



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Mayor of Gary's Appointment

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JOHN MROCZKOWSKI  
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Porter County Commissioners' Appointment

VACANCY  
Governor's Appointment

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Governor's Appointment

DAN GARDNER  
Executive Director

LOU CASALE  
Attorney

*Imad - send email to PC - schedule*

*all other 6*

*Ogden Eng.*

*max within 30 days w/ Gary - O.M. - 1000 vaps go to K6*

*SVII avoid Sept 2 in perim.*

## MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE  
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2008  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
PORTAGE, IN

WORK STUDY SESSION BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.

## AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chairman Bill Biller
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2008
5. Chairman's Report - no report

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### 6. Action Required:

#### Finance:

- Approval of claims for April 2008
- Approval of O&M claims for April 2008

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#### Land Acq:

- Presentation and action on condemnations needed to meet Stage VIII commitments/deadline

*WORK STUDY SESSION*

*FARAG*

*Sandy - profp  
Judy - profp  
Lorraine -  
Bar Whitaker  
1 man on side  
4/12*

*black slacks  
spandex  
all in white shirt*

*+ Petites*

*Tom  
Gardner  
SF New  
Rat  
Wafer*

*no 6*

## 7. Executive Director's Report

- Coordination meetings with Mayor McDermott's office, Hammond officials, Congressman's Office, Army Corps, and FEMA – held 4/16/08 and 4/29/08
- INDOT release of consultant's study/recommendations regarding Borman Flooding of summer 2007
- NRCS letter regarding wetland restoration proposal
  - > Commission response and issues

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## 8. Standing Committees

### A. Finance Committee – Report by Treasurer Kent Gurley

- Financial status report for end of February and end of March 2008
- Audit by State Board of Accounts for years 2006 and 2007 exit interview scheduled for May 7
- Cash contribution amount of \$1,315,000 placed into Corps escrow account

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### B. Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee – Committee Chair Bob Marszalek

#### Land Acquisition

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions
- Status of acquisition for Stages V-2, VII and VIII

#### Land Management

- Update of ± 26 acres - LEL wetland bank

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### C. Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chair Bob Huffman

- Stage VII 50% review distributed
- Pre-bid conference for Pump Station 2A held 4/30/08
- Status of Stage V-2 pipeline corridor
- Status of Griffith levee certification
- Forest Avenue levee status

### D. Operation & Maintenance – Committee Chair Bob Huffman

- Status of inspections
- Status on sluice gate/flap gate repairs
- Second request for O&M manual review status
- Status summary of O&M turnover

### E. O&M Funding Committee – Committee Chair Kent Gurley

- Update regarding Corps schedule for use in O&M planning

### F. Legislative Committee – Committee Chair

### G. Environmental Committee – Committee Chair

### H. Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chair Bob Huffman

### I. Policy Committee – Committee Chair Bob Marszalek

## 9. Other Issues / New Business

## 10. Statements to the Board from the Floor

## 11. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMISSION HELD AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008**  
**6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD**  
**PORTAGE, INDIANA**

Chairman William Biller called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests were recognized. It was stated that the April 2 meeting had been cancelled because of lack of quorum.

**Development Commissioners:**

Mark Gordish  
Robert Huffman  
Steve Davis  
William Biller  
Arlene Colvin  
Kent Gurley  
John Mroczkowski

**Staff:**

Dan Gardner  
Sandy Mordus  
Jim Pokrajac  
Judy Vamos  
Lou Casale

**Visitors:**

Bill Petrites – Highland resident  
Elizabeth Johnson – Congressman's Office  
Karen Lorenz – Southmoor Road, Hammond  
Imad Samara – Corps of Engineers  
Ruth Mores – Southmoor Road citizen group  
Susan Brown – The Times  
Dean Button - SEH  
Barbara Whitaker – Munster resident  
Kimberly Poland – Hammond Councilwoman  
Dan Repay – Hammond Councilman  
Frank Petrites – Highland resident  
Eric Potter – Post Tribune

The minutes of the meeting held on March 5, 2008 were approved by a motion from Bob Huffman; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman's Report** – Chairman Bill Biller thanked Vice Chairman Bob Marszalek for running the last two meetings in his absence.

• Chairman Biller discussed the meeting held at Mayor McDermott's office on March 11 regarding Stage V-2, which is the ongoing construction from Kennedy to Northcote. Representatives from the Congressman's Office, the Mayor's Office, the Economic Development office, Dyer Construction (the contractor), Cabela's, Christopher Burke Engineering (consultant to Hammond), Army Corps, and the Commission attended. The concern is how we can move construction to an earlier completion date. Utility relocation agreements for the pipelines were also discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16. Mr. Gardner added that the contractor has stated that the major variable to finishing earlier is the weather. They have enough clay available to finish. Sheet piling is on site and ready to be installed. Mr. Gardner stated that we are making progress with the railroad and NIPSCO real estate agreements but they are still options to the contract. The city has engaged Christopher Burke Engineering to aid the city in helping facilitate the paperwork with FEMA so that segment will come out of the floodplain and be made available for development as soon as construction of Stage V-2 is completed.

**Action Required** – Treasurer Kent Gurley presented items for action. He proceeded to make a motion to approve the monthly claims of \$207,746.47; the motion was seconded by John Mroczkowski; motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Gurley then made a motion to approve the O&M claims in the amount of \$23,126.00; motion seconded by John Mroczkowski; motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gurley then made a motion to approve the easement purchase of DC-1233. This money will come out of the Munster funds earmarked for the Stage VII segment in Munster. Motion seconded by John Mroczkowski; motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gurley informed the Board members that the Finance Committee had met with NIRPC to obtain an explanation of increased costs and also had met individually with the independent contractors. Based upon that meeting, he proceeded to make several motions. He made a motion to approve the NIRPC contract for administrative services for 2008; motion was seconded by John Mroczkowski; motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gurley then made a motion to approve the 2008 contracts for the independent contractors (Engineering Agent, Land Acquisition Agent, and Crediting Technician/Land Acquisition assistant) retroactive to January 1, 2008; motion was seconded by John Mroczkowski; motion passed unanimously.
- In Committee Chairman Bob Marszalek's absence, Judy Vamos gave the report. She presented DC-1381 for action for condemnation. At this point in time, she has not been able to find the owners of the property. Motion was made by Bob Huffman to authorize the filing of the condemnation on DC-1381; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report** – Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that we received the standard funding agreement from RDA for entities that they approved funds for. We requested the first draw of \$1,315,000 for the cost share monies to be placed in the Corps escrow account. The remaining money from the \$6 million will be used for relocation costs of utilities, costs to acquire remaining easements, Griffith levee costs/FEMA requirement and 7% cash share. Kent Gurley inquired about the escrow account. He stated that he would like the Finance Committee to review this account. After discussion, Bob Huffman made a motion to enter into the agreement with RDA contingent upon attorney's final review; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

• Mr. Gardner referred to the proposal submitted by SEH to perform additional utility relocation engineering/survey work for Stage VIII at an estimated cost of \$19,586, as per a request from the Corps. SEH is familiar with the work, already under contract with the Commission, and is the consultant for the Hammond Sanitary District. The work needs to be done quickly so it does not delay Stage VIII contract award date. Mr. Gurley made a motion to authorize SEH to do the work at a cost not to exceed \$19,586; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

• Mr. Gardner referred to a letter from Hammond Councilman Dan Repay regarding standing water in residents' backyards east of Northcote because of the newly-built Cabela's levee. Mr. Gardner talked to Cabela's and forwarded the letter to them. Cabela's responded in a letter that they intend to permanently remedy the situation by constructing a drainage ditch in back of their property near the toe of the levee as soon as weather permits. Currently, any standing water will be pumped out of the backyards. Mr. Gardner will inform the Board when the ditch is constructed. Resident Ruth Mores voiced a concern that the same situation will happen in the Stage VIII area where rain water behind the homes that currently drains to the river will not be able to reach the river once the line of protection is constructed.



**Finance Committee** – Committee Chairman Kent Gurley reported that finance action was already taken. There is no financial statement for end of February in the agenda packet; there will be one in the May packet.

- Mr. Gurley also stated that the State Board of Accounts is still auditing the financial records for 2006 and 2007. They should be finished shortly; a report will be given at the next meeting.

**Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee** – In Committee Chairman Bob Marszalek's absence, Judy Vamos reported on land acquisition. She reported that work is ongoing on the three stages (Stage V-2 (construction ongoing), Stage VII and Stage VIII).

In Stage V-2, there are still two remaining real estate acquisitions that have not been resolved. They are the NSRR and NIPSCO. We are close to a solution on the NIPSCO agreement. Ongoing discussions are ongoing with the railroad in attempting to work out the language regarding the rights of the Corps and the railroad issue without going to trial.

Stage VII has 27 signed easements out of 34. There are three condemnations ongoing; two utilities that are reviewing Corps engineering; and 2 private acquisitions that are in negotiations.

There are a total of 93 acquisitions in Stage VIII. Offers will be sent as soon as appraisals, re-appraisals (based on modified levee alignment), and reviews are completed. All efforts to seek prompt response are underway. At this time, it appears that the May 7 deadline for all real estate acquisition will not be met. Discussions regarding the current date to advertise will be discussed in the next few weeks. Chairman Biller added that we need to take a hard look at the 30-day accept/reject of the offers. If the offer is rejected, the attorney is directed to file condemnation as soon as possible. We will continue to make every effort to keep this project on track and meet the Congressman's deadline date. Mr. Gardner added that we will be scheduling a meeting with the Stage VIII residents after all offers are out.

- Regarding land management issues, Mr. Pokrajac reported that staff met with NCRS (National Conservation Resource Services) and took them on a tour of the land they are considering for their mitigation development. They will establish a value to the land. Mr. Gardner added that we have since received a letter from them questioning mitigation already committed to on that parcel of land. Staff will respond and share the response at the next meeting.

- Attorney Casale gave an overview of the meeting with LEL held on March 27 regarding the ±26 acres east of Clay Street in Lake Station. This is property owned by the Commission which is surplus to the flood control project and is non-developable. We solicited last year for a proposal to develop a wetland mitigation bank on the acreage. LEL was the only respondent. They already have a wetland bank adjacent to both sides of the property. LEL is proposing the following: They would enter into an agreement with the Commission to develop, operate, and market a mitigation wetland bank for the ±26 acres; option fee would be \$10,000 paid full upon execution of agreement; option would be to January 2009 and would allow time to apply for permits to develop the wetland bank on behalf of the Commission. Upon execution of option, they would pay an additional payment of \$95,000 to the Commission. Upon sale of mitigation credits, they would pay the Commission 10% of proceeds in sales plus \$750 per sold acre to be held in escrow for maintenance of their

project. Bob Huffman made a motion authorizing the attorney to develop a contract with them; motion seconded by Kent Gurley; motion passed unanimously. Attorney Casale suggested LEL be invited to the next meeting to answer any questions the Board members may have.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the committee report. Mr. Huffman reported that staff has received modifications to ongoing construction contracts from the Corps. They are available upon request.

- Stage V-2 progress meetings were held on March 5 and 19, 2008.
- Jim Pokrajac stated that all agreements for pipeline relocation and reimbursement were mailed out no later than March 19. We have a signed agreement with NIPSCO and Wolverine has responded back to us with a question that the attorney is reviewing.
- Regarding Griffith levee certification, Mr. Pokrajac stated that staff and the Corps met with Griffith officials on April 9, 2008 to field assessment to determine what needs to be done for certification. The Corps will be comprising an inspection for our comments, and we can supplement with our notes. The final report will state what is required for the levee to be certified. A meeting will be held in a few weeks with FEMA, the Corps, and the Congressman's Office to review certification from Cline Avenue to Northcote.
- The INDOT pump station on Indianapolis Blvd in Highland is on schedule. The pump station is part of the INDOT contract for paving and drainage between Ridge Road and the river.
- Chairman Biller inquired about the status for providing a schedule that the Corps is developing for us. We had requested one to show all remaining projects in order to monitor the time frame. Mr. Gardner said that we will meet to discuss it once it is received. Imad Samara said that the Corps should be able to get us a schedule within the next couple of weeks.

**Operation & Maintenance Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman referred to a letter from INDOT regarding the replacement of flap gates at Kennedy and Indianapolis. Mr. Pokrajac stated that the Corps is doing engineering review on it right now to assure compliance. Mr. Gardner added that we still have not seen a final report from INDOT's consultant on the flooding situation that closed the Borman last August.

- Jim Pokrajac reported that Austgen Electric is finishing up the sluice/flap gate repair. Only six remain to be completed. Inspection is scheduled no later than mid-June. All inspections are to be completed by June 30. We will be meeting with the city of Gary before those inspections to further discuss/enact O&M turnover.
- Mr. Pokrajac has turned over "as-built" drawings for the Burr Street betterment-Gary levee. He has asked Hammond, Highland, and Gary again for comments on O&M manual.view to be submitted.
- Commissioner Arlene Colvin will help facilitate/schedule another meeting with the city officials

**O&M Funding Committee** – Committee Chairman Kent Gurley stated that the Committee met on March 12 to discuss ways to explore funding options for O&M for the cities and towns. We need more detail presented to us so we can make a decision to enter into an agreement with a consultant. Discussion also took place regarding a progress schedule so we

can monitor it better than we have been. Chairman Biller will pursue getting in touch with Umbaugh.

Legislative Committee – Mr. Gardner stated that the RDA agreement refers to the “reimbursement” of the \$6 million. Mr. Gardner will work with Senator Frank Mrvan and the Governor’s Office to see how to proceed with the payback from the State.

Environmental Committee – There was no report.

Recreation Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman referred to the committee agenda. He reported that it appears that grant money will be used for paving portions of the trail near Cabela’s. The city of Hammond, with support from the town of Highland, submitted the grant request.

Policy Committee - There was no report.

Other Business – Chairman Biller inquired whether we have heard anything regarding the Commission member replacement. Mr. Gardner said that we did receive a phone call from Porter County Commissioner Bob Harper for information regarding their appointment.

Statements from the Floor – Barbara Whitaker, Munster resident, submitted a letter to Mr. Gardner stating her concerns that she would like addressed. They included tree removal resulting in lack of privacy; the possibility of installing a cyclone fence that will serve as a screening for the residents; the question of what is to become of the USGS monitoring building on the west side of the ditch (Mr. Pokrajac indicated this building will be removed); the request for coloring of the “faux stone wall” to blend into natural surroundings; the time table for landscaping by the town. Her, and the other residents, are worried about the aesthetics of the project area upon completion of the construction. Mr. Gardner will answer her letter. A number of the requests can only be evaluated and performed once the basic flood control construction is complete.

- Ruth Mores of Southmoor Avenue in Hammond iterated her concern about the drainage issue in her area once the levee/flood wall is in place. She felt the drainage issues east of Northcote are a good example of how the Corps causes drainage problems. She wants assurance that rainwater and sub-surface drainage in her area will be able to reach the river and not flood backyards. She is still awaiting a response to her letter dated February 28, 2008. She would like the drainage issue addressed before a flooding event would happen. As it stands now, she feels that it has not been adequately addressed. Mr. Gardner replied that he will prepare a technical answer and get it to her. She also expressed concern about future maintenance of the project once it is completed. Another issue was the loss of the old growth trees; she did not think the appraisal takes into consideration the value of those trees. Judy Vamos answered that trees on respective properties were addressed in the appraisals. Mr. Gardner stated that staff will check to see if any trees were missed.

- Karen Lorenz, a Southmoor resident, expressed her concern about drainage and about future maintenance. Mr. Gardner stated that is one of the reasons that a new committee has been formed – to look at funding options for O&M. Imad Samara stated that the Army

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**Corps will not do any maintenance. They will look to the local sponsor, the LCRBDC, to either do the maintenance themselves or have an agreement in place with another entity to do the maintenance. The Army Corps will have an inspection every year to make sure that O&M is being adequately addressed and assure compliance to stay out of the floodplain.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Board meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2008.**



## MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

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	2008							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	7,000.00							0.00	7,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	3,500.00							849.99	2,650.01
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	149,000.00							27,086.89	121,913.11
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,000.00							72.80	1,927.20
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	1,000.00							985.04	14.96
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00							6,663.25	1,336.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	6,500.00							1,885.30	4,614.70
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	3,000.00							0.00	3,000.00
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	842,539.00							267,081.33	575,457.67
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	842,539.00							62,424.00	780,115.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,250,000.00							43,745.63	1,206,254.37
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.								0.00	0.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.								0.00	0.00
<b>5892 PROJECTCOSTSHARE/ESC ACCT</b>	<b>1,226,025.00</b>							<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,226,025.00</b>
	4,341,103.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	410,794.23	3,930,308.77

# CORRECTED

## CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 283.33	Monthly Retainer Through 3/21/08
5812	NIRPC	\$14,085.52	Services performed January 2008
5821	Sandy Mordus	\$ 28.80	March mileage
5823	Don Powers Insurance Agency	\$ 6,406.25	Directors & Officers yearly renewal policy
5824	VERIZON	<del>\$ 261.20</del>	Billing period 3/16 - 4/16/08 (KRBC \$124.06)
5824	AT&T	<del>\$ 415.37</del>	Billing period 2/14 - 3/13/08 (KRBC \$22.23)
5841	Bochnowski Appraisal Company	\$ 6,600.00	Appraisals re: DC-1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1326, 1334, 1335, and 1343
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1311
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1318
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1320
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1321
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1322
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1323
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1324
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1326
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1334
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1335
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1345
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1346
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1349
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1350
<del>5841</del>	<del>Allstate Appraisal</del>	<del>\$ 750.00</del>	<del>Appraisal re: DC-750</del>
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1303
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1310
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1337
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1307
5841	The Gorman Group, Ltd.	\$ 9,500.00	Appraisals re: DC-1344, 1315, 1317, 1337, 1303, 1304, 1310, 1302
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1236
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1237
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1239
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1232
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-837
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-838
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-840
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-841
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-842
5843	Meridian Title Corporation	\$ 100.00	Title work re: DC-1174
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 198.75	Crediting Technician services 2/19-2/27/08
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 92.75	Crediting Technician services 3/3 - 3/13/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 3,121.93	Land Acquisition Agent services 2/18-2/27/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 3,308.00	Land Acquisition Agent services 3/3-3/14/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 21.60	February mileage
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,002.25	Crediting Tech 7 Land Acq. Asst. 2/19-2/28/08
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,033.90	Crediting Tech & Land Acq. Asst. 3/4-3/13/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,173.35	Engineering/Land Agent 2/18-2/29/08

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CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,002.80	Engineering/Land Agent 3/3 – 3/14/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 311.60	February mileage
5846	Valparaiso Insurance Professionals	\$51,660.00	General Liability insurance 4/5/08 – 4/5/09
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,090.00	Professional services re: DC-1394
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,365.00	Professional services re: DC-1384
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,890.00	Professional services re: DC-1300
5847	DLZ	\$ 690.00	Professional services re: Stage VII
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 121.00	Utility Relocation Legal Services thru 3/21/08
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 7,086.28	Land Acquisition Legal Services through 3/21/08
5849	SEH	\$ 559.75	Utility services – Gatewell 7 Alpha
5849	SEH	\$ 3,390.92	Utility services – Stage VIII
5861	Lake County Recorder	\$ 90.00	To record easements re: DC-1233, 1375, 1383
5861	Brian Grskovich	\$ 5,000.00	Purchase price of DC-1357
5861	Joseph Grzych	\$ 7,959.00	Purchase price of DC-1379
5861	Tony & Kathie Bednarowski	\$ 7,020.00	Purchase price of DC-1376
5861	Kevin Bialas	\$ 5,300.00	Purchase price of DC-1327
5882	NIPSCO	<del>\$45,592.12</del>	Utility Relocation services between Liabie & Cline

TOTAL      ~~\$207,746.47~~  
\$203,850.18

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

	2008							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	7,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	3,500.00	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33			1,133.32	2,366.68
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	149,000.00	13,001.37	0.00	14,085.52	14,033.34			41,120.23	107,879.77
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,000.00	36.40	7.60	28.80	30.00			102.80	1,897.20
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	1,000.00	985.04	0.00	0.00	0.00			985.04	14.96
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00	257.00	0.00	6,406.25	0.00			6,663.25	1,336.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	6,500.00	793.07	561.95	530.28	478.15			2,363.45	4,136.55
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	3,000.00
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	842,539.00	84,750.52	67,775.93	114,554.88	90,076.24			357,157.57	485,381.43
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	842,539.00	15,545.00	21,510.00	25,369.00	29,019.00			91,443.00	751,096.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,250,000.00	0.00	1,153.51	42,592.12	0.00			43,745.63	1,206,254.37
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
<b>5892 PROJECT COSTSHARE/ESC ACCT</b>	<b>1,226,025.00</b>							0.00	1,226,025.00
	4,341,103.00	115,651.73	91,292.32	203,850.18	133,920.06	0.00	0.00	544,714.29	3,796,388.71

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	2008							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	7,000.00							0.00	7,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	3,500.00							1,133.32	2,366.68
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	149,000.00							41,120.23	107,879.77
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,000.00							102.80	1,897.20
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	1,000.00							985.04	14.96
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00							6,663.25	1,336.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	6,500.00							2,363.45	4,136.55
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	3,000.00							0.00	3,000.00
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	842,539.00							357,157.57	485,381.43
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	842,539.00							91,443.00	751,096.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,250,000.00							43,745.63	1,206,254.37
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.								0.00	0.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.								0.00	0.00
<b>5892 PROJECTCOSTSHARE/ESC ACCT</b>	<b>1,226,025.00</b>							0.00	1,226,025.00
	4,341,103.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	544,714.29	3,796,388.71



# CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 283.33	Monthly Retainer Through 4/24/08
5812	NIRPC	\$13,979.04	Services performed February 2008
5812	Jimmy John's	\$ 54.30	Cost incurred at Corps Real Estate meeting on 4/16/08
5821	Sandy Mordus	\$ 30.00	April mileage
5824	AT&T	\$ 342.98	Billing period 3/14-4/11/08 (Total bill \$364.19; KRBC portion \$21.21)
5824	Verizon	\$ 135.17	Billing period 4/16-5/16/08 (Total bill \$259.55; KRBC portion \$124.38)
5841	Vale Appraisal Group	\$ 3,700.00	Appraisals re: DC-1311, 1318, 1345, 1346, 1349, and 1350
5841	Vale Appraisal Group	\$ 2,400.00	Appraisals re: DC-1336 and DC-1342
5841	Valuation Services, LLC	\$ 1,200.00	Appraisal re: DC-1364
5841	Valuation Services, LLC	\$ 1,200.00	Appraisal re: DC-1364-A
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1300
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1302
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1304
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1340
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1343
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1364
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1364-A
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1336
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1340
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1342
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1400
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-837
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-838
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-839
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-842
5841	Jonathan Landing	\$ 2,600.00	Appraisals re: DC1400, 839, 1314
5841	Jonathan Landing	\$ 3,600.00	Appraisals re: DC837, 838, 842
5843	Meridian Title Corporation	\$ 890.00	Title work re: DC-1315E
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-1204-B
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 357.75	Crediting Technician services 3/16 - 3/31/08
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 344.50	Crediting Technician services 4/1 - 4/15/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 2,770.45	Land Acquisition Agent services 3/16 - 3/31/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 25.20	March mileage
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 2,481.00	Land Acquisition Agent services 4/1 - 4/9/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 716.10	Land Acquisition Agent services 4/10 - 4/15/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 1,105.98	Pay increase retroactive back to 1/1/08 (from 4/15/08)
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,044.45	Crediting Tech & Land Acq. Asst. 3/16 - 3/31/08
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 791.25	Crediting Tech & Land Acq. Asst. 4/1 - 4/9/08
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 370.43	Crediting Tech & Land Acq. Asst. 4/10 - 4/15/08
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 427.95	Pay increase retroactive back to 1/1/08 (from 4/15/08)
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,173.35	Engineering/Land Mgmt. Agent 3/16 - 3/31/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 274.00	March mileage
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 3,581.55	Engineering/Land Mgmt. Agent 4/1 - 4/9/08

### CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 1,950.30	Engineering/Land Mgmt. Agent 4/10 - 4/15/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 1,293.75	Pay increase retroactive back to 1/1/08 (from 4/9/08)
5847	DLZ	\$ 2,457.00	Professional services re: DC-1300
5847	DLZ	\$ 979.50	Professional services re: Forest Ave. pump station
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,857.50	Professional services re: Indianapolis Blvd. pump station
5847	DLZ	\$ 2,769.50	Professional services re: Jackson Ave. pump station
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,429.50	Professional services re: Southside pump station
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,090.00	Professional services re: Tapper Ave. pump station
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 240.00	Professional services re: DC-1015
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 13.75	Professional services re: DC-1173
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 27.50	Professional services re: DC-1174
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 13.75	Professional services re: DC-1177
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 180.00	Professional services re: DC-1200
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 97.50	Professional services re: DC-1210
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 897.50	Professional services re: DC-1300
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 627.50	Professional services re: DC-1300 (2 separate jobs)
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 227.50	Professional services re: DC-1301
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 260.00	Professional services re: DC-1302
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 755.00	Professional services re: DC-1303
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 997.50	Professional services re: DC-1304
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 650.00	Professional services re: DC-1305
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 345.00	Professional services re: DC-1306
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 345.00	Professional services re: DC-1307
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 260.00	Professional services re: DC-1308-A
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 27.50	Professional services re: DC-1308-B
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 27.50	Professional services re: DC-1308-C
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 27.50	Professional services re: DC-1308-D
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 27.50	Professional services re: DC-1310
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 635.00	Professional services re: DC-1311
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 187.50	Professional services re: DC-1314
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 282.50	Professional services re: DC-1315
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 460.00	Professional services re: DC-1317
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 440.00	Professional services re: DC-1318
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 445.00	Professional services re: DC-1320
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 507.50	Professional services re: DC-1323
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 535.00	Professional services re: DC-1324
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 310.00	Professional services re: DC-1326
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 82.50	Professional services re: DC-1334
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 512.50	Professional services re: DC-1335
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 565.00	Professional services re: DC-1336
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 532.50	Professional services re: DC-1337
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 445.00	Professional services re: DC-1338
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 282.50	Professional services re: DC-1342
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 512.50	Professional services re: DC-1343
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 1,135.00	Professional services re: DC-1344
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 542.50	Professional services re: DC-1346
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 775.00	Professional services re: DC-1347

**CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2008**

<b>ACCT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPLANATION OF CLAIM</b>
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 375.00	Professional services re: DC-1350
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 32.50	Professional services re: pipeline relocates
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 292.50	Professional services re: DC-78
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 32.50	Professional services re: DC-837
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 32.50	Professional services re: DC-838
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 32.50	Professional services re: DC-839
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 65.00	Professional services re: DC-840
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 65.00	Professional services re: DC-841
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 65.00	Professional services re: DC-842
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 285.00	Professional services re: DC-1015
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 55.00	Professional services re: DC-1100
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 815.00	Professional services re: DC-1174
5847	Garcia Consulting Engineers	\$ 165.00	Professional services re: Stage VII surveys
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$13,527.73	Land Acquisition Legal services through 4/24/08
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 55.00	Utility Relocation Legal services through 4/24/08
5861	Lake County Recorder	\$ 110.00	To record easements re: DC-1333, 1379, 1022, 1023, and 1024
5861	Joseph Demase	\$ 6,000.00	Purchase price of DC-1390
5861	Jennifer Bell Williams	\$ 5,600.00	Purchase price of DC-1358
5861	Sylvia Vucich, Trustee	\$ 5,000.00	Purchase price of DC-1355
5861	Michael & Amy Rac	\$ 1,900.00	Purchase price of DC-1314
5861	7905 Calumet Building, LLC	\$10,000.00	Purchase price of DC-1366
5861	Richard & Mary White	\$ 409.00	Purchase price of DC-1369
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$133,920.06</b>	

**APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING INVOICES  
FROM O&M FUND  
MAY 7, 2008**

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- **\$3,120.00 to Austgen Electric Inc. for work performed on sluice/flap gate repair/clean at Burr Street**
- **\$102.00 to Austgen Electric Inc. for work performed on North Burr Street pump station**
- **\$2,575.00 to Austgen Electric Inc. for work performed on sluice/flap gate repair/clean on Gate 8B**
- **\$2,575.00 to Austgen Electric Inc. for work performed on sluice/flap gate repair/clean on Gate 6**
- **\$52.90 to T-Mobile for costs incurred for cell phone for engineer field work; monthly service 2/11/08 – 3/10/08**
- **\$53.17 to T-Mobile for costs incurred for cell phone for engineer field work; monthly service 3/11/08 to 4/10/08**

**Total O&M costs - \$ 8,478.07**



# Flood study notes failure to communicate

Report also cites poor equipment maintenance

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## SEE THE FULL REPORT

The full report is available for review on the INDOT Web site [in.gov/indot](http://in.gov/indot) from a link on the Projects/Studies, Public Involvement/Media or Other Publications Web pages.

