at-Law

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

**SUBJECT:** Compensation to the Highland Parks & Recreation  
Department for damages to baseball fields in Homestead  
Park

**DATE:** July 12, 2004

We have spoken with Mr. Dale Kleszynski, the appraiser who is appraising the damage assessment to the baseball fields in Highland as the result of the proposed LCRBDC flood control project. The LCRBDC had every hope that he would have completed his assessment and we would be able to submit a figure for compensation to the Park Board at this time. Unfortunately, that is not the case. He indicates to us that he needs some additional information from the Park Dept. to complete his appraisal. We will assist in getting that information to him so a number can be obtained at the earliest possible date.

I wish to reiterate on behalf of the LCRBDC that we remain committed to fully compensating the Highland Parks Dept. for the damages associated with the needed lands for the Little Calumet River flood control project. I feel it necessary to convey this once again because of our slowness to identify the actual "cost to cure" figure.

In addition, if the town's sign along Kennedy Avenue needs to be relocated, we commit to doing that at our expense. However, we believe it to be located within the work limits but not in the area where the levee will be constructed; therefore, we will attempt to preserve it in place as the first option.

The LCRBDC appreciates the cooperation and support we have received from the Town Council and Park Board and we commit to continue working with both to fairly compensate for any damages and to successfully complete the levee project with the community at the earliest possible date.

/sjm

**Sandy Mordus**

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**From:** "Crary, Jomary" <jcrary@dnr.IN.gov>  
**To:** "Little Calumet" <littlecal@nirpc.org>  
**Cc:** "Imad. Samara (E-mail)" <imad.samara@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2004 3:45 PM  
**Subject:** Indy COE Levee Project Info.

Dan,

Here's the link to the Indy website that focuses on the construction/planning of the COE (Louisville District) levee along the White River. Check out the "Project Planning" information to see some of the things the "project" did to accomodate concerns about tree removal/neighborhood aesthetics. A good contact at the City of Indianapolis for the project is Donna Price, 317-327-5459.

<http://www6.indygov.org/dcam/IndyNorth/plan.htm>

*Dan -  
Here is  
research on  
White River Project  
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*RESEARCH - IF IDEAS  
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# Indianapolis North Flood Damage Protection Project

*An examination of areas along the White River and the plans for improving flood control in Northern Indianapolis*

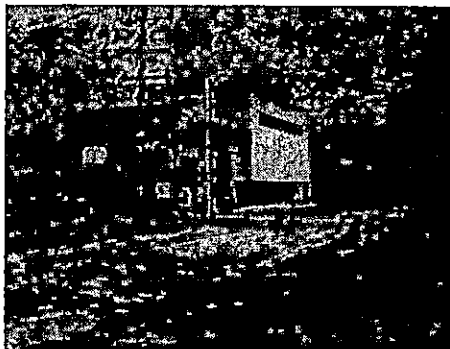
### About Indy North:

The Indianapolis North Flood Control Project is a \$17,000,000 project allowed as part of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Continuing Authorities Act and will be cost shared at a ratio of 75% federal, 25% local. The project includes rehabilitation of existing Warleigh levee (4 miles), construction of new levee and concrete floodwall (approximately .5 miles), and rehabilitation of a 40-year old stormwater pump plant.

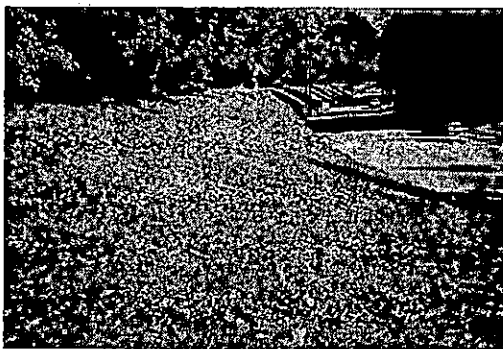
During a 16-year flood in 1991, water came through and under the Warleigh levee. Following this, the City of Indianapolis requested that a Reconnaissance Study and later a Feasibility study be performed by the Corps of Engineers, along White River. These types of studies were also requested on other creeks in Marion County. The Reconnaissance study indicated that within the area along White River from 38<sup>th</sup> Street to I-465, two projects were found to have benefit/cost ratios above 1.0 (a requirement for federal funding). In order to determine the benefit/cost ratio, reductions in flood damages, increased property values and reduced building restrictions are taken into account. Two projects were identified as qualifying for federal funding. These include the areas of Rocky Ripple, Warleigh and Broad Ripple.