## OUR OPINION

Focus on maintenance to stop expressway from flooding again, **A10**

plans and make them widely available.

The completion of the levee system, now projected for late 2009, is among a plethora of recommendations contained within a 62-page report released Thursday.

The estimated \$7 million

fix includes \$2.7 million for improvements on the Borman at the Kennedy Avenue interchange, which include flap gate replacement, ditch vegetation clearing, backflow prevention valves and a stormwater lift station.

Some \$4.3 million worth of similar improvements are suggested for the Indianapolis Boulevard interchange and include measures aimed at helping the Woodmar neighborhood.

The cost of the improvements, some to be immediate and others over time, will be borne by INDOT, said John Pangallo, project manager for INDOT.

Even when improvements are made, the study indicates certain flood prevention

efforts may need to continue for the service life of the Borman.

Conducted by Earth Tech, an Indianapolis-based engineering firm, the study found multiple causes for August's flooding, led off by a series of significant rainfalls that increased flood levels on the Little Calumet River. Some 7.3 inches of rainfall occurred between Aug. 18 and 24, estimated to be in the area of a 25-year rainfall.

The flooding in the southeast quadrant of the Kennedy Avenue interchange was mainly the result of a 54-inch flapgate that was stuck open from debris.

Flooding at the Indianapolis Boulevard interchange was mainly caused by very high Little Calumet River levels that resulted from a breach in the levee west of the boulevard.

By early Aug. 25, water levels exceeded the outlet of a 36-inch culvert that drains under the Borman east of the Indianapolis interchange. Backflow then discharged into Hammond's Woodmar neighborhood.

Besides citing the significant rainfall, the failed equipment and the accumulated debris, engineers found an overall lack of preparation, communication and coordina-

tion between the variety of entities responsible for the levee system and INDOT.

The stuck flap gate at the outlet of the 54-inch diameter pipe east of Kennedy Avenue might have been avoided by more frequent inspection and maintenance of the structure, according to the study.

Engineers said the flooding from the stuck gate could have been avoided or reduced if the upstream sluice gate had been closed as soon as possible after the river reached flood stage. Pumping operations continued for five days before it was learned the flap gate was open and the sluice gate was closed.

**HAMMOND** | Engineers hired by the Indiana Department of Transportation are putting the highest priority on the completion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control levee project to help prevent a repeat of the August flooding that closed the Borman Expressway.

In addition to expediting the uncompleted segments of the project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is urged to complete operation, maintenance and flood warning

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## United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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Scottsburg, IN 47170

April 1, 2008

Dan Gardner  
Executive Director  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC)  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, Indiana 46368

RE: Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) application-200 acres in Lake County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Gardner:

On March 17, 2008, I participated in a meeting with you and various staff. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate a 200 acre site for potential participation in the WRP program. As a part of the review, Ms. Vamos provided me with title information on the property. In addition, we discussed the on-going U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) flood control project that is occurring along the Little Calumet River in the northwestern Indiana.

The intent of the WRP program is to purchase conservation easements from landowners and to restore these easements to wetland habitat. There are certain eligibility requirements that have to be met in order for land to be enrolled into the program. That is, the WRP program eligibility does not allow for the purchase of easement on properties that are or will be restored under another agency's authority (such as mitigation). Lands going under a WRP easement have to have the full capability to be restored through the WRP program. It would appear that this particular parcel of land (200 acres between Grant and Chase Street) has mitigation obligations that have to be met as a requirement of the interagency agreement between LCRBDC, USCOE and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The mitigation obligation question clouds the issue as to whether the site is eligible for WRP or not.

Our agency has to have this matter clarified before we can do any more with your application. It is your responsibility as landowner to provide justification to address this issue. In order to move forward with your application, you will need to provide to me written documentation from the USCOE and IDEM indicating that the proposed land is not being used for mitigation and that it will not be used to satisfy future migration obligations as required by the interagency agreement.

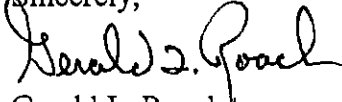
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I do appreciate your interest in the WRP program, but this matter has to be resolved before we can continue forward with your application. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (812) 752-2269 Ext. 113.

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Roach

Wetlands Reserve Program Coordinator

Cc: Bill Moran, District Conservationist, NRCS, Crown Point, IN  
Brianne Lowe, Soil Conservationist, NRCS, Rensselaer, IN  
Rick Ward, Biologist, USFWS, North Judson, IN  
Alyson Keaton, Engineer, NRCS, Rensselaer, IN  
Becky Ross, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Lafayette, IN

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JANUARY 1, 2008 - FEBRUARY 29, 2008

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
LAND ACQUISITION	192,304.22
GENERAL FUND	81,335.09
TAX FUND	0.00
INVESTMENTS	
SAVINGS	89,504.55
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	13,568.68

376,712.54

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2008 - FEBRUARY 29, 2008

LEASE RENTS	6,760.08
INTEREST INCOME(FROM CHECKING)	345.49
LAND ACQUISITION	185,409.04
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	2,559.34
MISC. RECEIPTS	49,828.80
CHECK #9616 Arlene Colvin	200.00
CHECK #9626 Arlene Colvin	28.80
STEWART TITLE	100.00
VOIDED CHECK #9727	49500.00
KRBC REI	238.68
TRANSFERRED FROM SAVINGS	52.88
CITY OF MUNSTER FOR PROPERTIES	15,178.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	

260,372.31

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2008 - FEBRUARY 29, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE	
2007 EXPENSES PAID IN 2008	68,261.17
PER DIEM	
LEGAL SERVICES	3,400.00
NIRPC	566.66
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	25,825.82
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	774.80
BONDS & INSURANCE	1,090.91
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	332.00
MEETING EXPENSE	1,642.68
LAND ACQUISITION	0.00
LEGAL SERVICES	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	11,980.50
ENGINEERING SERVICES	37,650.00
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	0.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	18,595.00
OPERATIONS SERVICES	0.00
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES	0.00
SURVEYING SERVICES	36,552.29
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	43,342.22
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	0.00
MOVING ALLOCATION	81,923.00
TAXES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	0.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	0.00
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	4,775.44
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00
BANK CHARGES HARRIS BANK	0.00
PASS THROUGH FOR SAVINGS	13.00
PAYBACK TO SAVINGS	22,767.71
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	

291,232.03

CASH POSITION - FEBRUARY 29, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
LAND ACQUISITION	202,016.81
GENERAL FUND	38,203.44
TAX FUND	
TOTAL FUNDS IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	240,220.25

CHASE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	89,872.69
(LAND ACQ IN HOUSE PROJECT FUNDS)	*38,054.35
(O & M MONIES)	**46,454.66

\*Note: Original \$700,000 note

\*\*Note: O & M Fund comprised of remaining LEL Money, \$185,000 Interest Money, and \$133,721.49 Marina Sand Money

SAVINGS INTEREST 5,363.68

\*\*\*Note: Interest deposited from Savings 25,700; Escrow Interest 4,418; Burr St Interest 5,220

TOTAL SAVINGS	89,872.69
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST AVAILABLE	16,128.02

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS 346,220.96

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JANUARY 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2008

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	192,304.22	
GENERAL FUND	81,335.09	
TAX FUND	0.00	
INVESTMENTS		
SAVINGS	89,504.55	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	13,568.68	
	<hr/>	376,712.54

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2008- MARCH 31, 2008

LEASE RENTS	7,788.12	
INTEREST INCOME(FROM CHECKING)	507.67	
LAND ACQUISITION	381,682.68	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	3,168.93	
MISC. RECEIPTS	49,828.80	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	238.68	
TRANSFERRED FROM SAVINGS	335.78	
CITY OF MUNSTER FOR PROPERTIES	15,178.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		458,728.66

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE		
2007 EXPENSES PAID IN 2008	68,261.17	
PER DIEM	3,400.00	
LEGAL SERVICES	849.99	
NIRPC	25,825.82	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	782.40	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,090.91	
BONDS & INSURANCE	332.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,642.68	
MEETING EXPENSE	0.00	
LAND ACQUISITION		
LEGAL SERVICES	22,327.22	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	46,450.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	1,153.51	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	19,495.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	0.00	
OPERATIONS SERVICES	1,000.00	
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES	56,076.55	
SURVEYING SERVICES	68,957.72	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	0.00	
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	0.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	106,788.76	
MOVING ALLOCATION	0.00	
TAXES	0.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	0.00	
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	19,034.09	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	0.00	
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	
BANK CHARGES HARRIS BANK	15.00	
PASS THROUGH FOR SAVINGS	22,997.71	
PAYBACK TO SAVINGS		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		398,219.36

CASH POSITION - MARCH 31, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
LAND ACQUISITION	291,826.05
GENERAL FUND	39,383.63
TAX FUND	
TOTAL FUNDS IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	331,209.68

CHASE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	89,762.58
(LAND ACQ IN HOUSE PROJECT FUNDS)	*38,054.35
(O & M MONIES)	**46,171.76

\*Note: Original \$700,000 note

\*\*Note: O & M Fund comprised of remaining LEL Money, \$185,000 Interest Money, and \$133,721.49 Marina Sand Money

SAVINGS INTEREST 5,536.47

\*\*\*Note: Interest deposited from Savings 25,700; Escrow Interest 4,418; Burr St Interest 5,220

TOTAL SAVINGS	89,762.58
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST AVAILABLE	16,737.61
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS	437,709.87

## Little Cal levee project likely won't be on time

By ERIK POTTER

Post-Tribune staff writer

The Little Calumet River levee project looks ever more certain to run past its targeted completion date of Dec. 31, 2009.

The current bottleneck is acquiring the rights to land along the river that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers needs to build the final phase of the levee from Columbia Avenue to the Illinois state line.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, the local agency overseeing the levee project, set a target date of May 1 to have land acquisition finished.

By April 11, the commission expects to have sent acquisition contracts to nearly 70 percent of the residential properties. But homeowners have 30 days to respond to the offer, leaving commission staff to concede at its Wednesday meeting that the May deadline

will be missed.

"We need to take a hard approach," chairman William Biller said at the April meeting. "If (homeowners) don't decide within that time, start legal proceedings."

The statement drew a stir from several residents at the meeting whose homes are among the remaining properties to be acquired.

The commission has the right to "condemn" properties that don't voluntarily sign acquisition contracts, allowing the commission to acquire the land in court.

The board also reported that it is working with Cabela's to correct drainage issues caused by a levee the company erected along the western edge of its property in Hammond.

The levee is preventing rainwater coming from the neighboring subdivision from flowing east, its normal course. Instead it is pooling in front of the Cabela's levee.

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## Fix on way for Northcote flooding

### Cabela's officials plan to construct drainage ditch

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**HAMMOND** | Cabela's is promising a permanent fix to the standing water plaguing homeowners on Northcote Avenue.

With the Little Calumet River forming the southern boundary to Cabela's property, the company agreed to construct its own levee to protect the homes on Northcote Avenue prior to the onset of the federal levee project, which is now in high gear.

The berm later constructed by Cabela's is credited with sparing the neighborhood during last year's summer storm, that closed the Borman Expressway for several days.

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#### CABELA'S PLAN

In a letter from Cabela's project manager Troy Kurz to the City Council, Kurz said the company intends to permanently remedy the problem by constructing a drainage ditch. Kurz said Cabela's plan is to modify the grading along the west side of its levee to drain water to the south as soon as weather and soil conditions permit.

The plan is adequate, the city engineer said.

## Flooding

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But complaints regarding the standing water that has plagued the neighborhood's backyards reached the Hammond City Council earlier this month.

Upon a request by 6th District Councilman Homero "Chico" Hinojosa and supported by Councilwoman at-large JoAnn Matonovich, a letter was sent to City Engineer Stan Dostatni seeking an immediate response to the issue.

In a letter from Cabela's project manager Troy Kurz to the council, Kurz said the company intends to permanently remedy the problem by constructing a drainage ditch.

The company's response was noted at Wednesday's meeting of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, where commission member Robert Huffman questioned Cabela's solution.

"A drainage ditch isn't a sufficient answer to the problem," Huffman said.

Hammond City Council President Dan Repay also questioned the solution, concerned about the ultimate impact on the city's already overtaxed sewer system.

Kurz said Cabela's plan is to modify the grading along the west side of its levee to drain water to the south as soon as weather and soil conditions permit.

The plan appears to be adequate from the city's standpoint.

"It should work," Dostatni said Thursday.

## LEVEE PROJECT GETS CHALLENGE

Hammond residents want to stop plans that would take land for flood control



NATALIE BATTAGLIA PHOTOS | THE TIMES

Wooden sticks with bright pink tags mark an approximate line of property for the Little Calumet River levee project behind homes on Southmoor Road in Hammond. Neighbors to the river are questioning the extent of the levee project. They are fearful they'll end up looking like Hawthorne Street in Munster, where trees have been leveled.

BY SUSAN BROWN

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**HAMMOND** | A group of Southmoor Road residents are calling for a halt to the Little Calumet River levee project before it arrives in their picturesque backyards along the river.

With the last of land acquisition offers mailed to them Friday and a 30-day window for response, the group is feeling the pressure.

Legal action isn't out of the question, they said last week when gathered in the home of Doug and Karen Lorenz.

Officials confirm this stretch along the 200 block of Southmoor will be the tightest with which to work of all the properties that have undergone construction in connection with the levee project. In some cases, construction easements between the homes and the river will be just a few feet in width.

The situation has homeowner Mark Jancosek worried about his 40-year-old swimming pool, which will be in the path of construction equipment.

In some cases, outdoor sheds and other structures are expected to be sacrificed altogether.

In question are the fate of 100-year-old trees on both sides of the levee wall and how the wall will alter what is now an unfettered view of an untouched natural landscape.

The fears are much the same as those that had been held by resi-



Mike Zarantonello and Ruth Mores are Hammond residents who live on Southmoor Road and are backyard neighbors to the Calumet River. They are concerned a levee project will obscure their view and ruin the aesthetics of their neighborhood.

dents of Munster's Hawthorne Drive neighborhood, now shorn of many old trees and currently sporting an unobstructed view across Hart Ditch into Wicker Park. More than 40 Hawthorne Drive residents battled for several years to retain their greenscape until resignation set in.

But unlike in the past, the levee project is now on a fast track by order of U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., so the Southmoor homeowners are reacting to the heat.

"Where does economic development end and environmental protection begin?" homeowner Ruth Mores asked.

But Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said the project legally

demand a continuous line of flood protection all the way to the state line.

Between the Southmoor neighborhood and the state line lies a section of Forest Avenue where a city-built levee was constructed to federal specifications in the 1980s in contemplation of connecting to the current project, he said.

"They're taking one for the team for the people north of them," Gardner said.

"The project is not going to be halted," said William Biller, the commission's chairman. "Very honestly, they're going to be given a time frame, and if not accepted, we'll proceed (with condemnation). Nobody wins on that score. That just runs up the cost."

# Levee enters final phase of project

BY STEVE ZABROSKI  
Times Correspondent

**HAMMOND** | Contracts to build a flood-controlling levee along the Little Calumet River to the Illinois state line should be awarded later this year.

The Board of Public Works and Safety, late last week approved easements on 10 city-owned properties, the last parcels needed to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers access to the river shore.

The easements were necessary, said Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, so the Army Corps can complete the project from North-

cote Avenue to the state line.

Working with the Hammond Sanitary District and the city's Redevelopment Commission, the Army Corps plans to complete the levee next year, Gardner said.

The levee is expected to remove areas north of the river from classification as a flood plain, saving thousands of homeowners costly federal flood insurance requirements.

Agents with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency will come to town in May, Gardner said, to begin processing paperwork for the insurance change so there won't be a long delay between finishing the project and property owners saving money.



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Paul Capriglione, of Munster, plays disc golf Friday at Riverside Park in Hammond. A flood control project along the banks of the Little Calumet River will wind its way to the park and require removal of several trees. Hammond resident Dave Sutkowski is fighting to save trees marked for removal to provide for a construction staging area.

## SAVING THE TREES

### Levee project heading toward Riverside Park

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**HAMMOND** | After years of languishing, the Local Flood Control and Recreation Project for the Little Calumet River is on a fast track and could reach the city's coveted Riverside Park by fall.

Those who frequent the park may have noticed two sets of stakes in the ground at the southeast corner of the park off Columbia Avenue.

The stakes closest to the

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Levee work along the Little Calumet River enters its final phase: A5.

river mark the permanent easement needed to construct the levee. The second set of stakes to the north indicate a temporary easement where the construction equipment will be stored.

It's the second series of stakes that has Dave Sutkowski worried.

Sutkowski, who manages the

Chiefs and the Seminoles baseball teams, occupies many hours in the park. He is credited with developing the far south end of the park into a baseball field considered second to none in the area.

Sutkowski said he understands the need for the new levee and also that some trees will have to go to accommodate it.

But he does not understand why trees some 100 years old have to be removed for the land

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# Levee

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to store equipment, especially not with a parking lot within sight.

Sutkowski said the area is heavily used by not only baseball teams but disc golfers, walkers, joggers and others who just enjoy the beauty of the place and the shade provided by the trees, which form a canopy when in full bloom.

Sutkowski said the neatly choreographed black walnut trees were planted by farmers years ago, creating an "isolated forest within a city."

"You're not going to replant trees 100 years old," he said.

Sutkowski said his fears were confirmed by Hammond Parks Director Pat Moore Sr. at a Park Board meeting April 8.

Moore said it was a "done deal" that the trees would be removed and the area gravelled, Sutkowski said. He received no response to asking whether plans could be adjusted, he said.

Moore did not return a telephone call for comment.

Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said a meeting was held April 2 between his group, Moore, City Engineer Stan Dostatni and the U.S.

Army Corps. Discussions included minimizing the impact of the project, he said.

Years ago the staging area was expected to be placed off Columbia Avenue, Gardner said.

Now there is a parking lot on the spot, it cannot be used for the staging area so a new area was needed.

"This is for the future," Gardner said. "We will work with whatever group out there that has questions."

Jim Pokrajac, the commissioner's engineer, said the city can flag what trees it wants to keep or even take out the trees itself. The area will revert back to the city after construction when it can be reseeded and replanted with trees. The project will only improve an area that is often wet and muddy on the best summer days, he said.

Sutkowski said his hope is only to make people who frequent the park aware of the possibilities.

City Council President Dan Repay, who grew up enjoying the park, agreed communications haven't been the best.

"It's a delicate balance," he said. "There are several thousands of people who want to come out of the flood plain, including me, but you have to appreciate others' rights and be sensitive to their needs."





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## **LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT PROGRESSES**

The first Munster phase of the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project began in December with tree removal along River Drive east of Baring Avenue, and Hawthorne from River Drive to Alta Vista. Last fall the Army Corps awarded the contract for this work to Dyer Construction. The project includes the installation of both earthen levies and concrete flood prevention walls in Hammond, Highland, and Munster. Due to limited space a concrete flood wall will be installed near the Baring Avenue pump station and also along Hawthorne near Alta Vista. In between, an earthen levy will be constructed using clay and top soil.

Sheet piles are currently being driven in the ground to support the walls, which are expected to be completed by mid-spring. When weather conditions permit, earth work will begin in order to construct the levy. The entire project is expected to be completed in late fall of this year. The existing levy will remain in place until either the new wall or levy is constructed. That way the contractor is continuing to provide at least the current level of flood protection.

The town has received several inquiries about whether the completion of the project will result in the Wicker Park neighborhood being removed from the flood zone. Unfortunately it will not. This small portion of the overall project, which eventually goes west all the way to the Illinois state line, will not prevent flood waters from over-banking the current levy west of Baring and still flooding this area. The town recently received plans from the Army Corps of Engineers which will construct flood protection walls and levy from Columbia to the Illinois state line. This next phase is expected to begin within two years.

Again as a reminder, Hawthorne from Ridge Road to River Drive and River Drive from Hawthorne to Northcote will be closed to through traffic, and re-designated for two-way traffic during this project. In this way construction traffic which will primarily be coming to the site from the south, can also exit that same direction. Trucks will then have no reason to stray down Fairway, Alta Vista, or any other street to the west. Also, there will be times when the entire street will be closed at the location where work is occurring. Without the ability of two-way traffic, some residents may not be able to get to their driveway. If you would like more information about the project, contact James Mandon, PE, town engineer, at 836-6995.



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## **FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE**

The first Munster phase of the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project began in December along River Drive east of Baring Avenue, and Hawthorne from River Drive to Alta Vista. This is one of three phases which will eventually build either flood walls or earthen levies from Hawthorne to the state line. The first project is expected to be completed this year in late fall. The existing levy will remain in place until either the new wall or levy is constructed. That way the contractor is continuing to provide at least the current level of flood protection.

Again as a reminder, Hawthorne from Ridge Road to River Drive and River Drive from Hawthorne to Northcote will be closed to through traffic, and re-designated for two-way traffic during this project. Construction traffic, which will primarily be coming to the site from the south, is suppose to stay on River Drive and Hawthorne, and not use other residential streets. Trucks were seen by residents on Crestwood and this was reported to the town. The contractor has been warned that tickets will be issued for straying off of Hawthorne and River Drive. The Munster Police have been put on notice to enforce the ban on construction equipment.

The town recently received an update on the next phases of the Army Corps project. The remaining portions of the levy or flood wall have been divided into two projects, from Columbia Avenue to the state line and from Columbia Avenue to Baring Avenue. Columbia to the state line is scheduled to begin construction in mid-summer, 2008. Since this is a large and difficult project, the contractor will be permitted 538 calendar days to complete the job. Columbia to Baring Avenue is scheduled to begin in late fall, 2008, with the completion early 2010. After this third phase is completed, the Army Corps will then send notice to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) that the town property currently in the flood plain should be removed. FEMA will then amend the flood insurance maps, eliminating the requirement for flood insurance. It is unclear how long FEMA will take to make this change.

If you would like more information about this project or about the issue of flood insurance, contact James Mandon, PE, town engineer, at 836-6995.

# **PROJECT ENGINEERING MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**For meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

**(Information in this report is based upon latest data provided at the time the report is put together. Dates and costs may vary depending upon ongoing design and/or coordination with the Army Corps)**

**(Any additional data, or information, regarding modifications to contracts, pay requests, or changes in completion dates is available upon request) Handout to Commissions at April 2, 2008 meeting.**

**Report period is from March 27 – April 30, 2008)**

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## **COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION**

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

1. Project completed on July 10th, 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. Project completed in September, 1998.  
Rausch Construction – Contract price: \$3,288, 102
2. Received “as-built” drawings from the Corps on 11/6/06.

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

1. Project completed in December, 1998.  
WEBB Construction – Contract price: \$3,915,178

### **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

### **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. Project completed in November, 2004.
  - Dyer Construction – Contract price: \$4,285,345

**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. The only item needed to be completed is to assure turf growth in all areas.
  - 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.
  - We received a response from the Corps on January 7, 2003, addressing vegetation.
  - Currently, the entire concrete ditch bottom is filled with silt and dirt and has cattails growing. LCRBDC got a cost to clean the concrete bottom of the drainage ditch on August 18 during dry conditions in the amount of \$8,200; and wet conditions in the amount of \$11,640.

A letter will be sent to the COE requesting their participation for a design modification to prevent this sloughing from re-occurring. (The Corps suggested that this issue be addressed as part of the recently completed levee Inspection Reports in August, 2007). Awaiting Corps inspection results.

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

1. Project completed in November, 1998.
  - Dyer Construction – Contract price: \$3,329,464
2. Received “as-built” drawings from the Corps on 11/6/06.

**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. Project completed in July, 2001.
  - Dyer Construction. – Contract price: \$2,228,652

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

1. Project completed on September 14, 1995.
  - Dyer construction – Contract price: \$998,630
2. Levee certification
  - A meeting was held with FEMA, LCRBDC, and the Corps on July 17, 2007 to review FEMA mapping
  - Minutes were distributed on July 18 (Refer to Item #6 regarding letter of certification need for record).
  - Letter of response from Highland on January 30, 2008

### **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%)

The lift station at the Southwest corner of the existing levee that will handle interior drainage has been completed as part of the Stage III remediation project. Pump station final inspection with the contractor was held on June 23, 2005, and was found to be satisfactory.

#### **2. This pump station is in the process of being turned over to the city of Gary for O&M responsibility.**

- A follow-up inspection was held with the COE and Greeley & Hansen on September 4 and 5, 2007.
- Awaiting Army Corps report to proceed with remediation (Station was found to be operational and up to Corps standards as of September 2007)

#### **3. INDOT Construction at I-65 and I-80/94**

- INDOT submitted an email to the Corps on March 6, 2008 indicating their construction may impact some Little Cal culverts in this area.
- Corps indicating they may only prevent backflow and could possibly be abandoned.
- LCRBDC requested Corps review to abandon these because of inaccessibility for inspections or during flood fighting.
- Corps is checking with IDNR permits to get concurrence to abandon.

### **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. Project completed in September 2001.  
Thieneman Construction – Contract price: \$2,120,730

### **North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:**

1. The low bidder was Overstreet Construction
  - Current contract amount - \$2,518,988.44
  - Original contract amount- \$2,387,500
  - Amount overrun - \$114,276 (4.9%)
  - Project is currently 99% completed
2. Minor items have been completed.
3. A final inspection was held with the COE, town of Highland, and the LCRBDC on September 7, 2007 as part of the O&M turnover.
4. Received “as-built” drawings from the Corps on 11/6/06.
5. Some minor items need to be addressed before turnover.
6. Received monthly construction status report from the COE. (Refer to handout)

### **STAGE III Drainage Remediation:**

1. Project completed on June 23, 2005.
  - A. Dyer Construction – Contractor
  - B. Final Inspection – June 23, 2005
    - Agreement for O&M turnover to Gary is being finalized (Ongoing) (Refer to O&M Report for details) These (2) stations have been included with the other (4) Gary stations in one process.

C. Project money status:

- Original contract estimate - \$1,695,822
- Original contract amount - \$1,231,845
- Current contract amount - \$1,625,057
- Amount overrun - \$70,765 (4%)

## **ONGOING CONSTRUCTION**

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

1. Contract award date – June 30, 2004
2. Notice to proceed – July 29, 2004 (430 days to complete)
3. Original contract completion date – October 1, 2010
4. Bids were opened on June 30 and the low bidder was ECO SYSTEMS, INC.
  - Current Contract Amount - \$648,995.23
  - Original Contract Amount - \$648,995.23
  - Percent completed – 54.7%
  - 104 acres included in bid – 100 to be herbicided, remaining 4 acres are ditches.
  - Received approval for incremental funding in the amount of \$141,995 on March 11, 2008.
5. A walk-thru inspection was held with the COE and the contractor on October 25, 2005.
  - Scope of work – Approximately ½ of East Reach to plant trees, herbiciding has been completed, clean up growth in collector ditches, plant new native grasses on levees.
6. Received monthly construction status report from COE

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

1. The low bidder was Superior Construction Company
  - Original Bid Amount - \$2,301,518
  - Current Contract Amount - \$2,549,885.15
  - Amount overrun - \$248,367 (10.8%)
  - Percent completed – 99%
  - Current contract completion date – August 24, 2007
2. Received monthly construction status report from COE. (Refer to Handout)
3. Final inspection was held on May 1, 2007
  - All punch list items were addressed and project is now completed.
4. LCRBDC received a copy of the certificate of final completion by Gary on July 25, 2007 (Letter dated July 20, final signing July 23, 2007).
5. “As-built” drawings turned over to city of Gary on March 12, 2008 (Refer to O&M Report).

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

1. This portion of construction was advertised, coordinated, and facilitated by the Corps and LCRBDC as a betterment levee.
2. The Army Corps awarded the contract to Dyer Construction Company on February 28, 2007 in the amount of \$3,342,583.22.
3. A pre-construction meeting was held on April 4, 2007
4. Sheet piling across the NSRR R/W has been completed.
5. Corps approved request for total progress payment in the amount of \$2,276,535.02 (paid to date) on March 11, 2008. Balance due date is December 17, 2007.

6. Received Modification #2 to contract on March 11, 2008 extending completion date by 10 days due to severe weather (Current date is July 30, 2008)

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 2) Kennedy Avenue to Northcote**

**A. The low bidder was Dyer Construction Company, Inc.**

- Original contract amount - \$15,930,348.46 (includes options)
- Total awarded amount - \$13,140,189.41
- Notice to Proceed issued October 17, 2007
- Current Contract Completion Date – November 20, 2009
- Total Government Estimate w/o profit - \$17,411,799.89
- \$1,481,452 under estimate (8.5%)

1. A progress meeting was held with the Corps, Dyer Construction, LCRBDC, and various municipalities and utilities on April 2 and again on April 16, 2008. (Minutes are attached) 1-7

- B. Received the file from the Corps of the solicitation documents on September 14 indicating a 750 day duration after the contractor receives their Notice to Proceed. (This projects to a completion date, without weather delays, to approximately November 9, 2009)
- A letter was written to the Hammond mayor by the Corps (Col. Drolet) on January 18, 2008 discussing scheduling and real estate.

**C. Miscellaneous Utility Relocation Coordination**

1. Agreement submitted to NIPSCO on April 17, 2008, in the amount of \$10,540, for work adjacent to Northcote Avenue, north of the river. 8
2. Agreement submitted to NIPSCO on April 22, 2008, in the amount of \$6,323, for work to de-energize lines north and south of the river, West of Kennedy Ave., to allow driving of sheet piling. 9
3. Agreement submitted to NIPSCO on April 23, 2008, in the amount of \$22,381, for 34.5 KV re-location work along NIPSCO R/W, West of Kennedy Ave. 10

- D. Received approved DNR permit (amendment) for Hart Ditch on April 14, 2008, allowing rip-rap and bank stabilization. (Additional information available upon request.) 11-13

**1. UTILITY CORRIDOR COORDINATION (NIPSCO R/W)**

**A. LCRBDC Participation**

1. LCRBDC completed a cost and status summary sheet (to date) as of December 20, 2007 with all the pipelines.
- > Costs approved by Corps – \$ 1,718,534
2. Utility Re-location Agreements
- Received approval from Corps attorney for the utility relocation agreements on February 28, 2008 (We forwarded an agreement we had previously used, and executed, with NIPSCO)
3. A current summarization table for the V-2 pipeline corridor has been completed. 14-15

**B. Huntington District Assistance**

**1. General Coordination**

- LCRBDC completed a status summary of current costs and actions on January 18, 2008.

2. Huntington Actions

- Huntington & the LCRBDC put together a one page summary that was forwarded to each pipeline to clarify what their cost estimate should include on October 23, 2007.

C. NIPSCO

1. Received memo from the Corps dated January 3 from the Huntington District indicating estimate of \$204,551 to be fair and reasonable.
2. NIPSCO agreement sent out on March 4, 2008
3. Signed NIPSCO agreement was received on March 25, 2008

D. Conoco Phillips Pipe Line

1. Received memo from the Corps dated January 14, 2008 from the Huntington District indicating estimate of \$333,000 to be fair and reasonable.
2. Conoco Phillips agreement sent out on March 14, 2008

E. Level 3 (formerly Wiltel)

1. Had a conference call with the NSRR, Army Corps, and LCRBDC on September 24, 2007 to discuss concerns of the RR for their communications and fiber optic lines.
  - Received cost estimate (in letter form) on March 11, 2008, in the amount of \$18,800 to protect their fiber optic line and provide "on site" supervision during construction. 16
  - Sent e-mail to NSRR coordinator on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, indicating an agreement is being put together and additional information is needed.

F. Explorer Pipe Line

1. Received memo from the Corps dated January 16, 2008 from the Huntington District indicating estimate of \$187,779 to be fair and reasonable.
2. Explorer agreement sent out on March 10, 2008
3. Follow-up for status sent April 27, 2008 18

G. Wolverine Pipe Line Company

1. Received memo from the Corps on 1/18/08 from the Huntington District indicating estimate of \$102,200 to be fair and reasonable.
2. Wolverine agreement sent out on March 18, 2008

H. Buckeye Partners

1. Received a memo from Corps on December 6, 2007 and an email from Imad concurring that the Buckeye cost estimate for the two (2) 8" pipe lines is fair and reasonable in the total amount of \$441,669.
2. Buckeye agreement sent out on March 17, 2008
3. Follow-up for status sent April 27, 2008 18

I. BP Amoco Pipelines

1. Received a memo from the Corps on December 6, 2007 and an email from Imad concurring that the BP Amoco pipelines cost estimate for their 8" and 22" pipelines is fair and reasonable in the total amount of \$239,335.
2. BP Amoco agreement sent out on March 7, 2008
3. Follow-up for status sent April 27, 2008 18



#### **J. Marathon Pipeline LLC**

1. Received cost estimate from Marathon on February 27, 2008 concurring that the Marathon pipeline cost estimate for their 12" and 16" pipelines if fair and reasonable in the total amount of \$210,000.
  2. Signed Marathon agreement received April 25, 2008. 19
2. Norfolk Southern Railroad coordination
    - Received a letter from the Corps to the LCRBDC attorney on February 22, 2008 with their comments regarding the agreement (Refer to Land Acq. Report)
  3. INDOT Coordination
    - A. A meeting was held with INDOT, Army Corps, and LCRBDC on August 31, 2006 to discuss COE design and project scheduling and funding in the area west of Indianapolis Blvd. and how it will impact their pump station design near the Tri-State bus terminal.
      - Received an email from INDOT on July 25 indicating their project is currently "suspended" and there is no current letting date.
      - An email was sent to INDOT and their design group on November 1, 2007 requesting schedule status of their project in this area. They responded back to us on the same day
      - A letter was sent to INDOT and their consultant on January 24, 2008 requesting an update on their current schedule.
    - B. Pump Station Coordination
      - United Consulting sent a letter to the Corps on February 29, 2008 regarding their design, and asked for review and comments regarding impacts to our construction.
      - The Corps responded back on March 21, 2008 indicating what compliances will be required and provided details regarding penetrations.
  4. A letter was sent to the Highland Fire Chief (Bill Timmer) by the Corps on February 21, 2008 that access ramps for river access would be a betterment.
    - A meeting was held with Highland and their representatives, the Corps, and the LCRBDC on March 24.
    - Several options were discussed including jib cranes, access ramps, and zodiacs. Corps will consider. (ongoing)
  5. A letter was sent to the LCRBDC on March 11 regarding drainage problems east of Northcote and west of the new Cabela's Northcote levee.
    - A letter was received from Cabelas addressed to Dan Repay, on March 30, 2008, 20 indicating they would construct a drainage ditch to remediate the problem.
    - LCRBDC sent a letter thanking Cabelas for a timely and positive response on April 21 3, 2008.

#### **STATUS Stage VI-1 (South) South of the river – Kennedy to Liabe**

1. Low Bidder was Illinois Constructors Corporation (awarded September 30, 2004)
  - Original Contract Amount - \$6,503,093.70
  - Current Contract Amount – \$7,563,971
  - Amount of Total Payments, to date - \$7,038,697.33 (as of 1/21/08)
  - Amount Overrun - \$1,064,509 (16.3%)
  - Percent Completed – 99%
  - Original Completion Date – December 4, 2006
  - Current Completion Date – September 5, 2007
2. Received monthly construction status report from the COE (Refer to Handout)

3. North Drive Pump Station

- LCRBDC working with COE, contractor, and Highland for O&M turnover to town of Highland (Some items remain to be turned over)
- LCRBDC received drawings and parts turnover on September 7, 2007
- Waiting for as-built drawings to begin turnover process to the town of Highland

4. The final inspection for this segment was held with the town of Highland, Army Corps, I.C.C. (contractor), and LCRBDC on October 12, 2007

- LCRBDC in the process of turning over this segment. Awaiting "as-built" drawings from Corps as part of the package.

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

1. Low bidder was Illinois Constructors Corporation (awarded September 30, 2005)

- Original Contract Amount - \$5,566,871
- Current Contract Amount - \$5,734,158
- Amount of Total Payments, to date, \$5,238,794 (as of 12/12/07)
- Amount Overrun – \$78,247 (1.5%)
- Percent Completed – 94%
- Original Complete Date – July 21, 2007
- Current Completion Date – November 27, 2007
- Current completion date extended 65 calendar days due to unusually severe weather as per Modification #2 received on March 2, 2007 (dated February 27, 2007)

2. Received monthly construction status report from the COE (Refer to Handout)

3. Final inspection was scheduled for December 19, 2007 but was cancelled due to snow. Corps currently re-scheduling

4. Received a copy of a letter from Krosan Development dated March 5, 2008 (received March 10) applying for permits to construct from Hammond.

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

1. Low bidder was Dyer Construction (awarded July 29, 2005)

- Original Contract Amount - \$4,205,644.17
- Current Contract Amount - \$4,219,329
- Percent Completed – 98%
- Original Completion Date – April 11, 2007
- Current Completion Date – June 1, 2007
- Current completion date extended 51 calendar days due to adverse weather conditions as per Modification #1 on March 2, 2007 (dated February 20, 2007)

2. Project Description

- Construct a levee protection system consisting of 8,250 lineal feet of earthen levee, 1,600 lineal feet of steel sheet pile floodwall, (3) gatewell structures, culverts & sewer appurtenances, and miscellaneous tree planting and seeding.

3. Received monthly construction status report from the COE (Refer to Handout)

4. The final inspection was held on August 22 with the Corps, Dyer Construction, town of Highland, and the LCRBDC.

- The overall inspection found few deficiencies. Some seeding and landscaping issues and stone trail herbiciding and grading. Correction will be done in the spring of 2008.

**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 schedule shows a June, 2008 contract award and a July, 2009 Completion.

- The current schedule, as outlined in an email from the Corps on October 26, 2007 indicates 75% plans & specs will be ready for review on April 7, 2008, 100% on June 20, 2008, design complete July 3, 2008, advertise August 12, 2008, and award on September 26, 2008.
- 3. BP Amoco has been pursuing engineering coordination for (3) existing pipelines in Stage VII that will greatly impact design since mid-October, 2007.
  - Corps will begin initial coordination with Amoco early January 2008
- 4. All survey work on both sides of the river has been completed; appraisals are done, and offers are being made. (Refer to Land Acquisition Report)
- 5. A new team has been put together to review and update the engineering (A field walk-thru on May 24, 2007).
  - The results of the final engineering review will be forthcoming.
- 6. **The 50% BCOE engineering review drawings and specs were received from the Corps on April 30, 2008 and distributed to all reviewers on May 1.** 22
- 7. **Stage 7 – ALPHA** (New gatewell to be installed west of Northcote and north of the river for interior drainage)
  - Submitted comments to Corps on February 21, 2008; received responses same day
  - All real estate available. ROE signed on March 25, 2008 (Refer to Land Acquisition Report)

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

1. Survey work has been completed and LCRBDC has divided work between DLZ, GLE, and Torrenga Engineering. (Refer to Stage VIII – Land Acq. Report.)
  - Updated real estate drawings were received from Buffalo on January 28, 2008 requiring approximately 30 of 90 surveys to be re-done (Refer to Land Acquisition Report)
2. The Chicago Corps indicated to the LCRBDC on September 11, 2006 that their Buffalo District will be doing the engineering and specs for Stage VIII.
  - Received an email from Corps on January 30, 2008 with the most recent, updated schedule for engineering design.
  - Received an updated Stage VIII project schedule for the Buffalo Corps regarding design, dates for advertising, completing plans & specs, and overall project schedule (updated as of 2/15/08)
3. SEH has been contracted out by the LCRBDC to provide utility coordination.
  - **After approval by the Commissioners at the April 9, 2008 meeting, the contract was amended to include additional work, as requested by the Corps, in the amount of \$19,586.** 23
4. Coordination with residents from Southmoor Road
  - A. A meeting was held with the residents, the Army Corps, and the LCRBDC on October 20, 2007 to review project impacts and design.
    - LCRBDC wrote a letter to the residents on November 20, 2007 giving a current update on the engineering in this area.
    - A meeting with the residents will be held after all offers are sent out. The LCRBDC will re-stake easements in their back yards for discussion at the meeting (Refer to Land Acquisition Report).
5. DC-1302 (Unity Church of Christ) has existing septic system behind their building that will be impacted.
  - Received letter on November 27 indicating both the holding tank and filter bed are underneath the existing levee and a city hook-up will be needed to allow continued service (not enough real estate is available to install a new septic system).

- A coordination meeting was held with the church on April 23, 2008, to discuss real estate and engineering impacts (refer to Land Acquisition report).

6. DC-1315 (NICTD)

- A conference call was held on November 29, 2007 to discuss the railroad bridge. (Final revised minutes were submitted including Pokrajac comments on November 30, 2007)
- LCRBDC staff met with NICTD engineering coordinator on December 11, 2007 to field review previous sheet pile installations.
- Cross-sectional survey data provided to Buffalo & NICTD by LCRBDC (along center line of protection).
- A meeting was held with NICTD on April 22, 2008, to present easement agreements (see Land Acquisition report).

7. DC-1300 (Riverside Park)

- A field meeting was held with the Hammond Parks Dept., City Engineer's office, Army Corps, and the LCRBDC on April 2, 2008.
- Notes of this meeting were forwarded to all attendees on April 10, 2008, requesting any questions or clarifications.

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**Mitigation (Construction Portion) for "In Project" Lands:**

1. Low Bidder was Renewable Resources, Inc. (from Barnesville, Georgia) Awarded September 29, 2002
  - Original Contract Amount - \$921,102.68
  - Current Contract Amount - \$1,405,845.29
  - Amount Overrun - \$484,742 (53%)
  - Percent Completed - 98%
  - Original Completion Date - November 7, 2007
  - Current Completion Date - November 7, 2007
2. A final inspection was held on both sites on May 12, 2004, with the Corps, LCRBDC, project A/E, and Renewable Resources and was found to be satisfactory for this portion of the overall project.
3. The 24 month monitoring period began on May 15, 2004 (Cost - \$3,000/month) (Ongoing)
4. Received monthly construction status report from the COE (Refer to Handout)

**West Reach Pump Stations - Phase 1A:**

1. Low Bidder was Overstreet Construction Company, Inc. (from Milton Florida). Awarded on October 5, 2000
  - Original Contract Amount - \$4,638,400
  - Current Contract Amount - \$4,262,835.48  
(Refer to Attachment #17-Project Status/Major Issues) at bottom - This amount was reduced due to work not completed and de-obligations.
  - Percent Completed - 86%
  - Original Completion Date - October 21, 2004
2. The four (4) pump stations that are included in this initial West Reach pump station project are Baring, Walnut, S. Kennedy, and Hohman/Munster.
3. Received monthly construction status report from the COE (Refer to Handout)
4. HSD wants this contract completed before Pump Station Phase II can begin (Ongoing)
5. A meeting was held on February 27, 2008 with the bonding company, Corps, Theineman Construction, and the LCRBDC to discuss the scope of work and preconstruction issues
  - A follow-up email was sent to the Corps on March 21, 2008 requesting status, or if minutes were distributed. (Status report not received.)

## Pump Station Rehabilitation – Phase 2 (Engineering being done by the Huntington District of the Corps)

### Pump Station – Phase 2A

Received an email from the Corps on November 19, 2007 indicating that the contract was broken up and that 2A will include pump rebuilds of the (2) smaller stations – Forest Avenue/173<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Tapper Avenue.

1. A plan-in-hand meeting was held on November 27 to field review the (2) pump stations in Phase 2A (Forest Avenue and Tapper).
  - An email was sent to the Corps on November 27, 2007 requesting real estate requirements and types of easements (not just work limits)
2. A letter of response was sent to the COE on January 9, 2007 from the Hammond Sanitary District indicating a number of concerns from the Pump Station 1A contract, and that they would not proceed any further until these items were answered or addressed.
  - The Army COE responded on January 24, 2007 and indicated they would resolve all of their concerns before any work would be started on this contract.
3. LCRBDC contracted out DLZ on September 19, 2007 to do property ownership research for each station to determine what interest the HSD has at each location.
  - They provided the location surveys and easement overlays to Huntington on February 5, 2008 in order to get ROE to work on the stations.
  - LCRBDC used past format for pump stations in getting easements signed & approved on March 19, 2008. Existing legals for permanent levee easements have been modified to exclude the actual pump station buildings as a "Perpetual Pump Station Easement".
4. The easement agreements for both Forest Ave. and Tapper were presented to the HSD for signatures on April 15, 2008 (refer to Land Acquisition report)
5. A pre-bid conference was held by the Corps on April 30, 2008, including site visits. 26

### Pump Station – Phase 2B

1. Received an email from the Corps on November 19, 2007 indicating that the contract was broken up and that 2B will include pump replacements at Indianapolis Blvd., Jackson Avenue, and Southside pump stations.
2. DLZ has completed the plats and legals for these (3) stations that will be used in getting easement agreements.
3. Received the 100% BCOE review set from the Army Corps Huntington district on 3/21/08.
  - The 100% review meeting and plan-in-hand check were held on April 3, 2008 27-30 (memo for record was issued on April 18, 2008).

### Griffith Golf Center (North of NIPSCO R/W, East of Cline Avenue)

1. LCRBDC was directed by the COE to obtain a flowage easement on the entire property in a letter dated October 7, 2005.
  - Refer to Land Acquisition Report for current update of appraisal.
2. A letter was received from the COE on January 13, 2006 indicating any construction shall not compromise our project in any manner and that compensatory flood storage would need to be provided.

3. LCRBDC was copied on a letter from U.S. Fish & Wildlife, dated December 8, 2006, indicating they concur that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species.
4. The Army Corps sent a letter of response, and a memorandum, to the A/E for the Griffith Golf Center on March 2, 2007, regarding grading and compensatory storage calculations.
5. LCRBDC wrote a letter of support to the DNR on June 22, 2007 indicating their plan is compatible with the Little Cal flood control project and provides additional (compensatory) storage for flood waters.
6. LCRBDC received a public notice for permit application from V3 (realty agent) dated May 7, 2007 and received May 25, 2007 (copy available upon request).

**Forest Avenue Levee (Levee west of Hohman Ave. along Little Calumet River and Illinois State Line)**

1. Discussion began with residents on August 22, 2006
2. Site visit was held with several residents on September 15, 2006
3. Had follow up site meeting on November 22, 2006 to discuss the line of protection, Corps requirements, FEMA re-mapping to remove from the flood plain, and LCRBDC responsibilities as local sponsor.
4. Email to Corps on December 11, 2006 requesting inspection with Corps to determine requirements for certification. (Corps responded there are tieback issues in Illinois, FEMA needs to be satisfied, and coordination call is needed)
5. Received email from Corps on December 15, 2006 indicating this project is not part of Stage VIII and was built locally in the early 1980's, was never certified, and no easements exist.
6. Requested information from Hammond City Engineer on May 4, 2007
7. Resident sent letter to LCRBDC on October 14, 2007
8. Sent "as-builts" to Corps on 2/19/08. Corps responded we need real estate.
9. Submitted agreements to GLE Surveying on April 17, 2008, for ten (10) separate parcels 31 (received signed agreement on April 22, 2008).
  - Letter sent to residents on May 1, 2008 informing them of upcoming acquisition, engineering process, and general information.

**Griffith Levee (EJ&E RR to Cline Avenue, north of River Drive)**

1. Received a letter from the Congressman's Office on October 10, 2006 indicating this area has been declared, by the Chicago Army Corps to need structural repairs in order to meet FEMA requirements for certification.
2. Received a letter from the COE on August 2 indicating they could not be hired by the Commission to develop a design document to get FEMA certification.
  - This is due to Federal regulations regarding payment to the Corps to do design work for local entities.
3. LCRBDC in the process of putting together a scope of work and then soliciting for engineering services to determine what is required by certify this levee (as directed by the Commission at the August 1, 2007 meeting)
4. A meeting was held with the town of Griffith and the Corps on February 13 to discuss scheduling, funding, and the process of levee certification
  - LCRBDC sent notes of meeting to attendees on February 14, 2008
  - The Army Corps indicated at this meeting that they would do an inspection this April to determine what information is needed and what is required to certify this section of levee.

5. Received infrastructure drawings from the town of Griffith on February 18 (dated February 15) for water, storm, and sanitary lines.
  - Transmitted to Corps on February 19, 2008
  - Received past correspondence, soils information, drawings, permits, IDNR approvals, etc. from the town of Griffith (as prepared by Lawson-Fisher Associates) on February 27, 2008.
  - This was submitted to the Corps on March 14, 2008. It can supplement previous information that can be part of the Corps review after the April inspection.
6. An inspection was held on the Griffith levee on April 10 with representatives from Griffith, the Army Corps, and the LCRBDC.

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#### Hobart Marsh – Mitigation Enhancements

1. Received an email from the COE on January 17, 2007 enclosing the proposed schedule for the Hobart Marsh area mitigation development.
  - Plan development starting February 12, 2007 and construction contract Notice to Proceed December 7, 2007.
  - Currently being re-visited by the Corps for scheduling

#### GENERAL (Highway Crediting)

- A. INDOT coordination for Grant St. & Broadway interchanges with I-80/94.
  1. 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 Corps, which could be credited to the LCRBDC for that portion constructed for the flood control of the Little Calumet River.
    - A letter was sent to INDOT on August 29, 2006 requesting cost and engineering data that could then be submitted to the COE for crediting.
    - INDOT coordination engineer was contacted on February 26, 2007 for status. They indicated the information has been put together and will be forwarded to the LCRBDC in the near future.
  2. The Detroit Corps has agreed to provide assistance to the LCRBDC to get information regarding crediting of several construction projects at interchanges along I-80/94.
    - A meeting, and field inspection, was held with their representative on July 31, and August 1, 2007 to familiarize them with the INDOT construction.
    - They have already obtained some data for Indianapolis Blvd., Cline Avenue, Grant Street, and Georgia.
    - A letter was sent to the Detroit Corps on August 8 discussing our meeting and upcoming coordination.
    - A conference call was held with INDOT, Chicago and Detroit Corps, and LCRBDC on November 29 to discuss the fathering of information and upcoming coordination.
- B. A meeting was held on July 17, 2006 with the LCRBDC, Corps, FEMA, and the IDNR to discuss and coordinate the Little Calumet River model review. Need IDNR approval as required by FEMA guidelines.
  - Minutes of this meeting were sent out and were received on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.
- C. 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street – Pump Station Remediation
  1. Preliminary design is completed, Corps submitted real estate requests, surveys completed, need right to construct (Refer to Land Acquisition Report).
  2. As part of the turnover process, the COE has been working with the GSD & United Water to remediate a drainage problem at their existing 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase pump station.

- Design is ongoing, and the COE anticipates drawings will be ready for review by mid-September. (Ongoing)
  - > Received a request from Gary about getting prints to review.

D. Question of Design (Flap gate vs. “Duckbills”)

1. Received a letter from Austgen Electric (LCRBDC contractor to remediate Gary features to “as-built” condition) on September 8 indicating the problem with existing flap gates. Keeping them clean regularly and getting access is repetitive and expensive.