### Project Benefits:

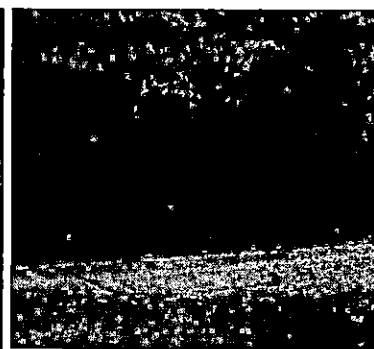
- Flood zone designation will be removed from more than 1,400 homes and 200 businesses, removing the need for flood insurance.
- Flood zone building restrictions will end.
- The chance of flooding will be greatly reduced.
- Average annual flood damage cost will be reduced by 90%
- There is no direct cost to property owners.
- There is a reduction in the liability of the City for damages.



Warleigh Pump Station



Existing Levee along Riverview Dr.



Existing Levee along Riverview Dr.

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## Project Planning

*Introducing the project to the public and incorporating their input.*

### Concerns & Issues:

- Tree loss
- Home relocation
- Impact of construction equipment
- Appearance of flood-wall (click for artist's rendering)
- Graffiti potential
- Traffic along proposed trail



### Response to Public Concerns:

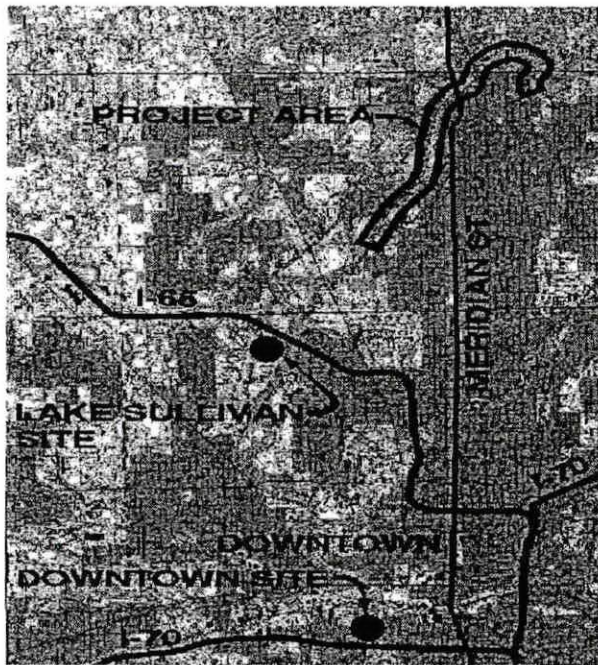
- Minimized the clearing limit by 5 feet on each side of the project to decrease the loss of trees. Also, for the first time, the Corps has agreed to leave some trees on the levee.
- Assured no home relocations by using I-wall type construction instead of earthen levee construction.
- Placed the concrete I-wall construction as close to the river as possible to minimize the impacts to existing homes.
- Added a toe drain to reduce the depth of sheetpiling, permitting the use of small construction equipment thus reducing the tree loss.
- Designed for color entrained and textured wall to provide for a more aesthetically pleasing appearance.
- Provided ornamental tree plantings between the residences and the I-wall.



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## Environmental Mitigation Project

Reducing the impact of the project on the environment; moving or replacing trees



No sites for tree planting were available within the project area

Selected sites must meet Indiana Department of Natural Resources requirements.

City property was identified first

Two sites will be used: I-70 River (11 acres) and Lake Su near Velodrome (26 acres).

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**WORK STUDY SESSION**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**August 4, 2004**

**Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman**

- Start 5:50*
- Appoints  
funding*
1. LCRBDC coordinating with the Corps of Engineers and the city of Gary to do pump station inspections for the (4) completed stations before the end of August (Refer to letter to Gary on July 27 as attachments 13-14 of the Land Management report).
  2. All levees mowed and inspected. Satisfactory as per plans & specs.
    - This will help with the upcoming levee inspections