E. Received a request from Northwest Engineering on November 14, 2007 for the city of Gary to construct a pump station and force main east of Broadway and north of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

- A meeting was held with the Corps and Gary on December 21, 2007. Minutes of this meeting were provided to LCRBDC on December 26, 2007



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April 2, 2008, 9:00 AM  
**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION**  
**W912P6-07-C-0011 STAGE 5 PHASE 2**  
**USACE Field Office, Highland, IN**

**1. Participants:**

USACE: Sheldon Edd  
Scott Babcock  
Doug Anderson  
Imad Samara by phone

Dyer: Jon Shaner  
Tom O'Leary  
Greg Furman

Other Agencies:  
James Mandon (Munster)  
Dennis Simala (North Township)  
James Pokrajac (LCRBDC)

Frank Janosi (NIPSCO)

**2. Progress:**     Actual thru April 2: 22%     \$3.0 M

Scheduled thru April 16 22%     \$3.3 M

Original Contract Completion Date: November 5, 2009

Current Required Completion Date: November 5, 2009

Original Options Amount: \$15,930,348.46

Current Approved Change Orders/RFP's: \$0

Original Contract Amount: \$13,140,189.41

Current Contract Amount: \$13,642,680.97

Obligated Amount: \$5,000,000.00

Payments to Date: \$2,479,979.12

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**3. Work Since Last Meeting**

- a. Clearing and grubbing: Completed North Drive and then moved to Optimist, then Cabela's. Stone was placed to prevent soil from being tracked onto Kennedy Ave.
- b. Sheet pile installation in Munster from Pilaster 3 heading West, resumed by contractor. All PZ22 are installed. Pile at North Drive are nearly completed; issues with existing power lines near Kennedy.
- c. Site has been surveyed by V-3 prior to stripping of topsoil.
- d. Munster protected trees have had fence placed around them, need to adjust the fence to the drip line.
- e. Conducted preparatory meetings for earthwork and concrete/rebar.
- f. Received RFP letter from USACE regarding demo of gauging station.
- g. Started to weld studs to sheet pile; will need to remove the ferrules.
- h. USACE issued Dyer a letter today in response to Dyer's letter regarding lifting holes in the flange of PZ22 at Baring. Dyer will need to provide a complete discussion of the holes, including contract quotes and phrasing, logic process and attachments to pursue equitable adjustment further.

**4. Work Expected or Scheduled Within Next Two Weeks:**

- a. Soil stripping to begin in Munster between the 2 I-Walls.
- b. Complete the installation of sheet pile PZ27 at Baring
- c. Concrete to be placed at I-wall locations. Wicker Park sample panel will be first, near the pump house then Hawthorne sample panel and pilaster.
- d. Update: Dyer has submitted letters concerning utility relocation south of K-Mart, East of Northcote North of the River, and conflicting power lines near Kennedy Ave.
- e. Dyer will investigate the potential conflicts between sheeting and power lines in the utility corridor (not yet awarded) then meet with NIPSCO and USACE on site to discuss.
- f. USACE has responded to the issue concerning support rebar brought up on Monday by Risch, Dyer's rebar sub.
- g. Contractor to alter signage at Wicker and Hawthorne in hopes of reducing the public's presence on the jobsite. Signage will comply with contract requirements.
- h. Dyer will get authorization from Hammond to bring empty trucks from Munster over the Northcote bridge, and enter Cabela's. Update: Munster has given authorization to go from South River Drive over the bridge. Update: Cabela's authorized Dyer to use their property, paperwork to follow shortly.
- i. USACE will discuss the West of Indianapolis pedestrian bridge on Thursday when designer is in Griffith.
- j. Wicker Park needs the pump station capable of being turned on by next week

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### 5. Critical Work Activities in Project Schedule:

- a. Earthwork and concrete phases of construction

### 6. Old Business: Only Nipsco and people in Wicker discussed due to time constraints and meetings

- a. Phone lines need to be moved within 2 weeks behind Builders Square, K-Mart. Note that there is an existing electric box in the middle of the proposed levy. NIPSCO still waiting for an Autocad drawing from Matt Cunningham for the area behind Kmart.
- b. Existing 96" pipe not in plan location, sheet pile gap relocated per USACE direction. District office re-design of the structure per the field-located pipe is targeted to be complete by April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c. USACE looking into if the 118' of 96" RCP @ the 96" gatewell structure needs to be replaced.
- d. Need Wicker Park Pump Station pipes repaired so that the golf course can begin the irrigation process. Wicker plans to put the suckhead on next week.
- e. The 8", 6" gas line and the power line, pole @ the sandbag closure @ Northcote relocation – any updates: NIPSCO will relocate the poles
- f. NIPSCO will need to submit the plans/estimate to the Army Corp for the electric relocate in the NIPSCO R/W west of Kennedy. The estimates are almost complete for their review.
- g. Public continues to walk around Parkway Drive despite signs posted indicating that the area is closed to the public. Areas are posted with signs from the Army corps and Wicker Park and with type III's and Road Closed signs. Dyer and Town of Highland police (Cmdr. Pat Vasser) met last week at Wicker Park.
- h. 18" Corrugated pipe not on plans discovered to have been severed by sheet piling at Parkway Drive

### 7. New Business:

- a. Baring Ave. Pump station discrepancy in elevations. (RFI)
- b. Clay trucks to go empty over Northcote bridge from Munster to Cabela's to 41 is OK with Jim Mandon.
- c. Dyer needs to send USACE a letter regarding moving the electric on Kennedy in Highland.
- d. Local Communities need to have any insurance claims submitted in writing to Dyer to be turned over to contractor's insurance.

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Remainder of minutes were not discussed, attendees all looked them over and had nothing new to add.

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### 7.1 Potential Conflicts Requiring Resolution:

- a. Revision #3 for the proposal for debris removal at Hart ditch sheet metal drive line submitted to USACE.
- b. North Drive I-Wall end of wall location and safety, coordination with Highland/Kennedy reconstruct?
- c. Existing gas lines and poles at Northcote

### 7.2 Potential Items of Public Interest (Opportunities for the USACE Public Affairs Officer to communicate proactively with the media and the public):

### 7.3 Local resident/community official inquiries concerning the job, press releases, and articles in the press:

- a. .

### 7.4 Potential Differing Site Conditions / Plan of Action to Verify and Resolve Potential Problems:

- a. Existing 96" pipe not in plan location. Per USACE direction, the gap in sheetpile was moved East as to center on the pipe. District office re-design of the structure per the field-located pipe is targeted to be complete by April 18<sup>th</sup>. (old biz)
- b. Baring Ave. Pump station discrepancy in elevations. (new biz).

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### 7.5 Potential problems concerning the plans or specifications

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### 7.6 Safety of present operations

- a. Metal Sheet Piling
  - i. Avoid pinch points, using flame safely, and avoiding overhead loads, falling.
- b. Clearing and Grubbing
  - i. Use chainsaws properly
  - ii. Avoid pinch points and flying debris
  - iii. Watch overhead load and falling objects
- c. Earthwork
  - i. Backing, Pinch points
  - ii. Tripping hazard
  - iii. Public traffic safety
- d. Concrete
  - i. Material – caustic
  - ii. Equipment and forms, falling, backing

### 8. Submittal Status:

#### Outstanding Submittals (submittals not returned within 30 days):

- a. A schedule update to USACE. This submittal will not affect construction progress or process.

#### Key Submittals in Review:

The Calumet Area office/Chicago District office is currently reviewing the following submittals:

- a. Soil Sampling plan – Wicker Park (just submitted)
- b. Pedestrian bridge submittals (East of Kennedy).
- c. Existing site conditions.
- d. K & S testing lab
- e. Cold weather concrete placement plan
- f. Clay source – Austgen (Hobart) and Krooswyk pits
- g. Geotextile
- h. Various pile driving logs
- i. RFI's for sandbag closure, 18" CMP, check valve pressure form Hart Ditch

Note: USACE turnaround of submittals to date has occurred at a timely pace that meets or exceeds the contract requirements and is not cause of delays in progress.

#### Upcoming Submittals:

- a. More rebar submittals

### 9. Field Changes/Modifications:

- a. North Drive sheet piling lengths – RFP #0001 issued 2-14-08, returned to USACE on 3-17-08.
- b. Buried Debris at Hawthorne Dr. – RFP #0002 issued on 2-26-08, revision #3 returned to USACE on 3-6-08.
- c. Access ladder cages – RFP #0003 issued on March 17, returned to USACE March 21.
- d. Demolish the USGS gauging station – RFP #0004 issued April 1, 2008.
- e. Fence in Wicker Park – 5' chain link & Barb wire to become 6' no barb wire. Contractor to leave fence on North side of Wicker Park for North Township to secure the area. Need RFP.
- f. Changes in the levy top trail – deletion. USACE to clarify, then need RFP.

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- g. 96" pipe: USACE investigating if pipe will still need to be replaced due to change in anticipated soil loading.
- h. Change from plan in location and skew of existing 96" pipe behind K Mart – shifted the gap in the sheet piling 23' East. District will need to have it re-designed; RFP?
- i. 18" Corrugated pipe not on plans discovered to have been severed by sheet piling at Parkway Drive. Need plans then RFP.
- j. Add riprap to the west bank of Hart Ditch - RFP needed.
- k. Sheet pile lifting hole – patching: USACE received request for equitable adjustment on February 19, 2008, pending review. Lifting holes in the flange of the sheet pile section in part of the Baring Ave. I-Wall will need to be patched.

**The next progress meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the temporary field office on Kennedy in Highland. Dyer Construction will email participants of the meeting.**

NOTE: Any comments or questions concerning this document should be directed to the USACE representative Sheldon Edd at 219-923-1763/4 or [sheldon.d.edd@usace.army.mil](mailto:sheldon.d.edd@usace.army.mil) or the Dyer Construction representative Jon Shaner at 219-865-2961 or [jshaner@dyerconstruction.com](mailto:jshaner@dyerconstruction.com).

SAFETY NOTE: All prime and sub contractors, representatives of agencies public and private including city employees, utility companies' employees, and other guests to the site are reminded that they must wear a helmet and steel toed footwear while within the work limits regardless of work performed or visit duration.

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**3. Work Since Last Meeting**

- a. Began the concrete work on site. Concrete to be placed at I-wall locations. Wicker Park sample panel was first, near the pump house then Hawthorne smooth sample panel and pilaster. To do the Ashlar finish at Hawthorne next.
- b. USACE update on the West of Indianapolis pedestrian bridge.
- c. Submitted pay estimate #3 (thru 3-31) which was for \$2,887,471.48 of labor and material installed on site, plus \$439,956.73 in stored materials for a total of \$3,327,428.21

**4. Work Expected or Scheduled Within Next Two Weeks:**

- a. Soil stripping to begin in Munster between the 2 I-Walls.
- b. Soil stripping and inspection trenches behind K-Mart.
- c. Complete the installation of sheet pile PZ27 at Baring
- d. Contractor to alter signage at Wicker and Hawthorne in hopes of reducing the public's presence on the jobsite. Signage will comply with contract requirements.

**5. Critical Work Activities in Project Schedule:**

- a. Earthwork and concrete phases of construction

**6. Old Business:**

- a. USACE district office re-design of the 96" gatewell structure per the field-located pipe is targeted to be complete by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Also investigating if the 118' of 96" RCP @ the 96" gatewell structure needs to be replaced.
- b. 18" Corrugated pipe not on plans discovered to have been severed by sheet piling at Parkway Drive.
- c. Phone lines need to be moved behind Builders Square, K-Mart. Note that there is an existing electric box in the middle of the proposed levy. NIPSCO still waiting for an AutoCAD drawing from Matt Cunningham for the area behind Kmart.
- d. NIPSCO relocations are being elevated at the USACE level
- e. Pole to be relocated at Northcote is waiting to be released from LCRBDC to NIPSCO

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- f. NIPSCO will need to submit the plans/estimate to the Army Corp for the electric relocate in the NIPSCO R/W west of Kennedy. The estimates are almost complete for their review. Lines will need to be de-energized, switches may be installed.
- g. Updates to the roadway width needed in 6N by Optimist lake for NIPSCO – the Design is to be as designed originally for this job from Wendy's to the pedestrian bridge.
- h. Public continues to walk around Parkway Drive despite signs posted indicating that the area is closed to the public. Areas are posted with signs from the Army corps and Wicker Park and with type III's and Road Closed signs.
- i. Dyer has submitted letters concerning utility relocation south of K-Mart, East of Northcote North of the River, and conflicting power lines near Kennedy Ave.
- j. Dyer has acquired authorization from Munster, Hammond, and Cabela's to take empty trucks from Munster over Northcote Bridge to Cabela's to Indianapolis Blvd.
- k. Letter of incremental funding was sent in, in process at USACE.
- l. Contractor can begin to build levees with the clay from Krooswyk.

### 7. New Business:

- a. Safety: Optimist Lake is approximately 120' deep, and is a shear drop.
- b. Discussed that the contractor needs to be aware of the environmental plan, contractor says it is complying with the approved plan.

### 7.1 Potential Conflicts Requiring Resolution:

- a. Revision #3 for the proposal for debris removal at Hart ditch sheet metal drive line submitted to USACE.
- b. North Drive I-Wall end of wall location and safety, coordination with Highland/Kennedy reconstruct?

### 7.2 Potential Items of Public Interest (Opportunities for the USACE Public Affairs Officer to communicate proactively with the media and the public):

### 7.3 Local resident/community official inquiries concerning the job, press releases, and articles in the press:

- a. .

### 7.4 Potential Differing Site Conditions / Plan of Action to Verify and Resolve Potential Problems:

- a. Existing 96" pipe and gatewell not in plan location. District office re-design of the structure per the field-located pipe is targeted to be complete by April 18<sup>th</sup>. (old biz)
- b. Baring Ave. Pump station discrepancy in elevations. USACE is addressing a solution at this time
- c. Sheet pile operations at the Baring Pump station cut off the emergency overflow outlet from the station? It was not on drawings. Update: this repair will be part of the RFP for Baring pump station elevation bust. Contractor will not enter into the confined space to take measurements. USACE is addressing a solution at this time.

### 7.5 Potential problems concerning the plans or specifications

- a. .

### 7.6 Safety of present operations

- a. Metal Sheet Piling
  - i. Avoid pinch points, using flame safely, and avoiding overhead loads, falling.
- b. Clearing and Grubbing
  - i. Use chainsaws properly
  - ii. Avoid pinch points and flying debris
  - iii. Watch overhead load and falling objects
- c. Earthwork
  - i. Backing, Pinch points

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- ii. Tripping hazard
- iii. Public traffic safety
- d. Concrete
  - i. Material – caustic
  - ii. Equipment and forms, falling, backing, tying off

### 8. Submittal Status:

#### Outstanding Submittals (submittals not returned within 30 days):

- a. A schedule update to USACE. This submittal will not affect construction progress or process.

#### Key Submittals in Review:

The Calumet Area office/Chicago District office is currently reviewing the following submittals:

- a. Pedestrian bridge submittals (East of Kennedy).
- b. Existing site conditions.
- c. Clay source – Austgen (Hobart) and Krooswyk pits
- d. Various pile driving logs

#### Upcoming Submittals:

- a. .

### 9. Field Changes/Modifications:

- a. North Drive sheet piling lengths – RFP #0005 issued April 2008, replaces RFP #0001.
- b. Buried Debris at Hawthorne Dr. – RFP #0002 issued on 2-26-08, revision #3 returned to USACE on 3-6-08.
- c. Access ladder cages – RFP #0003 issued on March 17, returned to USACE March 21.
- d. Demolish the USGS gauging station – RFP #0004 issued April 1, 2008.
- e. Fence in Wicker Park – 5' chain link & Barb wire to become 6' no barb wire. Contractor to leave fence on North side of Wicker Park for North Township to secure the area. Need RFP.
- f. Changes in the levy top trail – deletion. USACE to clarify, then need RFP.
- g. 96" pipe: USACE investigating if pipe will still need to be replaced due to change in anticipated soil loading.
- h. Change from plan in location and skew of existing 96" pipe behind K Mart – shifted the gap in the sheet piling 23' East. District will need to have it re-designed; RFP?
- i. 18" Corrugated pipe not on plans discovered to have been severed by sheet piling at Parkway Drive. Need plans then RFP.
- j. Add riprap to the west bank of Hart Ditch - RFP needed.
- k. Sheet pile lifting hole – patching: Contractor sent USACE request for equitable adjustment on March 31, 2008, pending review. Lifting holes in the flange of the sheet pile section in part of the Baring Ave. I-Wall will need to be patched.
- l. Baring Ave. Pump station and overflow rerouting discrepancy in elevations. (RFI)

The next progress meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the temporary field office on Kennedy in Highland. Dyer Construction will email participants of the meeting.

NOTE: Any comments or questions concerning this document should be directed to the USACE representative Sheldon Edd at 219-923-1763/4 or [sheldon.d.edd@usace.army.mil](mailto:sheldon.d.edd@usace.army.mil) or the Dyer Construction representative Jon Shaner at 219-865-2961 or [jshaner@dyerconstruction.com](mailto:jshaner@dyerconstruction.com).

SAFETY NOTE: All prime and sub contractors, representatives of agencies public and private including city employees, utility companies' employees, and other guests to the site are reminded that they must wear a helmet and steel toed footwear while within the work limits regardless of work performed or visit duration.



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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April 17, 2008

Mr. Mark L. Pasyk  
Engineering Technology  
NIPSCO  
20 S. Joseph Street  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Mark:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies of the agreement between NIPSCO and the Development Commission to install one (1) new 40' Class 2 pole and one (1) span of 2AA, 12.5 KV, 3 phase primary and neutral and remove one (1) 30' Class 2 and one (1) 40' Class 2 poles and spans of wire north of the Little Calumet River and adjacent to Northcote Avenue in Hammond, Indiana as part of our ongoing Stage V Phase 2 construction. This agreement will be at an estimated cost of \$10,540.00, including retirement.

This agreement has been approved by the Commission and approval signatures have been affixed hereto. Please cause to have this agreement approved and counter-signed by NIPSCO officials and then return two (2) copies back to our office. Upon receiving your returned copies, please consider this letter as your notice to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your timeliness and cooperation in finalizing this agreement for the Commission. If you have any questions, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
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April 22, 2008

Mr. Mark L. Pasyk  
Engineering Technology  
NIPSCO  
20 S. Joseph Street  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Mark:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies of the agreement between NIPSCO and the Development Commission to install one (1) set of 12.5 KV normally closed in-line switches, and cut a set of jumpers in order to de-energize the 12.5 KV span for the line west of Kennedy Avenue, both north and south of the Little Calumet River in Highland and Hammond, Indiana, as part of our ongoing Stage V Phase 2 construction. This agreement will be at an estimated cost of \$6,323.00.

This agreement has been approved by the Commission and approval signatures have been affixed hereto. Please cause to have this agreement approved and counter-signed by NIPSCO officials and then return two (2) copies back to our office. Upon receiving your returned copies, please consider this letter as your notice to proceed.

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April 23, 2008

Mr. Mark L. Pasyk  
Engineering Technology  
NIPSCO  
20 S. Joseph Street  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Mark:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies of the agreement between NIPSCO and the Development Commission for the pole line relocation work on the 34 KV high voltage pole line located east of the NSRR, both north and south of the Little Calumet River in Hammond and Highland, which includes the installation of (3) new wood poles and transfer the overhead conductor to clear the construction area to allow levee installation. This will be done as part of our ongoing Stage V Phase 2 construction. This agreement will be at an estimated cost of \$22,381.00.

This agreement has been approved by the Commission and approval signatures have been affixed hereto. Please cause to have this agreement approved and counter-signed by NIPSCO officials and then return two (2) copies back to our office. Upon receiving your returned copies, please consider this letter as your notice to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your timeliness and cooperation in finalizing this agreement for the Commission. If you have any questions, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2008

CTS-2364 / FW-22241 / FW-22313

Permit Amendment

US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District  
Joseph J. Schmidt, P.E.  
Chief, Design Branch  
111 North Canal Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Re: Lake County – Highland Quad  
Little Calumet River / Hart Ditch / Basin 1

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On March 24, 2008, we received your request to amend Permit Nos. FW-22241 and FW-22313 to allow the placement of riprap along a section of the Calumet River and Hart Ditch to insure the structural stability of the floodwall that is being constructed in these areas. Based on the information submitted, Site 1 (Little Calumet River), is located along the south bank, beginning 250' upstream of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and continuing upstream 1,050 linear feet; Site 2 (Hart Ditch), is located along the west bank, beginning 1,200' downstream of the Ridge Road ditch crossing and continuing downstream 422 linear feet in Highland and Munster, North Township, Lake County.

In your request you indicate that the work at Site 1 will involve the placement of approximately 1,050 linear feet of riprap along the bank of the Little Calumet River consisting of a 12" layer of INDOT revetment gradation riprap placed on 6" of bedding stone and geotextile fabric with a 3' high by 5' wide riprap prism at the toe to allow for future scour. The work at Site 2 will involve the placement of approximately 422 linear feet of riprap along the bank of Hart Ditch consisting of 36" of INDOT revetment gradation riprap on 6" of bedding stone and geotextile fabric (the extra thickness is to allow self healing of any additional toe scour).

The Department's staff has completed their review of the plans to construct the proposed project. There should be no adverse effect on the efficiency or capacity of the floodway; no unreasonable threat to safety of life or property; and no unreasonable detrimental impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources resulting from the revision to this permit. Therefore, approval is granted for the placement of the riprap and all other conditions still must be met plus the following:

- 1) except for the material used as backfill as shown on the above referenced project plans on file at the Division of Water, place all excavated material landward of the floodway
- 2) all riprap placed for bank stabilization must conform to the bank
- 3) obtain the prior written approval of the Department for any additional construction, excavation or filling in or on the floodway beyond the scope of the project

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You should not construe this letter to be a local building permit, or a waiver of any local building or zoning ordinance. Additionally, this letter does not relieve you of the responsibility of obtaining permits, approvals, easements, etc. as required by other federal, state and local agencies.

This letter should be displayed at the project site. The Division of Water will retain a copy of this letter in our files as a permanent record. If you have any questions, please contact Debe Lowe at 1-317-232-4160 or toll-free at 1-877-928-3755.

Sincerely,



James J. Hebenstreit, P.E.  
Assistant Director  
Division of Water

JJH/DKL

Enclosures: Copies of Permit Nos. FW-22241 and FW-22313

pc: Service Lists for Permit Nos. Fw-22241 and FW-22313

STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL  
CONSTRUCTION IN A FLOODWAY

APPLICATION # : FW-22313

STREAM : Hart Ditch

APPLICANT : Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Dan Gardner, Executive Director  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, IN 46368-6409

AUTHORITY : IC 14-28-1 with 312 IAC 10

DESCRIPTION : In total, approximately 4900' of earthen levee and I-wall will be constructed on the east and west overbanks of Hart Ditch for flood control. The earthen levee will have a top width of 10', crest elevations varying from 605.2' to 604.7', National Geodetic Datum of 1929 (NGVD), and streamward and landward slopes of 2.5:1 and 2.5:1 respectively. The I-wall will have a crest elevation of 604.7' (NGVD). Details of the project are contained in information and plans received at the Division of Water on August 31, 2001, October 15, 2002, February 20, 2003 and May 2, 2003.

LOCATION : **DOWNSTREAM:** Along both banks, beginning about 500' upstream of the mouth and continuing upstream (south) for about 2,100' near Munster, North Township, Lake County  
NW¼, N½, Section 20, T 36N, R 9W, Highland Quadrangle  
UTM Coordinates: Downstream 4601500 North, 459900 East  
**UPSTREAM:**  
UTM Coordinates: Upstream 4600850 North, 459900 East

APPROVED BY : **ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**  
James J. Hebenstreit, P.E., Assistant Director  
Division of Water

APPROVED ON : February 27, 2004

Attachments: Notice Of Right To Administrative Review  
General Conditions  
Special Conditions  
Service List

**STAGE V - PHASE 2  
NIPSCO R/W -PIPELINE CORRIDOR**

COMPANY	PRIME CONTACT	PIPE SIZE	EST. COST	HUNTINGTON APPROVED AND SENT TO CHICAGO	LOCAL CONTACT	ARMY CORPS APPROVAL DATE	AGREEMENT SENT TO UTILITY	RESPONSE FROM UTILITY - WORKING TO RESOLVE	AGREEMENT APPROVED BY UTILITY
Buckeye Partners 9999 Hamilton Blvd Tek #5 Breinigsville PA 18031	Don Samala <a href="mailto:dsamala@buckeye.com">dsamala@buckeye.com</a> (Re-location Engineer) (610) 904-4303	10"	\$117,456.00	12/6/2007	Gene Pugh (Field Rep) (219) 781-6357 (cell) (219) 989-8603	12/6/2007	3/17/2008 (Follow-up request sent on 4/27/2008)		
					Al Kosior (Engineer) <a href="mailto:akosior@buckeye.com">akosior@buckeye.com</a> (219) 397-3656 (Ext.2125)				
Buckeye Partners 9999 Hamilton Blvd Tek #5 Breinigsville PA 18031	Don Samala <a href="mailto:dsamala@buckeye.com">dsamala@buckeye.com</a> (Re-location Engineer) (610) 904-4303	14" (Formerly Equilon line)	\$117,456.00	12/6/2007	Gene Pugh (Field Rep) (219) 781-6357 (cell) Office (219) 989-8603				
					Al Kosior (Engineer) <a href="mailto:akosior@buckeye.com">akosior@buckeye.com</a> (219) 397-3656 (Ext.2125)				
Buckeye Partners 9999 Hamilton Blvd Tek #5 Breinigsville PA 18031	Don Samala <a href="mailto:dsamala@buckeye.com">dsamala@buckeye.com</a> (Re-location Engineer) (610) 904-4303 (Formerly Transmontaigne line)	8"	\$60,878.00	12/6/2007	Gene Pugh (Field Rep) (219) 781-6357 (cell) (219) 989-8603				
		8"	\$145,878.00		Al Kosior (Engineer) <a href="mailto:akosior@buckeye.com">akosior@buckeye.com</a> (219) 397-3656 Ext.2125				
BP Amoco 8230 Whitcomb Merrillville IN 46410	Dane Graham <a href="mailto:dane.graham@bp.com">dane.graham@bp.com</a> (630) 414-0011 (cell)	8" (E. of East NIPSCO R/W Line)	\$119,667.50	(From BP Amoco on 12/6/07)	Ms. Marcie Foster R/W Specialist <a href="mailto:marcie.foster@bp.com">marcie.foster@bp.com</a> Main Office: 28100 Torch Pkwy, Ste.600 Warrenville IL 60555 (630) 836-3461 (630) 836-3585 (fax)	12/6/2007	3/7/2008 (Follow-up request sent on 4/27/2008)		
		22"	\$119,667.50						
Wolverine (formerly EXXON/Mobil) 8075 Creekside Drive Suite 210 Portage MI 49024	Fred Hipshear (269) 323-2491 (Ext. #24) (269) 217-5158 (cell) <a href="mailto:fred_hipshear@wplco.com">fred_hipshear@wplco.com</a>	16"	\$102,200.00	August 7, 2007	Scott Smith Damage Prevention Specialist <a href="mailto:scott_smith@wplco.com">scott_smith@wplco.com</a> (815) 838-8160 (815) 325-5357 (cell)	1/18/2008	3/18/2008	4/14/2008	
		18"							
NIPSCO 801 E. 86th Avenue Merrillville IN 46410	Mark Pasyk (219) 647-4299 <a href="mailto:mlpasyk@nirsource.com">mlpasyk@nirsource.com</a>	8"	\$204,551.00	August 26, 2007	Frank Janosi Electric Transmission Engineer (219) 886-5560	1/3/2008	3/4/2008	Completed	3/20/2008
		12"			Neal Arndt Gas Transmission Engineer <a href="mailto:neardt@nirsource.com">neardt@nirsource.com</a> (219) 647-4779				
		30"							

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**STAGE V - PHASE 2**  
**NORFOLK-SOUTHERN R/W - RAILROAD AND PIPELINE CORRIDOR**

COMPANY	PRIME CONTACT	PIPE SIZE	EST. COST	HUNTINGTON APPROVED AND SENT TO CHICAGO	LOCAL CONTACT	ARMY CORPS APPROVAL DATE	AGREEMENT SENT TO UTILITY	RESPONSE FROM UTILITY - WORKING TO RESOLVE	AGREEMENT APPROVED BY UTILITY
Norfolk Southern Railway Company 1200 Peachtree Street N.E. 12th Floor Atlanta GA 30309	Danny Young 404-915-1380 (Coordinates with Mark Sawyer)	6" Steel Conduit w/Comm. Lines (located approx. 10' E. of East set of rails)						This line is located just east of the east set of rails. No agreement is necessary because the concrete pour in this area does not require any re-location or coordination.	
Conoco Phillips Pipe Line Company P. O. Box 277 Baldwin MO 63022	Bob Hardt <a href="mailto:bob.l.hardt@conocophillips.com">bob.l.hardt@conocophillips.com</a> (636) 391-1660	8" (Located West of NSRR R/W easement line) 8" on NSRR R/W	\$333,000.00	August 7, 2007	Gary Hanten <a href="mailto:gary.l.hanten@conocophillips.com">gary.l.hanten@conocophillips.com</a> 400 E. Columbus Drive East Chicago IN 46312 (219) 397-6666 Ext.304	1/14/2008	3/17/2008	4/18/2008 (Questions on billing and payment)	
Explorer Pipeline P. O. Box 2650 Tulsa OK 74101-2650	Patrick Nwakoby (918) 493-5172	24" (Located East of NSRR Embankment)	\$187,779.22	August 7, 2007	Alton Ryals Hammond Area Supervisor 3737 Michigan Street Hammond IN 46323-1202 (219) 989-8262 (219) 712-4573 (cell)	1/16/2008	3/10/2008 (Follow-up request sent on 4/27/2008)		
Marathon Ashland Pipelines 3106 Kickbush Dr. Valparaiso IN 46385	Dave Woodsmall (219) 477-4001 (219) 508-3928 (cell)	12" 16" (Located East of toe of Embankment)	\$210,000.00	February 14, 2008	Steve Woods (Land Agent) (217) 382-2248 (812) 249-0445 (cell) Ryan Bandy (Engineering Coord.) Fransworth Group (314) 962-7901 Ext. 225	2/27/2008	3/19/2008	4/25/2008 (Questions on billing and payment)	4/25/2008
Level 3 Communications, LLC "T-Cubed" (formerly Wiltel) 1025 Eldorado Blvd. Broomfield CO 80021	Danny Young Norfolk Southern RR 1200 Peachtree Street N.E. 12th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30309	Communications Line in 10" PVC (Located East of NSRR Embankment)	\$18,800	N/A	Oscar Rios Lake County Rep (219) 712-0731 Keith Osborn Network Infrastructure Services <a href="mailto:keith.osborn@level3.com">keith.osborn@level3.com</a> (720) 888-2774	4/28/2008	4/29/2008	Note: Delayed getting agreement because of ongoing negotiations regarding the real estate agreement. Agreement in utility's hands - Expect concurrence of agreement.	

REVISED - April 29, 2008

**T-CUBED  
COST ESTIMATE**

From: Young, Danny [mailto:danny.young@nscorp.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 9:54 AM  
To: Lavicka, Kelsey W CPT LRC  
Cc: Word, Dwain E; Bill McBride (E-mail); Osborn, Keith; Jackson, Jeffrey;  
John Sekendy (E-mail)  
Subject: RE: Cost Estimate for Little Calumet River Flood Control Project  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

CPT Lavicka-

The following is an estimate for contracted services for protection of the  
T-Cubed/Level 3 Communications/Elantic Telecom fiber optic system:

Location: Hammond, IN

Project: Levee Floodwall at the Little Calumet River and Norfolk Southern  
RR

Scope of Work: North of River- Expose and install 40 feet of "split"  
steel casing pipe around the existing fiber optic systems at the existing  
depth of 4-6 feet. Secure split steel pipe to the end of the existing  
casing  
pipe.

South of River- The existing fiber optic system is protected by the existing  
casing pipe at this location. The depth is believed to be at 18-20 feet at  
this location. Recommend the existing fiber optic system to be potholed by  
vacuum excavation to verify location, depth and casing pipe.

Note: All work for T-Cubed must be protected by field inspection to be  
provided by the fiber optic companies.

Estimate:

Material-40'-12" Split Steel Pipe (Schedule 40) @ \$105 per ft. = \$4,200  
Labor- Mobilization, Pipe Installation = \$4,500 Pothole (Vacuum Truck) =  
\$8,000

Inspection- 3 days @ \$700 per day = \$2,100

Total Estimate = \$18,800

Please note that this is an estimate and only "actual" costs will be  
billed  
for reimbursement.

Since this work will be performed by a contractor, this is the best I can  
give you until a contractor is selected. I can not select a contractor  
until  
we have a reimbursable agreement.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Danny Young  
Norfolk Southern / T-Cubed  
404-962-5544



## Jim Pokrajac

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**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <danny.young@nscorp.com>  
**Cc:** <kelsey.W.Lavicka@usace.army.mil>; "Imad Samara" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>; "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>; "Petkova, Ana V LRC-Foreign-National-Bulgaria" <Ana.V.Petkova@usace.army.mil>; "Craddock, Russell W LRH" <Russell.W.Craddock@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 12:41 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Cost Estimate for Little Calumet River Flood Control Project (UNCLASSIFIED)

Danny,

Following is a trail of e-mails regarding the "utility re-location" for your fiber optic system East of the NSRR tracks as part of our Stage V- Phase 2 construction. Imad Samara indicated to me that your preliminary cost estimate of \$18,800 seems fair and reasonable and I would like to put together an agreement for reimbursability, but need some general information from you. I realize that this is only an estimate, and we acknowledge that you will be reimbursed for actual costs, but I need to discuss some issues and would like you to give me a call. My number is (219)763-0696, or my cell number is (219) 805-9397. We are in the process of finalizing all of the individual agreements with all the other pipelines or utilities on this R/W and need to complete this as well. We are on a tight time table; the contractor has already started work in other areas of this project, and upon the execution of the pipeline agreements, we can open up this area for construction. The corps of engineers intends on having a pre-construction meeting for this corridor along with their contractor to assure scheduling, points of contact, and address any questions regarding impacts to the lines. Please call me at your earliest convenience in order that I can start this process.

Jim Pokrajac  
Agent, Engineering/Land Management  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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

**From:** "Lavicka, Kelsey W CPT LRC" <Kelsey.W.Lavicka@usace.army.mil>  
**To:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**Cc:** "Samara, Imad LRC" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:46 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Cost Estimate for Little Calumet River Flood Control Project (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

Jim,  
At the bottom is the cost estimate breakout from T-cubed, Danny Young never

**Jim Pokrajac**

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**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <pnwakoby@expl.com>  
**Cc:** <dgardner@nirpc.org>; "Imad Samara" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 3:11 PM  
**Subject:** Easement Agreement- Pipeline Corridor

Patrick,

I had submitted an easement agreement to you on March 10, 2008. We have also submitted the same basic agreement to all the other pipeline companies and have received signed documents from several. Could you please let me know the status, let me know if there are any questions or problems, and help us to try to meet our tight deadline to execute this portion of work. It is also our intention that, when we have all signed agreements in place, to have a final pre-construction meeting with all representatives from each pipeline company, the army corps, the contractor, and the LCRBDC to assure final coordination and answer any questions regarding construction.

Thanks again,

Jim Pokrajac

NOTE:

SAME FOLLOW UP REQUEST SENT TO:

- BUCKEYE PIPELINE COMPANY
- BP AMOCO



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**Marathon Pipe Line LLC**

539 South Main Street  
Findlay, OH 45840-3295  
Telephone 419/422-2121

April 24, 2008

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Attn: James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

Enclosed, please find two (2) fully executed copies of the agreement between Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Marathon Pipe Line LLC titled:

"Agreement Between Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Marathon Pipe Line LLC For Relocation Of Utilities"

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Woods at 812-249-0445.

Sincerely,

Edward D. May  
ROW Relations Supervisor

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March 31, 2008

Daniel Repay, President  
Hammond Common Council  
5925 Calumet Ave.  
Hammond, IN 46320

RE: Response to March 11th letter to Dan Gardner

Dear Mr. Repay:

We are in receipt of the letter dated March 11, 2008 to Mr. Dan Gardner regarding standing water in the backyards of the properties to the west of the levy constructed on our property and east of Northcote. At our direction, the General Contractor removed the standing water in the fall of 2007 by pumping the standing water out of the yards. It is our intention to permanently remedy the situation by constructing a drainage ditch to correct the problem.

We will work with Dyer Construction to construct the drainage ditch as soon as the weather and soil conditions permit. In the interim, if there is still a problem, we will have the water pumped out of the yards.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (308) 255-2149.

Respectfully,

Troy Kurz, Project Manager  
Cabela's

cc: Dan Gardner



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*Attorney*

April 3, 2008

Mr. Troy Kurz  
Project Manager  
CABELA'S  
One Cabela Drive  
Sidney, Nebraska 69160

Dear Troy:

I write to you to thank you for Cabela's timely and positive response to the concerns raised by the neighbors bordering the tie-back levee east of Northcote Ave. The Development Commission appreciates the commitment by Cabela's to rectify any unintended drainage problems as part of your site development commitments. The Commission will communicate our feelings of this responsiveness by Cabela's to the Hammond City Council and Mayor McDermott.

We pledge our best efforts to assuring the Corps of Engineers contractors work toward as early a construction completion as is possible and our attention to the Corps / FEMA for certification of flood protection and full site development.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
cc:

Kevin Rhodes, Cabela's  
Honorable Mayor Thomas McDermott  
Dan Repay, President Hammond Council  
Imad Samara, Project Manager, Army Corps  
William Biller, Chairman, LCRBDC



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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Jim Pokrajac  
Little Calumet River Basin  
Development Commission

Date 30-Apr-08

Thru:

Project No: Little Calumet River Flood  
Control Project

Re: Stage VII Levee 50% BCOE Review

Attn:

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No. of Copies	
10	Half Size 50% BCOE Review Plans
10	50% BCOE Review Specifications

Sent to you for the following reason:

☐ For Approval

☐ Review Completed

☐ Revise and Resubmit

☐ For Your Use

☐ Not Reviewed

☐ Returned

☒ For Review and Comment

Other:

Remarks: Please review and comment on the enclosed plans and specifications for Stage VII. Please provide your comments in Dr. Check by May 16, 2008. The 10 copies included should be sufficient to coordinate these plans and specification with the local municipalities and utilities. It is very important that you provide most of your written comments in Dr. Checks by May 16, 2008. A plan-in-hand meeting will be held on May 15, 2008, it would help the design team to review the comments on the week of May 12 so that they can develop an agenda for the meeting based on the comments. Everyone's comments have to be interred in Dr. Checks you need to contact Matt Cunningham at 312-846-5416 to add you in the system.

Copy To: File

Signed:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District  
111 North Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206, (312) 846-5560, FAX (312) 353-4256

LRC FORM 1110-1 (RE), June 1997



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*Attorney*

April 14, 2008

Mr. Dean Button  
Project Manager  
SEH, Inc.  
9200 Calumet Avenue, Suite N501  
Munster, Indiana 46321-2885

Re: SEH No. ALITCA070100

Dear Dean:

Enclosed please find an originally signed copy of the fully executed agreement between SEH, Inc. and the Development Commission for professional services performed for utility relocations for Stage VIII engineering services. We have retained one copy for our file. This agreement contains a not-to-exceed cost of \$19,586. If the actual cost would exceed this amount, you must obtain written approval from this office before commencing work.

Upon receiving this approved agreement, you may consider this letter as your notice to proceed. If you have any questions, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
Engineering/Land Management

/sjm  
encl.

**Jim Pokrajac**

**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
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**Cc:** "Imad Samara" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>; <frank.t.lewandowski@usace.army.mil>; "Marranca, Carm LRB" <Carm.Marranca@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2008 2:31 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Riverside Park Coordination Meeting- April 2nd

Gentlemen,

After reviewing my notes from our field meeting at Riverside Park on April 2, 2008, and getting concurrence from the army corps, I have attached those notes of what was discussed in the field that day. If any of you have any questions, need clarification, or would like to modify or supplement these notes, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jim Pokrajac

**ATTENDEES:**

Jim Pokrajac - LCRBDC  
 Pat Moore - Hammond Parks Dep't.  
 Charlie Blaine - Hammond Parks Dep't  
 Stan Dostatni - Hammond City Engineer  
 Mark Gordish - Ass't. Hammond City Engineer  
 Ray Keilman - DLZ (Surveyor)  
 Ed Karwatka - Army Corps  
 Scott Babcock - Army Corps

1. Representatives from Hammond asked if it would be possible to segregate the baseball park area from the construction area at the North end of the existing South driveway entrance off of Columbia.
  - a. This would include installing a 6' high screened, woven wire fence with privacy screening, similar to what is currently being used along the West side of Hart Ditch as part of the V-2 project. This fence would be installed at the North edge of the existing South driveway entrance and extend Westward, South of the existing paved, handicap access trail, thence Westward along the North line of the temporary work area easement.
  - b. The driveway entrance would then serve as the entrance for the contractor to access the staging area, as well as for construction of the line of protection. The users of the park would still be able to access the parking area from the existing driveway entrance to the North.
  - c. The South, contractors entrance would have to be fenced off and gated to prohibit other traffic from using this area as well as to provide security after the contractor leaves for the night. The contractor would have to post signage and lock it up every night.
2. The initial intent of this meeting was to discuss the possible use of this staging area for both the Stage VIII and Stage VII contractor.
  - a. All parties concurred that it could cause problems and it would be better to see if we could find an alternate site in the actual Stage VII contract boundaries (Northcote Avenue to Columbia). A field visit was held in that area after the Riverside Park meeting with the local sponsor and the army corps to do a feasibility check.
3. The entire Temporary Work Area, as staked out by DLZ with flagged lathe, will be cleared of all trees.
  - a. All agreed that the contract would provide for stoning of the area necessary for staging (To be determined in the field). The Hammond Parks Dep't. and City Engineers office will decide if they want to have the stone removed after construction completion or weather to leave it for their future use.
  - b. Hammond also requested that trees be planted after the site is abandoned, and to match the number of trees to be removed. Hammond Parks would provide the staked out location for the planting of trees. Local sponsor stated that, with the cooperation we have received from Hammond for property donations, that this



request did not seem unreasonable.

c. Hammond Parks indicated that they would coordinate the removal of the frisbee golf features as well as any picnic tables, or some trees that they may take down to sell, and would coordinate this on their own. It was pointed out to Hammond that this all needed to be completed prior to the contractor beginning work in this area. (Possibly mid-September).

4. Hammond expressed their approval for removing, and/or not repairing portions of the existing roadway between Columbia Ave. and Calumet Avenue because of ongoing problems with security and criminal trespass. It was also discussed that the contract only provided for roadway to a point approx. 550' East of the Tapper Pump Station. The local sponsor pointed out that the only access into this area after construction would be from the West, just East of the Tapper Pump Station. Hammond representatives also expressed an interest in isolating the roadway from public use and that a gate could be installed with a dual lock system with the LCRBDC and the municipality.

I'm not sure I hit on all the points, but, once again, please review and add or correct as necessary. Should I receive any responses, I will modify and re-distribute to all participants.

Thanks,

Jim

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4/10/2008

## Jim Pokrajac

**From:** "Ott, Monica A LRC" <Monica.A.Ott@usace.army.mil>  
**To:** "White, Darin H LRH" <Darin.H.White@usace.army.mil>; <russellpw@verizon.net>; "Sezonov, Robert C LRC" <Robert.C.Sezonov@usace.army.mil>; "Blair, Regina G LRC" <Regina.G.Blair@usace.army.mil>; "Simpkins, Anita R LRC" <Anita.R.Simpkins@usace.army.mil>; "Smith, Kent A LRC" <Kent.A.Smith@usace.army.mil>; "Craib, Robert A LRC" <Robert.A.Craib@usace.army.mil>; "Ibrahim, Mohammed F LRC" <mohammed.f.ibrahim@usace.army.mil>; <jdevine@netnitco.net>; <rsutton@netnitco.net>; <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>; "Flanagan, Pete C LRC" <Pete.C.Flanagan@usace.army.mil>  
**Cc:** "Samara, Imad LRC" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>; "Anderson, Douglas M LRC" <Douglas.M.Anderson@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 1:31 PM  
**Attach:** Little Cal 2B 100% BCOE Mtg Summary.pdf  
**Subject:** Reminder: Little Cal, 2A Pre-Bid Conference - Wed 30 Apr, 10:00 a.m. Central, Calumet Area Office (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

All,

Reminder about this Wednesday's pre-bid conference for Phase 2A, starting at 10:00 a.m. Central at the Calumet Area office followed by site visits to the Forest and Tapper Ave. pump stations. (Please Paragraph 2 of the attachment.)

Please let me know if questions.

Thank you,

Monica Ott  
815-405-6331 (cell)

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

**From:** Ott, Monica A LRC  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 2:35 PM  
**To:** 'Jim Pokrajac (jpokrajac@nirpc.org)'; 'Jon Devine (jdevine@netnitco.net)'; 'Rick Sutton (rsutton@netnitco.net)'; Schmidt, Joseph J LRC; Treharne, Stephen R LRC; Rochford, William A LRC; Ackerson, Rick D LRC; Go, Ernesto T LRC; Mrozek, Kallan K LRC; Samara, Imad LRC; Galisanao, Yuki J LRC; Smith, Kent A LRC; Ibrahim, Mohammed F LRC; Craib, Robert A LRC; Anderson, Douglas M LRC; Druzicki, David E LRC; Burns, Mary J LRC; Hughes, Steven J LRC; Moore, Gregory LRC; Flanagan, Pete C LRC; Agobert, Erin M LRC; Sabo, Kimberly J LRC  
**Cc:** White, Darin H LRH; Witten, Russell P JR Contractor LRH; Scruggs, Alicia L LRH; Blair, Regina G LRC; Samara, Imad LRC; Sezonov, Robert C LRC  
**Subject:** REMINDER, Comments due Today - 100% P&S BCOE/LRC/NFS Review and Plan-in-Hand Check - Little Cal, West Reach Pump Rehab, Phase 2B (UNCLASSIFIED)

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4/28/2008

**Jim Pokrajac**

**From:** "Ott, Monica A LRC" <Monica.A.Ott@usace.army.mil>  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 2:34 PM  
**Attach:** Little Cal 2B 100% BCOE Mtg Summary.pdf  
**Subject:** REMINDER, Comments due Today - 100% P&S BCOE/LRC/NFS Review and Plan-in-Hand Check - Little Cal, West Reach Pump Rehab, Phase 2B (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

All,

Thank you to those who were able to attend the 100% BCOE meeting and plan-in-hand check for the Phase 2B 100% plans and specifications. Meeting summary is attached.

Reminder to please place your written comments into Dr. Checks no later than today. If you made comments on the 50% P&S review, please also backcheck those comments. Please contact Alicia Scruggs if you have any questions about or trouble with accessing Dr. Checks.

Please contact Robert Sezonov or me if you have any other questions.

Thank you!

Monica Ott  
 312-846-5591 (office)

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

From: Ott, Monica A LRC

Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 2:35 PM

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Little Calumet River, Pump Station Rehabilitation, Phase 2B, 100% P&S BCOE Review Meeting and Plan-in-Hand Check, Thu 3 Apr 2008

1. Meeting was held on Thu 3 Apr 2008, at the Calumet Area Office in the morning, followed by site visits to the three pump stations in the afternoon. Please see Enclosure 1 for list of attendees.

Phase 2A

2. Phase 2A (Tapper and Forest Ave. pump stations) was briefly discussed. Pre-bid conference will be held on Wed 30 April starting at 10:00 a.m., at the Calumet Area Office (closer in proximity to the pump stations than HSD facility or LCRBC offices), followed by site visits to the Tapper and Forest Ave. pump stations. After the BCOE meeting, PM confirmed that CT (Anita Simpkins or Regina Blair) will run the pre-bid conference. CT will discuss the solicitation as a whole (components), contract type, proposal submittal requirements (Section 100) in detail including evaluation criteria, period of performance, when the proposal is due, Section 600 Reqs and Certs, and Wage Rates. She will let the designer describe the project in general terms, and then let the bidders ask questions. The designer can answer clarification questions (refer them to the specification section and page). The designer should bring a complete set of the P&S. The designer should document all the questions asked. For any questions that are not clarification questions and may require spec revisions, CT will ask the bidders to submit them in writing. CT may not attend the site visit to the pump stations. Designer should direct any questions arising during the site visit that require more than a reference to the P&S, to CT for submittal in writing. All questions and answers—even those for clarification—will be issued as an amendment to the solicitation, along with a list of pre-bid conference attendees.

3. Status of Phase 2A real estate: Sponsor, LCRBC, is preparing the legals for the easement agreements, and plans to execute them by mid-May. The easements consist of (1) temporary work area easements that revert back to the owner six months after construction, and (2) permanent easements for the structures. The easement agreements are the same ones approved by the Corps several years ago. Jim will forward the language to Corps Real Estate Specialist Steve Hughes.

4. Jim requested whether the Corps' contractor can remove the debris in the river at the Tapper Ave. pump station. Possibly add this work to Stage VIII? Corps PMs will discuss. Jim said a permit is not needed. Imad had said the Corps would do a debris clean-up at the end of the overall project. If Corps cannot remove the debris, Jim will contact Hammond and Munster City Engineers.

5. Jim asked whether there will be any problem with Stage VIII contractor working at Tapper Ave. pump station, during the Phase 2A work. The Corps typically includes spec language in

whichever contract is awarded subsequently, to notify the bidders of the on-going construction and to require the second contractor to coordinate site access with the first contractor.

6. Addresses of the pump stations as provided by HSD are as follows:

(a) Forest Ave. Pump Station, referred to by HSD as the 173<sup>rd</sup> and Forest Ave. Pump Station: 7300 Forest Ave., Hammond

(b) Tapper Ave. Pump Station: 940 N. River Drive (Riverside Park), Hammond

#### Phase 2B

7. Phase 2B discussion started with description by LRH staff of the work included in these plans and specs. Please see Enclosure 2 for written project description. Phase 2B includes work at Indianapolis, Jackson and Southside pump stations.

8. The primary difference between Phase 2A and 2B, and the reason why the work was divided into these two phases following 50% BCOE review, is that Phase 2A requires pump and motor rehabilitation, while Phase 2B requires removal of existing pumps and motors and replacement with new pumps and motors. A total of eleven (11) pumps will be replaced—four (4) at Indianapolis, three (3) at Jackson, and four (4) at Southside.

9. Additional Phase 2B work includes installing knife gate valves at Indianapolis and Jackson, replacing trash racks, and replacing a grit-handling machine. Regarding electrical work, all wiring and controls will be replaced, and power sources added for portable generators at Indianapolis and Jackson. Existing control panels will be abandoned in place. Structural work will include cutting holes for ventilation, replacing a slab at one station and replacing handrails.

10. Bob Craib pointed out that wet wells have been freezing, and simple solution is to cover grating with mats in the wintertime. The trash rack at Kennedy Ave. pump station had to be enclosed. Floats have been getting stuck in frozen water. LRH pointed out that for Phase 2B, all trash racks are interior to the pump stations.

11. Jim Pokrajac asked whether new upgraded electrical service is needed. Rick Canterbury confirmed that this is the case at Indianapolis and Jackson due to different voltage requirements. Jim said the Sponsor would coordinate with NIPSCO, initiating this activity once the final plans and specs are ready. Bob Craib suggested that the specs require the Contractor early in the contract to provide the new power requirements to the Corps, Sponsor and Hammond Sanitary District (HSD), so the Sponsor can coordinate with NIPSCO with the necessary lead time. Contractor will have to maintain two power sources until the new equipment is online and has been approved.

12. Jim explained that the Sponsor has NIPSCO provide cost estimate, Sponsor provides it to the Corps, the Corps prepares an IGE to confirm the cost, and then the Sponsor signs the agreement with NIPSCO. Bob said the Contractor would know the specific power requirements after selecting the equipment, so the NIPSCO coordination is best done early during the contract period (rather than in advance of RFP issuance). The Contractor would submit the power requirements in the form of a Power Coordination Study, within the first 90 days of the contract.

13. Jim pointed out that work at the Jackson Ave. pumping station is also included in the Stage VIII contract. LRH requested copies of Stage VIII drawings. PM will ask Stage VIII Product Lead, Matthew Cunningham, to forward.
14. Plans and specifications currently show 540 calendar days for the contract performance period. Jim pointed out that Congressman Visclosky requires the overall project to be completed by December 2009. LRH said they are assuming 9 months for the manufacture of the 11 new pumps, after 3 months for the submittals approval process, and 4 to 5 months to install the new pumps concurrently at the three pump stations. Per HSD requirements, only one pump at each pump station can be taken off line at any given time, and only with a temporary pump in place.
15. Conference call with HSD, LRH and PM was scheduled for Tue 8 April to discuss HSD's review comments because they will not be writing them into Dr. Checks.
16. Specifications will include address of the HSD plant where all equipment to be removed, is to be delivered and offloaded. Contractor will need to provide means of offloading the equipment.
17. Plans will include street addresses of the pump stations, as provided by HSD:
  - (a) Jackson Ave. Pump Station: 7750 Harrison, Hammond
  - (b) Southside Pump Station: 7700 Columbia Ave., Hammond
  - (c) Indianapolis Blvd. Pump Station: 7600 Woodmar Ave., Hammond
18. There appear to be no concerns with regard to peeling paint in Phase 2B.

2 Enclosures



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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April 17, 2008

Mr. Gregg L. Heinzman, P.E.  
Vice President  
Garcia Consulting  
7501 Indianapolis Blvd.  
Hammond IN 46324

Re: Agreements for Engineering Services:  
DC-1342A, 1340A, 1411, 1412, 1413,  
1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, and 1418

Dear Gregg:

Enclosed please find one copy each of the fully executed agreements between Garcia Consulting and the Development Commission for engineering services performed for the above-referenced projects. These agreements all contain a not-to-exceed cost. No further cost will be incurred unless you are authorized by the Commission.

Upon receiving these signed copies, please consider this letter as your notice to proceed. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm  
encl.

**Jim Pokrajac**

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**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <william.A.Rochford@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 6:22 PM  
**Subject:** Griffith Levee Inspection- April 10, 2008

Bill,

Could you please give me a status of the inspection results from our inspection of the Griffith Levee on April 10, 2008. We have a board meeting with our commissioners on Wed., May 7 and I would like to try to give them a general update.

Thanks,

Jim



**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

*Al*

NAME OF MEETING: LCRBDC DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: 6100 Southport Rd, Portage CHAIRMAN: William Biller

**PLEASE SIGN IN**

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	RUTH MOSES	Southmoor Rd Ham'd
2	KAREN LORENZ	SOUTHMOOR RD HAM'D
3	Mike ZARANTOWELL	Southmoor RD Ham
4	Carolyn Marsh	Land Ridge Audubon Society
5	Lynne Whelan	US Army Corps of Engineers
6	Vanessa Villarreal	" " " "
7	TERCEY Powell	IDNR, Div. of Water
8	Imad Samara	USXCOE
9	Susan BROWN	TIMES
10	Liz Johnson	Cong Visclosky off
11	Rob Wolf	JF New
12	Bill Petritter	Highland resident
13	Barbara Whitaker	Munster
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WORK STUDY SESSION  
7 May 2008

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
Robert Marszalek, Chairman

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(ACTION)

We are requesting condemnations on 40 landowners tonight. These are condemnations to be used as a last resort for landowners we can't locate, landowners who own trusts and we can't speak personally with them, landowners in the process of negotiations, reluctant landowners, and willing signers who have not returned their paperwork as yet. (see attached list)

STAGE V UPDATE – (Kennedy to Northcote)

The Corps Stage V construction contract was awarded with all acquisitions complete except for two Options (easements not acquired):

DC 1112/1113 owner NIPSCo. W 150' E SW N & S of River.  
NIPSCo real estate is now re-reviewing the easement agreements as we get close to closing this acquisition.

DC 1169 Norfolk Southern Railroad West of Kennedy Avenue  
Corps headquarters is now reviewing the final easement language.

STAGE VII UPDATE – (Northcote to Columbia)  
(ongoing)

Of the 34 offers sent to landowners:

- 27 landowners have accepted and are recorded.
- 3 condemnations have been filed for landowners we can't locate.
- 2 utilities are reviewing engineering (BP Pipelines and NIPSCo).
- 1 private landowner is still waiting on new Corps mapping that would reduce the square footage of work limits on his property.
- 1 private acquisition has 11 heirs and we need all 11 signatures to accept the offer to record the easement.

*both sides  
of river in  
Nhd &  
Munster*

*put in per JV*

**STAGE VIII UPDATE:** (Columbia to Illinois state line)

**Numbers tell the story:**

- 92 total acquisitions
- 91 offers out (DC 1364 appraisal has to be redone.)
- 30 offers to municipals are being distributed for public meetings:  
(we are assured donations for Hammond (signed already), Munster,  
INDOT, and NICTD)
- 22 (61) private landowners have signed, 8 are willing sellers, 13 are  
reluctant sellers, 18 are in negotiations.



*Columbia to S.L. back side of river*  
*Ind, Munster*

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Condemnations for Stage VIII.  
(as of 5/6/08)

**ACTION ITEM**

Stage VIII is the priority acquisition stage. Hammond, Munster, INDOT, and NICTD are donations. Condemnation authority is being requested:

- for one landowner we can't locate,
- in anticipation of rejected Uniform Land Offers,
- for several landowners who are willing signers, but have not returned their signed offers as yet.

We respectfully ask for condemnation authority on the following DC numbers:

Four trusts. There is no personal contact with landowner.

- 4*
- DC 1351 Monaldi's Columbia Addition Lot 37
  - DC 1352 Monaldi's 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Lot 22
  - DC 1364 179.59' SW ¼ Sec.18, T36, R9W S of Calumet River & N of Monaldi's 5<sup>th</sup> Addition
  - DC 1364-A Pt. SW ¼ Sec.18, T36, R9W ly'ng S of Calumet River & N of Monaldi's 5<sup>th</sup> Addition

Unable to find:

- 1*
- DC 1316 Pt. Lot 1 NW "Lot D" adjacent to Vacated Lyman Ave.

In Negotiations: Several have stated they are willing signers, but we haven't received the signed documents as yet.

- part of nation*
- \*\* DC 1303 Pt. NE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 13, T36, R10, south of 177<sup>th</sup> Street
  - \*\* DC 1304 Pt. E1/2 SE ly'ng N river & W of Line parallel to & 500' W E Line of SE ¼ except E 10'
  - \* DC 1320 Southmoor Addition All Lot 23 Blk 7 W1/2 Vacated Lyman Ave.
  - \* DC 1321 Southmoor Addition SE'ly 5 ft. E. Line Meas. Lot 20 Meas. All Lot 21 Blk 7 N 10 ft. Lot 22 Blk 7
  - \*\* DC 1322 Southmoor Addition Lot 19 Blk 7 except N'ly 35 ft. E Line Meas. NW'ly Pt. 45 ft. E Line Lot 20
  - \*\* DC 1323 Southmoor Addition Lot 18 Blk 7 except N'ly 25 ft. E Line Meas. & N'ly Pt. Lot 19 Blk 7 35 ft. E Line Meas.
  - \*\* DC 1324 Southmoor Addition except NW'ly 10 ft. Lot 17 Blk 7 NW'ly Pt. 25 ft. N. Line Lot 18 Blk 7
  - \*\* DC 1325 Southmoor Additions Lot 6 Blk 7 & NW'ly 10 ft. Lot 17 Blk 7
  - \*\* DC 1326 Southmoor Addition exc. W 10 ft. Lot 14 Blk 7 & All Lot 15 Blk 7
- 35*



** DC 1328	Southmoor Addition E 15' Lot 11 Blk 7 All W 35' Lot 11
** DC 1329	Southmoor Addition E 35' Lot 10 Blk 7 All W 35' Lot 11 Blk 7
** DC 1330	Southmoor Addition Lot 9 Blk 7 E 18' Lot 8 Blk 7 W 15' Lot 10 Blk 7
** DC 1331	Southmoor Addition E 48' Lot 7 W 32' Lot 8 Blk 7
** DC 1332	Southmoor Addition E 10' Lot 6 Blk 7 & W 2' Lot 7 Blk 7 & Southmoor Addition E 30; Lot 5 Blk 7 & E 40' Lot 6 Blk 7
** DC 1334	Southmoor Addition Lot 3 Blk 7 W 10' Lot 4 Blk 7 E 3' Lot 3 Blk 7
** DC 1335	Southmoor Addition Lot 1 except SE'ly 30.79' x 43.94' x 31.12' x 47.40' & W'ly 47' Lot 2 Blk 7
** DC 1340	Pt. NW ¼ NW 1.4 Sec. 13, T36, R10, Ly'ing W of Hohman Ave & N or river except SE corner
** DC 1342	Pt. NW 1/2 Sec. 13, T36, R10, Pcl. 200 x 200 x 200 x 290 ft.
** DC 1344	E ½ Sec. 13, T36, R10 W ly'ng S of the Tri-State Expressway & W of the W Line of the Resubdivision of River Plaza
** DC 1360	Lawrence Monaldi's 8th Addition Lot 7
** DC 1361	Lawrence Monaldi's 8 <sup>th</sup> Addition Lot 6
** DC 1362	Lawrence Monaldi's 8 <sup>th</sup> Addition Lot 5
** DC 1363	Lawrence Monaldi's 8 <sup>th</sup> Addition Lot 4
** DC 1368	Ridgeland Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Addition All Lot 14
* DC 1370	Ridgeland Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Addition All Lot 12
* DC 1371	Ridgeland Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Addition All Lot 11
* DC 1372	Ridgeland Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Addition All Lot 10
** DC 1378	Ridgeland Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Addition All Lot 4
** DC 1380	Ridgeland Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Addition E 80' Lot 2
** DC 1382	Schoon & Harkema 2 <sup>nd</sup> Addition to Munster Lot 26
* DC 1387	Dingeman Jabaay Addition All Lot 16 subj. to existing easement
* DC 1388	Dingeman Jabaay Addition All Lot 15 subj. to existing easement
* DC 1389	Dingeman Jabaay addition All Lot 14
** DC 1391	Olthof's Addition Blk 1 Lot 28
* DC 1397	Lot 1 Temple South Addition

\* = Willing signers, documents not received as yet.

\*\* = In negotiations

*40 properties*

# CORRECTED

## CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 283.33	Monthly Retainer Through 3/21/08
5812	NIRPC	\$14,085.52	Services performed January 2008
5821	Sandy Mordus	\$ 28.80	March mileage
5823	Don Powers Insurance Agency	\$ 6,406.25	Directors & Officers yearly renewal policy
5824	VERIZON	\$137.14	Billing period 3/16 - 4/16/08 (KRBC \$124.06)
5824	AT&T	\$393.14	Billing period 2/14 - 3/13/08 (KRBC \$22.23)
5841	Bochnowski Appraisal Company	\$ 6,600.00	Appraisals re: DC-1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1326, 1334, 1335, and 1343
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1311
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1318
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1320
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1321
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1322
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1323
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1324
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1326
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1334
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1335
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1345
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1346
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1349
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1350
<del>5841</del>	<del>Allstate Appraisal</del>	<del>\$ 750.00</del>	<del>Appraisal re: DC-750</del>
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1303
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1310
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1337
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1307
5841	The Gorman Group, Ltd.	\$ 9,500.00	Appraisals re: DC-1344, 1315, 1317, 1337, 1303, 1304, 1310, 1302
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1236
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1237
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1239
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1232
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-837
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-838
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-840
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-841
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-842
5843	Meridian Title Corporation	\$ 100.00	Title work re: DC-1174
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 198.75	Crediting Technician services 2/19-2/27/08
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 92.75	Crediting Technician services 3/3 - 3/13/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 3,121.93	Land Acquisition Agent services 2/18-2/27/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 3,308.00	Land Acquisition Agent services 3/3-3/14/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 21.60	February mileage
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,002.25	Crediting Tech 7 Land Acq. Asst. 2/19-2/28/08
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,033.90	Crediting Tech & Land Acq. Asst. 3/4-3/13/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,173.35	Engineering/Land Agent 2/18-2/29/08

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CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2008

<u>ACCT</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF CLAIM</u>
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,002.80	Engineering/Land Agent 3/3 - 3/14/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 311.60	February mileage
5846	Valparaiso Insurance Professionals	\$51,660.00	General Liability insurance 4/5/08 - 4/5/09
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,090.00	Professional services re: DC-1394
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,365.00	Professional services re: DC-1384
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,890.00	Professional services re: DC-1300
5847	DLZ	\$ 690.00	Professional services re: Stage VII
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 121.00	Utility Relocation Legal Services thru 3/21/08
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 7,086.28	Land Acquisition Legal Services through 3/21/08
5849	SEH	\$ 559.75	Utility services - Gatewell 7 Alpha
5849	SEH	\$ 3,390.92	Utility services - Stage VIII
5861	Lake County Recorder	\$ 90.00	To record easements re: DC-1233, 1375, 1383
5861	Brian Grskovich	\$ 5,000.00	Purchase price of DC-1357
5861	Joseph Grzych	\$ 7,959.00	Purchase price of DC-1379
5861	Tony & Kathie Bednarowski	\$ 7,020.00	Purchase price of DC-1376
5861	Kevin Bialas	\$ 5,300.00	Purchase price of DC-1327
5882	NIPSCO	<del>\$45,592.12</del>	Utility Relocation services between Liable & Cline

TOTAL      ~~\$207,746.47~~  
\$203,850.18

# The Times, Local News

BREAKING NEWS: nwi.com

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## NORTHCOTE AVENUE FLOODING EYED

### Some contend Cabela's berm left stormwater with nowhere to go

BY SUSAN BROWN  
sbrown@nwtimes.com  
219.836.3780

**HAMMOND** | Southmoor Road homeowners are nervously eyeing the impact of the Cabela's-constructed berm on Northcote Avenue.

Ruth Morés, one of several Southmoor homeowners critical of the federal levee project coming her way, last month took up the issue of Northcote Avenue's flooded backyards with the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, questioning what was to pre-

vent similar problems in her neighborhood.

While by all accounts Cabela's berm is credited with preventing last August's massive flood from completely swamping Northcote Avenue, backyards from River Drive north to 177th Street have

been plagued with standing water from heavy rains.

According to Northcote Avenue homeowner Li Cheng, standing water formed a pond in her backyard burying her English Rose.

See **FLOODING, A8**

## Flooding

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Garden and prompting her husband to buy a sump pump to pump out their yard.

Several doors up from the Chengs, the Rev. Brent Lauder pointed to still visible gullies just east of his backyard where he said the standing water formed a solid sheet of ice during the winter.

Some homeowners said water poured into the space between their backyards and the berm through a large east-west drainage pipe that has since been capped.

Mike Woods, whose mother, 89, lives in a home almost directly in the path of

the pipe, said the cap is temporary until a flapgate is installed.

Woods said a greater problem was water from a burst drainage pipe a few houses down from his mother.

"It was shooting straight up like a geyser," he said. The pipe burst from the pressure of the storm that ended up closing the Borman Expressway last August. That pipe also has been sealed, he said.

There is general agreement between homeowners and officials familiar with the problem that the water accumulating west of Cabela's berm is rainwater that used to flow into Wood-

mar Country Club's golf course.

"There was water standing there because it had nowhere to go," 5th District Councilman Dan Repay said of the chronic flooding.

According to Cabela's project manager Troy Kurz, the company will modify the grading on the west side of the berm to form a drainage ditch to direct the stormwater south toward the river.

Repay isn't quite convinced the drainage ditch will be adequate. "I'm skeptical but engineering isn't my background," he said.

But Repay added he trusted the judgment of City Engineer Stan Dostatni, who has said he believes Cabela's plan

will work.

A pump station just west of the Northcote Avenue bridge is also expected to assist with stormwater.

Meanwhile Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said Southmoor Road residents will not suffer the same fate.

Gardner said the levee behind their property will be constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose design includes a drainage conveyance with a flapgate on the levee wall.

"They're two totally different situations," Gardner said of the Northcote and Southmoor Road projects.



**Construction Progress  
Report  
Thru End of March  
2008**

CONTRACT NO.: W912P6-07-C-0011	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: Dyer Construction Co. Inc	D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION: LCR, Local Flood Protection, Stage 5-2	Edd/Ibrahim Babcock

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	29-Sep-07	13,140,189.41
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods P00004	17-Oct-07	13,642,680.97
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	5-Nov-09	750
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	5-Nov-09	750
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	5-Nov-09	0

AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:

ESTIMATED PROGRESS

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 3	3,327,428.21
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period (est. work in place)	500,000.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)	0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>	<b>3,827,428.21</b>

D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage) Sheet Piling for entire job	847,550.26
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**TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)** 2,979,877.95

E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}	0.00
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**FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)** 4,674,978.47

**TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT**

F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. P00004	13,642,680.97
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)	0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (see comments below for descr.)	856,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>	<b>14,498,680.97</b>

FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification P00004	5,000,000.00
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**ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)** 20.55%

**SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)** 3.00%

**TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07** 0.00

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

**This Contract is incrementally funded.** - Clearing mostly completed, grubbing and hauling continues. Sheet piling in progress, Wicker Park done, Baring Ave 70%, Hart Ditch 100%. Contractor started placing mud slab for Hart Ditch I-Wall.

- Pending mods- not all listed \* - Re-issuance of corrected drawings and removal of arsenic from imported soil parameters

\* DSC - Hawthorne I-Wall, Debris, Mod in progress \* Add safety cage to ladder, proposal received.

\* Large DSC/Eng change at No Dr I-Wall, proposal rescinded, IGE completed. \* Trail/Fence Changes,-District Memo

\* Delete Northcote Sandbag Closure - awaiting memo from District \* Baring Ave Pump Sta overflow outlet DSC

\* DSC - location of 96" pump station outfall \* Delete 96" pipe shown on Civil \* 18" CMP Wicker Park I-Wall.

\* Riprap on West bank of Hart ditch and demolition of Hart Ditch USGS gauging station. RFP being assembled.

Due to permit issues, will need to separate riprap from Hart Ditch and No. Drive I-Wall changes.- Next Progress meeting 4/30

**Construction Progress  
Report  
Thru End of March  
2008**

CONTRACT NO.: W912P6-05-C-0010	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: Illinois Constructors Corporation	D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION: Local Flood Protection Little Calumet River, Indiana Stage VI-1 North Levee	Edd Lee
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	30-Sep-05 5,566,871.00
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00005 & P00012	19-Oct-05 5,734,158.00
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	21-Jul-07 640
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	27-Nov-07 769
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	27-Nov-07 0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:	
 <b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>	
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 15	5,238,793.88
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period	188,922.66
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)	0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>	<b>5,427,716.54</b>
D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)	19,002.83
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)</b>	<b>5,408,713.71</b>
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}	0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>	<b>5,427,716.54</b>
 <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00005 & P00012	5,734,158.00
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)	38,500.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (Misc Changes in Progress)	16,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>	<b>5,788,658.00</b>
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00005 & P00012	5,734,158.00
<b>ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C-D)/(F+G+H)</b>	<b>93.44%</b>
<b>SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)</b>	<b>94.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07</b>	<b>5,417,112.81</b>

**FULLY FUNDED PROJECT** \*\* Field work for Levee Crack investigation pit sampling was completed on 04/24/08, drilling has been completed. \*\* All work essentially completed. Final Inspection rescheduled, hopefully soon. Pre-Final Punchlist assembled. \*\* Change orders pending for Kennedy Pump Sta outlet change, debris in the drive line, CB 175 modification, deletion of 7-1C pre-load and August 2007 flood damage prevention emergency work. \*\* Wetland fill violation at Oxbow outside work limits an issue between LCRBDC, City of Hammond, Corps Regulatory and IDEM. RESOLUTION UNKNOWN - in hands of LCRBDC

**Construction Progress  
Report  
Thru End of April  
2008**

CONTRACT NO.: W912P6-04-C-0007		TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: Illinois Constructors Corporation		D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION: Local Flood Protection Little Calumet River, Indiana Stage VI-1 South Levee		Edd
		Lee
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	30-Sep-04	6,503,093.70
NTP DATE/CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods P00015& A00009:	4-Nov-04	7,563,971.19
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	4-Dec-06	760
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	5-Sep-07	1035
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	5-Sep-07	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:		
 <b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 24		7,081,497.33
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		230,661.68
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>		<b>7,312,159.01</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>7,312,159.01</b>
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}		0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>		<b>7,312,159.01</b>
 <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. P00015& A00009		7,563,971.19
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-) (Variations in Final Quant)		-150,383.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (two mod issues pending)		1,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>		<b>7,414,588.19</b>
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification P00015& A00009		7,563,971.19
ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)		98.62%
SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)		99.00%
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07</b>		<b>7,299,394.80</b>

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

Contract fully funded. - North Drive Pump Station being fully operated by Town of Highland, recent leak into the control room being investigated and repair pending. Existing Grace Street Pump Station taken out of service August 10, 2007. Final Inspection was held on Oct 12, 2007. Punch lists gathered and being worked on, most work suspended for winter. Liquidated damages assessed Sep 6 thru Sep 19 due to Contractor not finished within contract duration, as adjusted. Working with Contractor to establish final quantities.

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CONTRACT NO.: W912P6-05-C-0006  
CONTRACTOR: Dyer Construction Company  
DESCRIPTION: Little Calumet River, Stage VI-Phase II

TS-C-S  
D. Anderson  
Edd/Nielsen  
Babcock

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	18-Oct-05	4,205,644.17
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00003/P00007	18-Oct-05	4,219,329.46
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	11-Apr-07	540
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	1-Jun-07	591
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	1-Jun-07	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:	NA	

**ESTIMATED PROGRESS**

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No.	13	4,141,958.88
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		56,599.56
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)</b>		<b>4,198,558.44</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>4,198,558.44</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>4,198,558.44</b>
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**TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT**

F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod.	A00003/P00007	4,219,329.46
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)	(Variations in Final Quantities)	78,390.92
H. Directed, Pending Modifications		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>		<b>4,297,720.38</b>

FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification	A00003/P00007	4,228,422.42
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<b>ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)</b>	<b>97.69%</b>
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<b>SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)</b>	<b>99.00%</b>
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<b>TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07</b>	<b>4,198,558.44</b>
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**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

Contract is fully funded -

- Final Inspection held on August 22, 2007. Final Insp. letter with punch list issued August 28, 2007.
- Final Quantities being determined in preparation for Variation in Estimated Quantities Change Order.
- Preliminary As-Built submitted for review
- Final inspection punch list items completed, trees will be replaced/moved in the spring.

**THE WORK WAS DETERMINED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2007**

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CONTRACT NO.: W912P6-07-C-0003		TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: Dyer Construction Co., Inc.		D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION: LCR, Local Flood Protection, Burr Street Phase 2 East		Edd/Nielsen
		Craib
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	28-Feb-07	3,342,583.22
NTP DATE/CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00002	13-Mar-07	3,342,583.22
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	5-Jul-08	480
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	30-Jul-08	505
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	30-Jul-08	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:	30-Sep-08	
 <b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 5		2,276,535.02
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		0.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)		2,276,535.02
D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)		0.00
TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)		2,276,535.02
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs) (If Applicable)		0.00
FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C-D-E)		2,276,535.02
 <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00002		3,342,583.22
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-) (unsuitable Levee Fndtn Matl and levee fill)		190,000.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (Mult. Changes)		-173,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)		3,359,583.22
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00002		3,342,583.22
ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)		67.76%
SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)		68.00%
TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07		2,000,000.00

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

**This Contract is fully funded.** Contract Awarded 02/28/2007. NTP Acknowledged 03/13/2007

- I-Wall sheet piling placed. I-Wall Concrete placed. Sheet Pile Concrete on both RR closures completed.
- RFP sent to Contractor for miscellaneous mod, received preliminary approval from LCRBDC. Proposal being reviewed.
- RFP for DSC in Levee Foundation approx Sta 65 to 72. Proposal being reviewed.
- Unsuitable material found So. of RR caused stripping and fill overrun.
- Modification for Deletion of Outlets at Stations 58+40 and 82+67 completed.
- RFP issued to extend Sheet Pile Wall at West Closure to back of Burr Street Curb.
- Wick drains at Station 75+52 completed. Pre-Load completed and removed. Structure started. Initial outlet and inlet concrete quality in question, Contractor performed coring of in-place concrete, results not yet known

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

TS-C-S  
D. Anderson  
G. Anderson  
Babcock

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	29-Sep-02	921,102.68
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods P00023	7-Nov-02	1,405,845.29
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	11-Jan-04	430
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	15-Jan-08	1895
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	15-Jan-08	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:		

**ESTIMATED PROGRESS**

A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No.	18	1,390,911.63
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>1,390,911.63</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>1,390,911.63</b>

E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}	0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>	<b>1,390,911.63</b>

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. P00023	1,405,845.29
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>1,405,845.29</b>

FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification P00023	1,405,940.96
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ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)	98.94%
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SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)	99.00%
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<b>TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07</b>	<b>1,390,911.63</b>
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**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Contractor continues maintenance of restored areas and destroying invasive plants.
- Final Quantities Modification P00022 was completed 22 OCT 2007 (-\$95.67)
- Modification P00024 completed 15 JAN 2008 to extend contract to 31 MAY 2008 to achieve final burn.
- Continued wet weather has postponed final burn and Final Inspection until condition are favorable.

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CONTRACT NO.: W912P6-04-C-0003		TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: Tallgrass Restoration, LLC		D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION: Little Calumet River Landscaping, Phase 2		Mills
		Rundzaitis
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT	30-Jun-04	648,995.23
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods P00008	29-Jul-04	648,995.23
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION	1-Oct-10	2255
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	1-Oct-10	2255
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	1-Oct-10	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:		
<b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 10		490,962.43
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>490,962.43</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>490,962.43</b>
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}		0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>		<b>490,962.43</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. P00008		648,995.23
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>648,995.23</b>
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification P00008		648,995.23
<b>ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)</b>		<b>75.65%</b>
<b>SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)</b>		<b>77.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07</b>		<b>490,962.43</b>

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- Awaiting request from Mr. Pokarjac to remove a portion of the damaged area from the contract work. Mr. Pokarjac will also had the levee's surveyed to compare to as-built drawings. The sponsor's surveys show results with elevations as much as 8" below design elevations. The surveys should be reviewed by geotech to determine if the sponsors elevations are accurate. CAO sent an email on 27 November to follow up on this issue.
- CAO attended levee inspections along with Geotech and the local sponsor. The billboard contractor repaired areas that were damaged during the installation of the signs. A meeting was held between CAO, PM, DG, and PL to determine that the grass mix in the damaged areas will be the same as used in the Landscape II contract specifications. Seeding will be performed in Spring 2008.
- Some bare areas exist along the project stretch. The Contractor plans to reseed the areas, a detailed plan will be provided from the Contractor.
- The Government is awaiting a response to the Contractor's initial correspondence in regards to areas inundated with water, areas affected by the billboard contractor, and bare spots.

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CONTRACT NO.:	DACW27-01-C-0001	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR:	Overstreet Electric Co., Inc.	D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION:	Little Galumet River Pump Station Rehabilitation Phase 1A	G. Anderson
		Craig
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:	5-Oct-00	4,638,400.00
NTP DATE/CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00015 & P00020	7-Nov-00	4,262,835.48
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	8-Oct-02	700
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	21-Oct-04	1,444
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	21-Oct-04	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:		
<b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 30		4,239,286.58
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		0.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)		4,239,286.58
D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)		0.00
TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)		4,239,286.58
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs) (If Applicable)		Not Available
FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)		4,239,286.58
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00015 & P00020		4,262,835.48
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)		0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications		0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)		4,262,835.48
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00015 & P00020		4,262,835.48
ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)		86.00%
SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)		100.00%
TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07		4,239,286.58

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- The Termination for Default Modification P00020 was issued by the CO on 22 FEB 2006. The T4D mod decreased the contract amount by \$711,445.19 (estimated work not complete) from \$4,974,280.67 to \$4,262,835.48. \$119,791.61 was deobligated, decreasing total funded from \$4,382,627.09 to \$4,262,835.48.
- Remaining unclaimed earnings = \$23,548.90 will be deobligated and credited to Pump 1A Surety Takeover contract.
- Contract between the bonding company and Thieneman Construction signed 22 JAN 2008.
- Work will be completed under the Pump 1A Surety Takeover Agreement contract.
- Surety Takeover Agreement between USACE and bonding company signed 25 JAN 2008.
- Project coping meeting held on 27 FEB 2008.
- The Hartford is reviewing contractor proposals regarding contract scope so we can commence work.



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CONTRACT NO.: W81G6680523765		TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR: The Hartford		D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION: Little Calumet River - Pump Station Phase 1A - Surety Takeover Agreement		G. Anderson Craib
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMT. (SURETY TAKEOVER SIGNED):	25-Jan-08	686,352.68
NTP DATE./CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods      None	Pending	686,352.68
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:	Pending	360
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:	Pending	0
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:	Pending	0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:	15-Apr-09	
<b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No.		0.00
B. Estimated Earnings thru end of reporting period		0.00
C. Value of work Performed on Directed Mods (Earnings not paid for)		0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRESS (A+B+C)		0.00
D. Work Paid for but not in Place (Materials in Storage)		0.00
TOTAL VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS (A+B+C-D)		0.00
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs){If Applicable}		0.00
FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)		0.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod.	None	686,352.68
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)		0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications		0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)		686,352.68
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification	None	686,352.68
ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)		0.00%
SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)		0.00%
TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07		0.00

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

Contract between the bonding company and Thieneman Construction signed 22-JAN 2008.  
 Surety Takeover Agreement between USACE and bonding company signed 25 JAN 2008.  
 Contract Scope Meeting held with USACE, The Hartford and Thienemen 27 FEB 2008.  
 The Hartford is reviewing contractor proposals regarding contract scope so we can commence work.

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CONTRACT NO.:	DACW27-01-C-0008	TS-C-S
CONTRACTOR:	Overstreet Engineering and Construction, Inc.	D. Anderson
DESCRIPTION:	Little Calumet River North Fifth Ave. Pump Station Rehabilitation	G. Anderson Crab
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARD DATE/AMOUNT:		21-Feb-01 2,387,500.00
NTP DATE/CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: Mods A00014 thru P00012		16-Apr-01 2,518,988.44
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/ORIGINAL DURATION:		17-Mar-03 700
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE/REVISED DURATION:		27-Jan-04 1,016
PENDING SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE/PENDING TIME EXTENSIONS:		27-Jan-04 0
AREA ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:		
<b>ESTIMATED PROGRESS</b>		
A. Present Earnings as of Pay Est. No. 23		2,494,289.22
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>2,494,289.22</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>2,494,289.22</b>
E. Potential Termination Costs (% of Remaining Costs) (If Applicable)		0.00
<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - (A+B+C+D-E)</b>		<b>2,494,289.22</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>		
F. Current Contract Amount thru Mod. A00014 thru P00012		2,518,988.44
G. Current Value of Overruns/Underruns (+/-)		0.00
H. Directed, Pending Modifications (A00013 & A00014)		-15,206.36
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT (F+G+H)</b>		<b>2,503,782.08</b>
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PAYMENT: thru Modification A00014 thru P00012		2,518,988.44
<b>ACTUAL PERCENT COMPLETE (A+B+C+D-E)/(F+G+H)</b>		<b>99.62%</b>
<b>SCHEDULED PERCENT COMPLETE (per NAS or Progress Chart)</b>		<b>100.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS AT THE END OF FY07</b>		<b>2,494,289.22</b>

**PROJECT STATUS/MAJOR ISSUES:**

- The Corps sent Overstreet a "Show Cause" Notice by email on 16 AUG 2005.
  - We have not been able to contact Overstreet - phone line is no longer in service. They have not provided an invoice for work performed since AUG 2004. The work is physically complete.
  - District office has prepared the As-Builts and they have been signed and distributed.
  - Surety Takeover Agreement on DACW27-01-C-0001 Pump Sta 1A signed 25 JAN 2008 - final disposition on funds can be finalized.
  - A modification is in progress (\$15,206.36 Credit for As-builts and a latent defect) was sent to Overstreet but was undeliverable and will be executed by KO unilaterally.
  - Remaining payment = \$9,492.86 unclaimed earnings - will be credited to Pump 1A Surety Takeover contract.
- THE WORK WAS DETERMINED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE ON 27 JANUARY 2004.**

## ***OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT***

**For meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

**(Information in this report is based upon latest data provided at the time the report is put together. Dates and costs may vary depending upon ongoing design and/or coordination with the Army Corps.  
Report period is from March 27 – April 30, 2008)**

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### **GENERAL SUMMARIZATION (EAST REACH TURNOVER)**

1. An O&M Funding Committee meeting was held on March 12, 2008 to review upcoming and project expenditures
  - A summary status report was put together on March 11, 2008 indicating what has been turned over, what the LCRBDC is doing with flood control items not turned over, and including partial turnovers have been executed.
  - **Committee waiting for Army Corps schedule for construction to present to Umbaugh to discuss funding options for cities and towns to perform O&M functions for compliance.**
2. A meeting was held with the city of Gary, and their new representatives on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to familiarize the new administration with our project, explain O&M responsibility to be assumed by Gary, and to determine what they will require for the O&M turnover process. Some of these items include:
  1. Six (6) pump station turnover
  2. Levee, sluice gate, flap gate turnover
  3. Transfer of LCRBDC excess lands
  4. Coordination for emergency responseMaps, pump station reports, O&M detail for maintenance breakdown and costs were distributed and discussed.
  - Mailed handouts of this meeting to Geraldine Tousant (Deputy Mayor), Gwen Malone (Public Works Director), and Luci Horton (GSD Director) on September 6, 2006.
3. A follow-up memo was sent to Gary, Hammond, and Highland requesting comments and review of the draft Corps O&M manuals for their respective communities on March 25, 2008. **(No response from any municipality as of April 30, 2008)**
  - The previous memo was submitted, along with the manuals, for review on September 7, 2007.
  - Their comments will then be addressed by the Corps and individual meetings would be held with each community for implementation.
4. Inspections for 2008 will be tentatively scheduled for all features before the end of the Army Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (June, 2008)
  - Most recent inspections in Gary, Griffith, and Highland in 2007 were held with the Corps, LCRBDC, and representatives from each municipality
  - Levees and floodwalls (August 13, 14, 15) – Completed (Received Corps



report and LCRBDC has combined municipal, Corps, & LCRBDC reports into one)

- Pump stations (September 4 & 5) – Completed (Received Corps report and LCRBDC has combined municipal, Corps, & LCRBDC reports into one)
- Sluice gates and flap gates were held on October 10 and 11 in Gary; and on October 25, 2007 in Griffith.
- **An email was sent to the Corps on April 27, 2008 requesting scheduling of inspections soon to avoid additional costs by LCRBDC to repair, remediate, or clean features currently in compliance.**

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## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BREAKDOWN STATUS

### A. PUMP STATION TURNOVER

1. Six (6) pump stations will be turned over to Gary. These include Burr Street, Grant, Broadway, and Ironwood. It also includes two (2) lift stations at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Cleveland and Marshalltown.
2. An inspection of the six (6) pump stations in Gary was held on September 4 & 5, 2007 with the COE, representatives from Gary, and the LCRBDC.
  - Currently, all (6) stations are operational and will be re-inspected before the end of June 2008.
  - Until O&M is turned over, the LCRBDC is responsible for their operation.
3. Survey work for the six (6) pump stations has been completed and was provided to the LCRBDC attorney on March 23, 2007, and will require coordination with the city of Gary attorney as part of the O&M turnover. (Ongoing)

### B. SLUICE GATE/FLAP GATE TURNOVER

1. General Note: There are a total of 51 different closure areas in the East Reach.
  - Gary (41 sluice gates/41 flap gates)
  - Griffith (4 sluice gates/4 flap gates)
  - INDOT (6 sluice gates/6 flap gates)
  - INDOT gates were included as part of this inspection
  - Griffith gates were inspected on October 25, 2007 as part of the overall O&M turnover to Griffith
2. Sluice/Flap Gate Clean-up & Repairs
  - **Received a summarization table from Austgen Electric on April 25, 2008 indicating the status of all (17) different locations. (13) are completed, (2) are partially completed, and (2) are scheduled to be done shortly.**
3. Prior to the most recent storms of late August, 2007, the LCRBDC had completed cleaning and remediation of most of the features in Gary.
  - After the storm, many flap gates were stuck open again. This will all have to be done again at an additional cost.
  - **Low bid from Austgen Electric to do this work was \$60,529.00 for (17) locations. Awarded December 26, 2007. Work being done in 2008.**

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#### C. LEVEE, I-WALL TURNOVER

1. Levee, I-wall, and collector ditch inspections will be completed before the end of June, 2008.
  - The most recent levee inspections were held on August 13 (August 14 was a rain-out), August 15, and August 16, 2007.
  - Stage V-1 (Wicker Park Manor), located between Indianapolis Blvd and the NSRR, south of the river, was held with Highland on August 13, 2007.
  - Burr Street betterment levee (EJ&E to Colfax) south of the NIPSCO r/w, was held with Griffith on August 13, 2007.
2. The general observation was that some levee tops were rutted and needed to be filled and graded, seeding was needed in many areas due to herbiciding for the landscaping Phase II project, and some trees needed to be removed from side slopes that could be impacting the structural portion of the levees.
  - Some of this remediation still needs to be completed prior to the upcoming inspection.

#### D. TRANSFER OF EXCESS LANDS TO CITY OF GARY (Lands will not be transferred until city of Gary signs off on acceptance of O&M responsibility)

1. Transfer of excess lands (approximately 359 acres) were discussed as part of a meeting held with the city of Gary on March 22, 2007. Gary is in concurrence with the format of the agreement. (Ongoing between attorneys)
2. A letter was sent to City of Gary attorney requesting that we proceed with coordination of agreements and what is required for land transfers of LCRBDC properties on September 22, 2006. (Ongoing between attorneys)
3. Surveys were completed on April 25, 2006 for excess lands which include acreage west of Clay Street, south of the NIPSCO R/W, east of I-65, and north of and adjacent to Burns Ditch. (This is approximately 196 acres)
  - The other area is between Chase and Grant adjacent to both sides of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue (This is approximately 189 acres).
  - This information was provided to the LCRBDC and city of Gary attorneys in October, 2006. (Ongoing)

#### E. TURNOVER OF SPARE PARTS, MANUALS, AND "AS-BUILT" DRAWINGS (COMPLETED)

1. Spare Part Turnover Process
  - A meeting was held with Debra Harris (United Water – Purchasing/Warehouse Manager) on June 13, 2006 to pick up inventory list of "spare parts for pump stations", which are stored on GSD facilities in November 2005.
  - A re-inventory will be done to get a current list of what is stored at GSD.

#### F. GRIFFITH – O&M TURNOVER (GENERAL)

1. In addition to the certification of the existing Cline to EJ&E RR levee, Griffith will also be required for O&M responsibility from EJ&E RR to Colfax (Burr St. Phase I & southern part of Stage IV-1 South).
  - A meeting will be scheduled to discuss O&M responsibilities and turnover coordination. (Ongoing)



- Sluice/flap gate inspections were held with the Corps and Griffith on October 25, 2007 (2008 inspections will be scheduled before the end of June 2008)

### **GENERAL SUMMARIZATION (WEST REACH TURNOVER)**

#### **A. North 5<sup>th</sup> Pump Station Turnover**

1. A final inspection was held with Highland on February 28, 2006 (Contractor was Overstreet)
  - This letter also summarized their contractual obligations, and a sequence of events to complete the punch list. They demonstrated an unsatisfactory performance on this contract and have failed to complete these items in a timely manner.
2. Pump Station turnover coordination
  - Turned over (2) sets of "as-built" drawings to the town of Highland along with a set of Volumes 1 & 2 of the Operation & Maintenance Manual on March 23, 2007
3. Training, spare parts, and final testing was completed in late July, 2007 and a coordination meeting was held with Highland to begin the O&M turnover process.
4. Minor items of construction need to be completed prior to final turnover.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION**

#### **General:**

An email was sent to the Corps on December 28, 2007 addressing ongoing, miscellaneous emergency response issues.

**NOTE:** Refer to Item #5 of this report on page 2 in the General Summarization Section. The municipalities have been provided O&M manuals for review. There is a section of this manual that requires emergency response information.

#### **A. Acceptance of Emergency Response by each project municipality**

1. A meeting will be scheduled in **June 2008** with the COE, LCRBDC, USGS, the National Weather Service, and representatives from all five (5) communities.
  - COE requires turnover, and sign-off, by each municipality to assume responsibility for their community to comply with COE plan during a flood, and to submit a plan as part of their overall community emergency response plan.
2. Post and panel closures at Chase Street along the north line of protection and on 35<sup>th</sup> Street along the south line of protection are impractical to install during a flood event.
  - There is a possibility that the Corps will modify these closures for easier installation as part of the 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street drainage contract.

#### **B. Coordination with INDOT after late August 2007 floods impacting Kennedy Avenue and Indianapolis Blvd.**



1. An initial meeting was held with INDOT, Earth Tech (INDOT consultant), Corps, and the LCRBDC on September 17, 2007 to discuss future impacts, emergency response coordination, and action plans.
  - INDOT submitted request to Hammond (copies the Corps) on October 22, to replace the existing flap gate with a “duckbill” gate at both Kennedy Avenue and Indianapolis Blvd.
  - INDOT submitted a letter to the LCRBDC and copied the Corps on March 10, 2008 (received March 17, 2008) requesting written permission from the LCRBDC to replace (2) existing flap gates (east of Kennedy, north of river, and east of Indianapolis Blvd, north of river) with Tideflex “duckbill” flood valves.
  - LCRBDC sent an email to the Corps on March 18, 2008 requesting that they had reviewed, and approved, the drawings for installing “duckbill” gates for assurance of compliance with Corps requirements.
2. A meeting was held with INDOT, Earth Tech, Garcia L E, and the LCRBDC on October 11, 2007 to discuss surveying and tying in Corps and INDOT surveys that show culvert, ditch, levee, highway, and roadways.
  - LCRBDC will establish a mark in the vicinity of the flap gate as to when to close sluice gate. (Ongoing)
  - Waiting for Corps response to March 18, 2008 email.(Ongoing)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Received a letter and prints from GRW Engineers, Inc. on February 19, 2007 requesting coordination, and easements on LCRBDC property (where flood protection has been completed west of Grant Street) to install a pump station and 30” water line to expand water service in Lake County.
  1. This will be the responsibility of the LCRBDC in the future, after all construction is completed, to coordinate any construction, easements, agreements, as part of the O&M turnover.
  2. Met with GRW on June 28, 2007 (Doug Corey) and reviewed their modified plans, real estate requirements, and did a site visit for field familiarization.
    - LCRBDC submitted a summarization of the upcoming coordination required with them, the Corps, and the LCRBDC.
  3. LCRBDC received a “denial notice for construction in a floodway” from the IDNR on September 28, 2007
    - Reasons for denial listed
    - Email questioning status sent to GRW on October 27, 2007
  4. Received a call from GRW on March 17, 2008 indicating they will be re-applying and they will provide a letter requesting procedural information, and also re-submitting their latest design. (Ongoing)
- B. At the request of the LCRBDC, regarding Stage VIII, the Corps agreed to provide (4) electric sluice gate operators.
  - These can be used by Hammond and Munster during emergency response operations for closing sluice gates during floods.

**Jim Pokrajac**

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**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <william.A.Rochford@usace.army.mil>  
**Cc:** "Imad Samara" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>; <dgardner@nirpc.org>; "Arlene Colvin" <acolvin@ci.gary.in.us>; <wbiller@hammondsd.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 2:49 PM  
**Subject:** 2008 Inspections

Bill,

Recently you and I had talked about upcoming inspections for the flood control features for our project for 2008, and that they need to be completed before the end of your third quarter (June 30th). What is your current plan. The levees are easily visible now and will start growing very soon with the warmer weather coming, the sluice/flap gate repairs and cleaning are almost completed and the longer we wait the more likely they will need to be cleaned again, and the pump stations are pretty much operational at this point in time. If we wait another month or two, more items may have to be repeated for clean-up or repair. Also, you had mentioned that we may be doing inspections segmentally rather than by features. The problem is that if we do it by segment I need to have more, and different, personnel available for each one. For instance, I use United Water to help with the operation of sluice gates, and they would not be needed for levees. People from the Gary Sanitary District would have different personnel for pump stations. For levees, only a field rep from Greeley and Hansen was needed in the past. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

Thanks,

Jim Pokrajac

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4/27/2008



## Jim Pokrajac

**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <mike@austgen.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 5:01 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Flap & Sluice

Mike,

Thanks for the summarization table. It appears that (13) of the 17 are 100% complete, and 5 remain. Weather permitting, could you give me an idea of when these will be done. Our board meeting is next Wednesday, May 7th, and I am sure the commissioners would ask that question.

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

**From:** Mike Austgen  
**To:** 'Jim Pokrajac'  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 8:39 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Flap & Sluice

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**From:** Jim Pokrajac [mailto:jpokrajac@nirpc.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 12:09 PM  
**To:** mike@austgen.com  
**Subject:** Re: Flap & Sluice

Mike,

Could you please give me a total summarization sheet I could use for my end of the month report as to what the original total was, how many are complete, how many remain, and what locations these are. By the way, the corps has not let me know when we will be doing the annual inspections, but I will let you know when they set the dates.

Thanks,

Jim

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

**From:** Mike Austgen  
**To:** 'Jim Pokrajac'  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 8:20 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Flap & Sluice

Jim, these are complete and while they were there and they were so close they cleaned the burr street intake structure again. There were two bushel baskets full of debris on the screen after one rain. This gate should be cleaned after each significant rain.

Mike

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**From:** Mike Mitsch [mailto:mmitsch@austgen.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 8:02 AM  
**To:** mike@austgen.com  
**Subject:** Flap & Sluice

# 6 Flap gate done  
# 8b Flap gate done

4/29/2008

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10/24/2007				
Location	Total	Invoice # Completed	12258 Billed	% Complete
5 sluice - clean sluice gate. 10" of sand in hole. Install adapter	\$ 10,350.00			0%
6 Clean flap Gate	\$ 2,575.00	04/24/08	\$2,575.00	100%
8b Clean flap gate	\$ 2,575.00	04/24/08	\$2,575.00	100%
9A flap - clean flap gate	\$ 2,575.00	03/26/08	\$2,575.00	100%
10A sluice - free sluice. Clean flap. Install 90 degree zerk. Lube. Install adapter (need crane)	\$ 3,885.00	03/08/08	\$3,885.00	100%
10B flap - clean flap. Install 90 degree zerk. Lube. Install adapter	\$ 2,285.00	03/08/08	\$2,285.00	100%
12a sluice - free sluice. Install adapter. Install 90 degree zerk. Lube. (need boat)	\$ 3,112.00	03/08/08	\$3,112.00	100%
13a sluice & grate - adjust gauge. Lube. Clean grate	\$ 1,785.00	03/08/08	\$1,785.00	100%
14b flap - clean flap. Install 90 degree zerk. Lube. Install adapter	\$ 3,012.00			0%
17 sluices - close sluice and weld door so it won't opean	\$ 2,600.00	03/08/08	\$2,600.00	100%
20a flap - remove concrete	\$ 6,075.00	Partial	\$1,077.17	18%
20b flap - remove concrete	\$ 6,075.00	Partial	\$1,077.18	18%
24a flap - clean flap	\$ 2,575.00	12/01/07	\$2,575.00	100%
24b flap - clean flap	\$ 2,575.00	12/02/07	\$2,575.00	100%
25 sluice & flap - clean sluice & flap	\$ 4,125.00	03/26/08	\$4,125.00	100%
29 flap - clean flap	\$ 2,575.00	03/26/08	\$2,575.00	100%
32 flap - clean flap. Check to see if pumps are switching with each other by hour meters	\$ 1,775.00	12/02/07	\$1,775.00	100%
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 60,529.00	<b>Totals</b>	\$37,171.35	61%

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
FROM: LOUIS M. CASALE  
SUBJECT: OUTLINE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACT WITH LAKE ERIE LAND PUMP  
FOR WETLAND BANKING.  
DATE: APRIL 2, 2008

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A meeting was held between a Committee of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Officers of the Lake Erie Land Company pertaining to the proposal made by Lake Erie Land Company to the Commission for developing a Wetland Bank on 32 + or - acres in Lake County Indiana owned by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. The proposal is summarized as follows:

*Rob Wolfe*

1. Lake Erie Land Company is willing to enter into a Contract to develop, operate and market a mitigation Wetland bank within the 27 to 32 acre parcel owned, by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission in Lake County Indiana adjacent to the existing Lake Erie Wetland mitigation bank. ✓
2. The Option fee will be \$10,000.00 paid full upon execution of the Option Agreement *NON refundable* ✓
3. The Option would run to January 1, 2009 and would allow Lake Erie Land sufficient time to apply for, and hopefully obtain, necessary permits to develop the Wetland Bank on behalf of the Commission. ✓
4. Upon execution of the Option by Lake Erie Land an additional payment of \$95,000.00 will be made to the Commission. ✓
5. Upon sale of Wetland mitigation credits Lake Erie Land Company will pay the Commission 10% of the proceeds in sales <sup>+</sup> plus place \$750.00 per acre to be held in an escrow account for maintenance of their project. ✓

*put in again -*

Louis M. Casale  
Attorney Little Calumet River  
Basin Development Commission

# **LAND ACQUISITION REPORT**

**For meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

***(Information in this report is based upon latest data provided at the time the report is put together. Dates and costs may vary depending upon ongoing design and/or coordination with the Army Corps.***

***Report period is from March 27 – April 30, 2008)***

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## **EAST REACH – REMAINING ACQUISITIONS**

1. This stage still has about 25 flowage easements that need to be acquired. They are not high-priority and can be acquired as time permits.
  - Emphasis now is on finishing Stage VII and VIII. Any East Reach parcels left will be “cleaned-up” after construction of the project is completed.
2. **The new drainage overflow area at 28<sup>th</sup> and Chase Streets in Gary consists of six acquisitions. Four of the appraisals are currently under review. Two appraisals need to be completed. Landowners consist of (1) INDOT, (2) Gary, and (3) privates.**

## **STATUS (Stage V-Phase 2) Kennedy Avenue to Northcote, both North and South levees**

1. Right-of-entry was signed 7/11/07. Eleven options were attached. Since July, we have acquired 9 of those acquisitions. Two remain:
  - A. **NIPSCO** – (DC-1112/1113) Attorneys are close to agreement on the NIPSCO easement language. NIPSCO Real Estate and Engineering are now reviewing our surveys to accept our offer and sign the easements.
  - B. **NSRR** - (DC-1169) Negotiations are still continuing with the Corps and railroad.

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

### **Land Acquisition deadline April 30, 2005**

1. Final inspection scheduled in mid-January, 2008 pending weather – Has been rescheduled for mid-May, 2008, pending weather.

## **STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia: The designation for this Stage is Stage VII – Hammond (North of the river) and Stage VII-Munster (South of the river)**

1. All 14 offers for easements north of the river have been made. Two of three private landowners have accepted.
2. The easements to be signed by all (3) Hammond entities were presented to Hammond at a meeting in the city Engineer's Office on February 15, 2008
  - Easements for the city and for the Redevelopment Commission were approved and will now be recorded. We are awaiting approval of easements from the Parks & Recreation Department.
  - **DC-1205 – Easement agreements given to Hammond Redevelopment on April 29. / to be presented to their Board at their next meeting for approval.**
  - **All city of Hammond easements are signed. Picked up at Hammond City Hall on April 25, 2008.**
3. All 33 offers for Munster landowners on the south side of the river were delivered in August 2007. We are in negotiations with one private landowner; three landowners cannot be located and are in condemnation to clean up the chain of title.



- All engineering review for 50% BCOE starting. Distributed to all municipalities and utilities on May 1. Prior drawings for review were provided, but were 6 years old and were not updated. 2
- 4. LCRBDC met with Hammond Parks Dept. to discuss signing of easements owned by the Parks Dept. In Stage VIII, the Stage VII staging area west of Columbia has been eliminated because of impact to 30-40 parking spaces adjacent to Riverside Park.
  - A meeting was held with the Corps, LCRBDC, and representatives from the Hammond Engineering and Parks Departments on April 2, 2008. (Refer to Engineering Report for notes from the meeting)
  - (2) easements – DC1202A&B and DC-1209 have been submitted for approval at the next Hammond Park Board meeting (Currently being reviewed by city of Hammond for impacts to property)

**STAGE 7 – ALPHA (Gatewell structure west of Northcote, north of river)**

1. The LCRBDC signed the right-of-entry for the authorization for entry for construction in this area on March 25, 2008 indicating all real estate required for this work has been acquired.

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

1. All residential offers are out.
2. Two new acquisitions near and on Munster Med-Inn property have been assigned by the Army Corps. We are waiting on surveys to start the appraisal process.
3. One of our surveying companies did not include a Corps amendment to real estate by taking a 12' permanent easement where a 15' easement was needed out from the toe of the levee. The 12' easement is acceptable now for construction and for signing the ROE; but we have to acquire the extra 3' at a later date.
4. In meeting with representatives from the Hammond Parks Dept. on March 11, 2008, a memo was sent out on March 19, 2008 indicating we will schedule a field meeting for staging usage south of the ball fields at Riverside Park (may combine Stage VII & VIII staging areas adjacent to each other).
  - The field meeting has held on April 2, 2008. (Refer to Engineering Report for notes on this meeting)
5. Received a letter from Ruth Mores from the "Southmoor Road group" in Hammond dated February 28, 2008 (received February 29) with a series of questions and concerns regarding impacts to their neighborhood and would like to have them addressed prior to the next neighborhood meeting. (Response ongoing) 3
6. A meeting was held with NICTD on April 22, 2008 to present the easement agreements for signatures and discuss any issues.
  - An email was sent to NICTD on April 27 addressing some engineering issues that need to be addressed prior to their signing the easement agreements. 4
7. A meeting was held with the city of Hammond Engineer on April 11, 2008 presenting easement packages for the city of Hammond and the Sanitary District to present at their upcoming Board meetings (10 easements for city of Hammond; and 7 easements with the HSD). 5-8
8. A meeting is being scheduled with INDOT to present (4) easements for this segment. 9-10

**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 September, 2005**

1. The ROE was signed by the LCRBDC on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and forwarded to the Army Corps.



2. Construction started mid June 2007.
3. Current construction completion date is July 20, 2008.

#### **PUMP STATION REHABILITATION – CONTRACT 2**

1. Received an email from the Corps on November 19, 2007 indicating that the contract was broken up and that 2A will include pump rebuilds of the (2) smaller stations – Forest Avenue/173<sup>rd</sup> St., and Tapper Avenue. Pump Station 2B contract will include Indianapolis Blvd., Jackson Avenue, and the Southside Pump Stations.
2. **Property Surveys**
  - Property identification has been completed by DLZ and **they have completed all plats and legals for all (5) stations.**
  - **The easement agreements for all (5) pump stations have been completed and given to the HSD on April 15. They were approved to be signed.**

#### **GRIFFITH GOLF CENTER (North of NIPSCO R/W, East of Cline Avenue)**

1. LCRBDC was directed by the COE to obtain a flowage easement on the entire property in a letter dated October 7, 2005. Appraisal was completed and reviewed. Offer was sent 8/16/06, landowner rejected offer and requested modifications to the design for future development.
2. Landowner met with Corps and LCRBDC on 1/10/07 to discuss modifications to the real estate requirements. Owner's possible buyer submitted plans that address hydrology concerns and the CORPS has approved.
3. LCRBDC wrote a letter of support to the IDNR on June 22, 2007 indicating that the landowner's plan is compatible with the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project and provides additional (compensatory) storage for flood waters. (Ongoing)
  - LCRBDC received a public notice for permit application from V3 (Realty agent) dated May 7, 2007 and received May 25, 2007. (Ongoing.)

#### **CREDITING:**

##### **1. INDOT CREDITING**

- A. LCRBDC has requested credit to the project for the bridges reconstructed as part of the project - Indianapolis Blvd., Cline Avenue, Grant and Georgia Streets.
- B. The Army Corps from Detroit agreed to help the LCRBDC with INDOT bridge crediting coordination.
  - A meeting, and field inspection, was held with their representative on July 31 and August 1, 2007, to familiarize them with the INDOT construction.
  - They have already obtained some data for Indianapolis Boulevard, Cline Avenue, Grant St., and Georgia. (Ongoing)
- C. A conference call with INDOT and Chicago/Detroit Corps, and the LCRBDC was held on November 29, 2007 to discuss points of contact for information and coordination. (Ongoing)
2. **We have submitted to Detroit the Woodmar/Cabela final appraisal for crediting. Detroit Corps has sent it on to Headquarters in Cincinnati for review and approval. We expect crediting in the amount of \$1,875,000 for the Cabela's easements.**



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Mr. Rick Calinski  
City of Hammond  
Planning & Development  
649 Conkey  
Hammond, Indiana 46324

Re: Stage VII easements needed from the Hammond  
Redevelopment Commission

Dear Rick:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies each of the respective easements needed for the Little Calumet River flood protection/recreation project. These are easements that are needed from the Hammond Redevelopment Commission for the levee segment in Stage VII (Northcote to Columbia, north of the river). I have enclosed an overall map showing where this property is located. We have identified these easements with a DC number, which is our way of tracking the easements. The enclosed easements are:

	<u>Easement needed</u>	<u>Owner</u>
DC-1205	Flood Protection Levee Easement	Hammond Redevelopment Comm.
DC-1205	Temporary Work Area Easement	Hammond Redevelopment Comm.

We respectfully request the Hammond Redevelopment Commission donate these easements to the Development Commission to enable the Federal construction to move forward. The donation would show considerable municipal support and help in leveraging the 75% Federal construction dollars being secured by Congressman Visclosky. The donation of Hammond easements in the past have helped the Commission considerably and are very much appreciated.

Please have the appropriate person sign and date the easements, including the notary. Please return all documents back to our office and, after recording the easements, we will return two fully executed, recorded copies back to you for your records.

The Development Commission appreciates your willingness to work with us and thank you for your consideration of our request. The Commission is working on an accelerated schedule and would appreciate whatever you could do to expedite the execution of these agreements. If you have any questions or need any other information, please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
encl.  
cc:

Tom McDermott, *Mayor of Hammond*  
William Biller, *LCRBDC Chairman*  
Lou Casale, *LCRBDC attorney*



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Chicago District

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Jim Pokrajac  
Little Calumet River Basin  
Development Commission

Date 30-Apr-08

Thru:

Project No: Little Calumet River Flood  
Control Project

Re: Stage VII Levee 50% BCOE Review

Attn:

X

No. of Copies	
10	Half Size 50% BCOE Review Plans
10	50% BCOE Review Specifications

Sent to you for the following reason:

☐ For Approval

☐ Review Completed

☐ Revise and Resubmit

☐ For Your Use

☐ Not Reviewed

☐ Returned

☒ For Review and Comment

Other:

**Remarks:** Please review and comment on the enclosed plans and specifications for Stage VII. Please provide your comments in Dr. Check by May 16, 2008. The 10 copies included should be sufficient to coordinate these plans and specification with the local municipalities and utilities. It is very important that you provide most of your written comments in Dr. Checks by May 16, 2008. A plan-in-hand meeting will be held on May 15, 2008, it would help the design team to review the comments on the week of May 12 so that they can develop an agenda for the meeting based on the comments. Everyone's comments have to be interred in Dr. Checks you need to contact Matt Cunningham at 312-846-5416 to add you in the system.

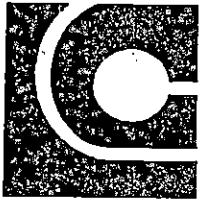
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Signed:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District  
111 North Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206, (312) 846-5560, FAX (312) 353-4256

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April 23, 2008

Mr. John Parsons  
Northern Indiana Commuter  
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33 East U. S. Highway 12  
Chesterton, Indiana 46304

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Enclosed please find four copies of the Flood Protection Levee Easement needed from NICTD for the Little Calumet River flood protection/recreation project. This is an easement that is needed for the upcoming construction segment known as Stage VIII (Columbia Avenue to the state line, both sides of the river in Hammond and Munster). The Army Corps of Engineers has identified May 30, 2008 to advertise this segment, and the Development Commission has been directed to obtain all easements by the middle of May in order to keep to the current schedule for bid award.

The Commission has previously provided plans and specifications to you for review and had a field meeting to show similar types of installations. In addition, the Army Corps provided cross-sectional information, as per your request, showing installation data. The Commission will notify you when the pre-construction meeting is scheduled.

We respectfully request NICTD to donate this easement to the Commission to enable the Federal construction to move forward quickly. The donation would show considerable public/private agency support and helps in leveraging the 75% Federal construction dollars being secured by Congressman Visclosky.

If agreeable to the terms and conditions contained therein, kindly have the appropriate persons sign and date the easements, including the notary. Please return all documents back to our office and, after recording the easement, we will return two copies back to you for your files.

The Commission appreciates your willingness to work with us in a timely manner and we thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or need any other information, please feel free to call at any time.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

encl.

cc: Jerry Hanas, Christopher Beck, Bruce Thevenin, NICTD  
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney  
James Pokrajac, Judith Vamos, LCRBDC

**Jim Pokrajac**

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**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <chris.beck@nictd.com>; "John Parsons" <john.parsons@nictd.com>  
**Cc:** <dgardner@nirpc.org>; "Imad Samara" <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>;  
 <frank.t.lewandowski@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 2:27 PM  
**Attach:** C-25.pdf; C-06.pdf; C-14.pdf; C-24.pdf  
**Subject:** Fw: Corps Drawings at NICTD Crossing

Chris,

I would like to thank you, Bruce, and John Parsons for meeting with Dan Gardner on April 22nd to discuss and review the easement agreements on NICTD property on or adjacent to I 80/94. Dan explained that there is some concern regarding the impacts of our construction relative to your railroad bed and rails. As per your request during the army corps review process, I had my surveyor provide cross-sectional detail for the center of our line of protection where it intersects and crosses your R/W. This information was forwarded to the Buffalo Corps (the designer for this phase of flood control), which was incorporated into the final design. I have attached the appropriate drawings showing the impact of our project to your current R/W. Please review these and let me know if it addresses your concerns regarding future expansion of your line. The LCRBDC and the army corps will be available to have a conference call or a field meeting to assure your concerns are addressed and/or clarified. Please let me know what we can do to help proceed with the signing of the easement documents.

Thank you,

Jim Pokrajac

--- Original Message -----

**From:** Gregg Heinzman  
**To:** Jim Pokrajac  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:08 AM  
**Subject:** Corps Drawings at NICTD Crossing

Jim,

Attached are the best drawings to give the railroad. The drawings we prepared for Janet were detailed for her use and don't show the big picture of what's going on at the railroad. Let me know if these meet your needs.

**Gregg L. Heinzman PE SE LS**  
 Senior Vice President

## **Garcia Consulting Engineers**

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 Hammond, IN 46324 Fax: 219.989.3321

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4/27/2008



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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LOU CASALE  
*Attorney*

April 11, 2008

Mr. Stan Dostatni  
City Engineer  
City of Hammond  
5925 Calumet Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Re: Stage VIII easements needed from the City of Hammond

Dear Stan:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies each of each respective easement needed for the Little Calumet River flood protection/recreation project. These are easements that are needed from the city of Hammond, as well as the Hammond Sanitary District for the levee segment in Stage VIII (Columbia to the state line, north of the river). I have enclosed an overall map showing where these properties are located. All of the properties are identified with DC numbers, which is our way of tracking the easements. The enclosed easements are:

	<u>Easement needed</u>	<u>Owner</u>
DC-1205-A	Flood Protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement	City of Hammond
DC-1300	Flood Protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement Staging Area (reverts to flowage) Flowage Easement Perpetual Pump Station Easement (for Tapper Avenue pump station)	City of Hammond
DC-1305	Flood Protection Levee Easement	City of Hammond
DC-1306	Flood Protection Levee Easement	City of Hammond
DC-1308	Flood Protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement	City of Hammond
DC-1317	Flood Protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement	City of Hammond
DC-1345	Permanent Roadway Easement	City of Hammond

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DC-1402	Perpetual Pump Station Easement Temporary Work Area Easement (for Forest Avenue Pump Station)	City of Hammond
DC-1404	Temporary Work Area Easement (for Jackson Avenue Pump Station)	City of Hammond
DC-1406	Temporary Work Area Easement (for Southside Pump Station)	City of Hammond

We respectfully request the City of Hammond and the Hammond Sanitary District donate these easements to the Development Commission to enable the Federal construction to move forward. The donation would show considerable municipal support and help in leveraging the 75% Federal construction dollars being secured by Congressman Visclosky. The donation of Hammond easements in the past have helped the Commission considerably and are very much appreciated.

Please have the appropriate person sign and date the easements, including the notary. Please return all documents back to our office and, after recording the easements, we will return two fully executed, recorded copies back to you for your records.

The Development Commission appreciates your willingness to work with us and thank you for your consideration of our request. The Commission is working on an accelerated schedule and would appreciate whatever you could do to expedite the execution of these agreements. If you have any questions or need any other information, please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,



Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
encl.

cc: Tom McDermott, *Mayor of Hammond*  
William Biller, *LCRBDC Chairman*  
Lou Casale, *LCRBDC attorney*



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LOU CASALE  
Attorney

April 11, 2008

Dr. Michael Unger  
Hammond Sanitary District  
5143 Columbia Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46327

Dear Dr. Unger:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies each of the respective easements needed for the Little Calumet River Flood Protection/Recreation project. The easements consist of levee, temporary work area, and perpetual pump station easement agreements. The levee and temporary work area easements are located in the next stage of construction and the pump station easements will be let in two separate contracts consisting of Forest Avenue and Tapper Avenue as the Pump Station Phase 2A contract and the Indianapolis Blvd, Jackson Avenue, and Southside as the Pump Station Phase 2B contract. These are existing pump stations currently owned, operated, and maintained by the Hammond Sanitary District. As part of the flood protection/recreation project for the Little Calumet River, the Army Corps of Engineers is upgrading and rebuilding these existing pump stations. After construction of the new stations, we will be sending you an Operation & Maintenance Agreement for each station for your approval.

All of the properties are identified with DC numbers, which is our way of tracking the easements. The enclosed easements are:

	<u>Easement needed</u>	<u>Owner</u>
DC-1309	Flood Protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement	Hammond Sanitary District
DC-1311	Flood Protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement	Hammond Sanitary District
DC-1367	Flood protection Levee Easement Temporary Work Area Easement	Hammond Sanitary District
DC-1396	Temporary Work Area Easement	Hammond Sanitary District

Dr. Michael Unger  
April 11, 2008  
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DC-1403	Perpetual Pump Station Easement Temporary Work Area Easement (for Jackson Avenue Pump Station)	Hammond Sanitary District
DC-1405	Perpetual Pump Station Easement Temporary Work Area Easement (for Southside Pump Station)	Hammond Sanitary District
DC-1407	Perpetual Pump Station Easement Temporary Work Area Easement (for Indianapolis Blvd. Pump Station)	Hammond Sanitary District

We are requesting comprehensive approval of all the remaining easements needed from the Hammond Sanitary District in order to meet the requirement to have easements available to the Army Corps by the first week of May. Will you please process these agreements for approval and obtain the necessary signatures, then return all copies back to this office for counter signature. After recording the easements, we will send back to you two fully executed copies of each agreement for your files.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,



Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
encl.

cc: Tom McDermott, *Mayor of Hammond*  
William Biller, *LCRBDC Chairman*  
Lou Casale, *LCRBDC attorney*

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**Jim Pokrajac**

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**From:** "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>  
**To:** <mmcphillips@indot.in.gov>; <mmcguire@indot.in.gov>; <thagenow@indot.in.gov>  
**Cc:** <dgardner@nirpc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 4:31 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Indot Meeting- Stage VIII

Mike,

Following are five (5) different easements we would like to get from Indot that will be lands needed to construct, or work upon, for the flood control project for the Little Calumet River in Northwest Indiana. These particular easements are primarily along I-80/94, or adjacent to it, between Kennedy Avenue and the Illinois State Line. It is the same format for agreements we have used in the past, and had coordinated with Mike McGuire. Additionally, we had forwarded the design drawings to a number of Indot personnel and/or consultants for review and comments (I will forward you a separate e-mail most recently dated October 3, 2007 showing you a trail of review and the personnel involved representing Indot). It is the intent of the army corps to advertise this segment between Columbia Avenue and the State line along both sides of the river no later than the end of May this year. These parcels are critical to us signing the right-of-entry in order to let the corps advertise this project within the designated time frame.

Dan Gardner (The LCRBDC director and myself would like to meet with you, Mike McGuire, and anyone else you feel should attend to discuss the signing of the easement agreements. Could you possibly provide me with some dates and times that would be good for you, possibly next week, and let us confirm a date. We would meet at your office, would bring the easement agreements, and also the engineering drawings that could be referenced during our meeting. If there is anything else you would need us to bring please let me know.

Thank you,

Jim Pokrajac  
 Agent, Engineering/Land Management  
 Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
 6100 Southport Road  
 Portage, Indiana 46368  
 Phone - (219)763-0696  
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1. DC-1301- This is a small parcel of land directly East of the Unity Church North of the river and West of Calumet Avenue. Probably part of their overall Calumet Ave. interchange real estate that would allow for future expansion. Total acreage approx. 0.118 acres for permanent easement useage (Stage VIII))
2. DC-1310- This is the area of land West of Calumet Avenue and South of I-80/94 that was previously used by Indot for staging as part of their overall I-80/94 construction. We already had verbal communication and they seemed to have no objection. Total acreage is for a Temporary Work Area Easement- 0.65 acres, more or less (Stage VIII)
3. DC-1337- This request is for some land on the I-80/94 R/W between the NICTD RR and the Illinois State Line. The Flood Protection Levee Easements total approx. 2.96 acres, more or less, that lie outside their embankments, but afford minimum impacts to roadways or residents. There are 6 separate locations. (Stage VIII)

4. DC-1343- This is the small parcel of land East of Hohman Avenue and North of the river that lies in the Southwest corner of Mrs. Wasik's property. Total acreage of this parcel is approx. 0.031 acres of Flood Protection Levee Easement; we will need the entire parcel. (Stage VIII)

5. DC-1408- This is a parcel of land on the I-80/94 R/W between Kennedy Ave. and Indpls. Blvd. adjacent to the existing Indianapolis Boulevard Pump Station that abuts their North R/W line. This is a Temporary Work Area Easement that will allow the necessary area to work around this station as part of their overall re-hab contract. Total acreage of the easement is approx. 0.026 acres that reverts back to the owner 6 months after completion of construction. (Pump Station 2B)

This is a quick summary of the 5 easements we need to get from Indot. Do we preliminarily need to share this with Indot (Mike Monahan) before we meet with, or talk with them?

Please let me know what you would like to do next,

Jim



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3 motions:

- (1) Motion to approve "Corrected" March claims sheet in the amount of \$203,850.18  
(distributed on table in front of each Commissioner)
- (2) Motion to approve April claims sheet in the amount of \$133,920.06 (page 11-12-13)
- (3) Motion to approve O&M claims in the amount of \$8,478.07 (p.14)

# CORRECTED

## CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 283.33	Monthly Retainer Through 3/21/08
5812	NIRPC	\$14,085.52	Services performed January 2008
5821	Sandy Mordus	\$ 28.80	March mileage
5823	Don Powers Insurance Agency	\$ 6,406.25	Directors & Officers yearly renewal policy
5824	VERIZON	<del>\$ 261.20</del> <b>\$137.14</b>	Billing period 3/16 - 4/16/08 (KRBC <b>\$124.06</b> )
5824	AT&T	<del>\$ 415.37</del> <b>\$393.14</b>	Billing period 2/14 - 3/13/08 (KRBC <b>\$22.23</b> )
5841	Bochnowski Appraisal Company	\$ 6,600.00	Appraisals re: DC-1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1326, 1334, 1335, and 1343
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1311
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1318
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1320
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1321
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1322
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1323
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1324
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1326
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1334
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1335
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1345
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1346
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1349
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1350
<del>5841</del>	<del>Allstate Appraisal</del>	<del>\$ 750.00</del>	<del>Appraisal re: DC-750</del>
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 350.00	Appraisal re: DC-1303
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1310
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1337
5841	Allstate Appraisal	\$ 750.00	Appraisal re: DC-1307
5841	The Gorman Group, Ltd.	\$ 9,500.00	Appraisals re: DC-1344, 1315, 1317, 1337, 1303, 1304, 1310, 1302
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1236
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1237
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1239
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 315.00	Title work re: DC-1232
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-837
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-838
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-840
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-841
5843	Ticor Title Insurance Company	\$ 415.00	Title work re: DC-842
5843	Meridian Title Corporation	\$ 100.00	Title work re: DC-1174
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 198.75	Crediting Technician services 2/19-2/27/08
5844	Sandy Mordus	\$ 92.75	Crediting Technician services 3/3 - 3/13/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 3,121.93	Land Acquisition Agent services 2/18-2/27/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 3,308.00	Land Acquisition Agent services 3/3-3/14/08
5844	Judy Vamos	\$ 21.60	February mileage
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,002.25	Crediting Tech 7 Land Acq. Asst. 2/19-2/28/08
5844	Lorraine Kray	\$ 1,033.90	Crediting Tech & Land Acq. Asst. 3/4-3/13/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,173.35	Engineering/Land Agent 2/18-2/29/08

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**CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2008**

<b>ACCT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPLANATION OF CLAIM</b>
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 5,002.80	Engineering/Land Agent 3/3 - 3/14/08
5844	James Pokrajac	\$ 311.60	February mileage
5846	Valparaiso Insurance Professionals	\$51,660.00	General Liability insurance 4/5/08 - 4/5/09
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,090.00	Professional services re: DC-1394
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,365.00	Professional services re: DC-1384
5847	DLZ	\$ 1,890.00	Professional services re: DC-1300
5847	DLZ	\$ 690.00	Professional services re: Stage VII
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 121.00	Utility Relocation Legal Services thru 3/21/08
5849	Casale, Woodward & Buls LLP	\$ 7,086.28	Land Acquisition Legal Services through 3/21/08
5849	SEH	\$ 559.75	Utility services - Gatewell 7 Alpha
5849	SEH	\$ 3,390.92	Utility services - Stage VIII
5861	Lake County Recorder	\$ 90.00	To record easements re: DC-1233, 1375, 1383
5861	Brian Grskovich	\$ 5,000.00	Purchase price of DC-1357
5861	Joseph Grzych	\$ 7,959.00	Purchase price of DC-1379
5861	Tony & Kathie Bednarowski	\$ 7,020.00	Purchase price of DC-1376
5861	Kevin Bialas	\$ 5,300.00	Purchase price of DC-1327
5882	NIPSCO	<del>\$42,592.12</del> <del>\$45,592.12</del>	Utility Relocation services between Liable & Cline

**TOTAL**     ~~\$207,746.47~~  
\$203,850.18

**HARRIS.**HARRIS N.A.  
P.O. BOX 94033  
PALATINE, IL 60094-4033

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4331136100

Statement Period  
03/01/08 TO 03/31/08

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
PORTAGE IN 46368-6409

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1110IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT PLEASE CONTACT OUR BUSINESS BANKING  
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SMALL BUS INTEREST CKG

ACCOUNT NUMBER 4331136100 (Checking)

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN

Interest Paid-YTD

507.67

Interest Paid Previous Year

2,230.09

## DEPOSIT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance as of February 29, 2008	298,730.00
5 Deposits (Plus)	197,584.58
30 Withdrawals (Minus)	107,720.08
Interest Paid (Plus)	162.18
Service Charge (Minus)	2.00
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2008	388,754.68

## Deposits and Other Credits

Date	Amount	Description
Mar 07 ✓	197.00	✓TELLER DEPOSIT
Mar 11 ✓	95,507.65	✓EDI/EFT CCD+ CREDIT
		CCD AUDITOR OF STATE PAYABLES
Mar 14	282.90	✓TELLER DEPOSIT
Mar 24	831.04	✓TELLER DEPOSIT
Mar 26	100,765.99	EDI/EFT CCD+ CREDIT
		CCD AUDITOR OF STATE PAYABLES
Mar 31	162.18	INTEREST PAID

## Withdrawals and Other Debits

Date	Amount	Description
Mar 31	2.00	CHECKS WITH STATEMENT

## Checks by Serial Number

Date	Serial #	Amount	Date	Serial #	Amount
Mar 13	9866	8,298.91	Mar 13	9900	10,630.05
Mar 03	9892 *	242.22	Mar 18	9901	3,829.00
Mar 04	9893	468.62	Mar 17	9902	1,153.51
Mar 03	9894	5,685.00	Mar 17	9903	2,250.00
Mar 04	9895	3,328.68	Mar 21	9905 *	590.00
Mar 05	9896	132.50	Mar 17	9906	310.00
Mar 03	9897	548.60	Mar 18	9907	1,248.00
Mar 10	9898	14,258.65	Mar 17	9908	5,350.00
Mar 10	9899	7.60	Mar 19	9910 *	24,367.50



# HARRIS

HARRIS N.A.  
P.O. BOX 94033  
PALATINE, IL 60094-4033

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4331136100

Statement Period  
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Date	Serial #	Amount	Date	Serial #	Amount
Mar 18	9911	355.76	Mar 18	9918	3,121.93
Mar 17	9912	5,173.35	Mar 18	9919	90.00
Mar 18	9913	21.60	Mar 27	9920	1,000.00
Mar 17	9914	1,002.25	Mar 17	9921	230.00
Mar 19	9915	198.75	Mar 24	9922	7,900.00
Mar 17	9917 *	311.60	Mar 24	9923	5,616.00

\* Indicates break in check sequence

#### Daily Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance
Feb 29	298,730.00	Mar 17	335,336.01
Mar 03	292,254.18	Mar 18	326,669.72
Mar 04	288,456.88	Mar 19	302,103.47
Mar 05	288,324.38	Mar 21	301,513.47
Mar 07	288,521.38	Mar 24	288,828.51
Mar 10	274,255.13	Mar 26	389,594.50
Mar 11	369,762.78	Mar 27	388,594.50
Mar 13	350,833.82	Mar 31	388,754.68
Mar 14	351,116.72		

#### Statement Period Rates

Effective	Mar 21, 2008	Balance	Rate
		ZERO to 99,999,999,999	0.494 %
Effective	Mar 01, 2008	Balance	Rate
		ZERO to 99,999,999,999	0.643 %



LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

To: Frank Lewandowski Date: May 9, 2008  
Company: ACOE, Buffalo From: Dan Gardner  
Fax # 716-879-4355 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of pages including  
this cover sheet: 12

We'll talk on Monday.  
Thanks.

Comments:

Following are letters we have  
received from residents in Stage VIII.  
Imad has requested that we ask you to  
respond to the technical areas of their  
concern. If you can get responses to their  
technical questions to us, we will add our  
responses and then write a letter to each  
of them - Rutkowski, Mores, Lorenz,  
Zarantonello. Any questions, call Dan or Jim.

Thank You.

PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY





DC-1324

**Jim Pokrajac**

**From:** "christine kutkoski" <ckutkoski@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <act1sing2@yahoo.com>; "dan gardner" <dgardner@nirpc.org>; <epotter@post-trib.com>; "Jim Pokrajac" <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>; "Judy Vamos" <jvamos@nirpc.org>; <kmlorenz@kotecki-  
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 "zarantonello mike" <mzar59@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 07, 2008 10:31 PM  
**Subject:** FW: timetable of acquisition procedure

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I have not received a response to my email that I sent you on April 28, 2008. I also understand that my letter was not entered in the minutes of your committee meeting tonite, May 7, 2008.

I would appreciate a response asap.

Christine E. Kutkoski  
 274 Southmoor Road  
 Hammond, Indiana 46324

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From: ckutkoski@hotmail.com  
 To: dgardner@nirpc.org  
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 Subject: timetable of acquisition procedure  
 Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 18:41:29 -0500

April 28, 2008

Dan Gardner  
 Executive Director LCRBC

Re: Timetable of Acquisition Procedure

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I have received your land offer and am a bit confused. According to the two letters sent by you dated, September 14, 2007 and November 20, 2007 as well as your on site meetings on September 10, 2007 and October 7, 2007, a meeting and a survey were to be done before offers were sent to me.

I anticipate that my backyard will be restaked so that I may see the changes the Army Corp of Engineers have made to the original plans.

According to your letters, the thirty day time clock on the offer does not start until we have had a

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final meeting.

I understand that the offers sent to my neighbors in February 2008 were extended until the rest of us received our offers.

Please contact me to schedule an appointment to restake my backyard. And also, contact me to set a date for the final meeting/walk thru.

I request that this letter be entered into the minutes of the May 2008 Commission Meeting.

Sincerely,

Christine E. Kutkoski  
274 Southmoor Road  
Hammond, Indiana 46324

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Issues presented to the LCRBDC on May 7, 2008 which still need to be addressed to the Southmoor Road Group in reference to their portion of phase VIII of the flood control levee project. Submitted by Ruth Mores (234 Southmoor Road, Hammond)

**Issues stated in the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> letter to the LCRBDC have not been responded to.**

First and foremost as stated in the UNIFORM EASEMENT ACQUISITION OFFER is that *"we do object to the public purpose and necessity of this project"* to install a steel levee wall on the Hammond side of the ridge between Lyman and Hohman avenues bordering the river, which would cause destruction of existing natural habitat and extreme loss of individual and neighborhood property values.

The **rainwater drainage issue** has not been satisfactorily explained and an example of another working project with similar circumstances has not been identified.

**Old city storm sewers and buried drain pipes** to the river have not been located or identified on any plat drawings, how will these impact the yard drainage and installation of the steel wall?

**Private accessibility** to the river, from the back yards, is necessary in order for the homeowner to maintain the personal interaction with the river as a natural resource which provides canoeing, hiking and ice skating.

**Don't need it; don't want it, waste of taxpayer's money.**

**Southmoor Road Group  
Hammond, IN**

Feb. 28, 2008

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Portage, IN

Mr. Dan Gardner-Executive Director

Dear Dan,

I wish to thank the commission for letting me have the floor at the Feb. meeting to express three of the major issues confronting our portion of phase VIII of the levee project and for reference to your letters to the residents dated 9-14-07 and 11-20-07.

After two very recent neighborhood meetings and upon viewing the destruction caused by the construction work on Hawthorn/River Drive at Hart Ditch in Munster, we have compiled a list of concerns and conditions which we would like to present to the LCRBDC for consideration before continuing with the easement acquisitions.

Number 5 of the "BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR OPTIONS AND LEGALLY PROTECTED RIGHTS" of the UNIFORM EASEMENT ACQUISITION OFFER states: ***"You may object to the public purpose and necessity of this project", which we do.***

There are many **specific questions** concerning the acquisition offers that have already been received by residents, we are requesting there be an extension, in writing, to the date of acceptance of these offers, pending our review of the final design plan drawings.

Does the LCRBDC "*right to file suit to condemn and appropriate the easements in the County in which the real estate is located*", fall under the current State of Indiana EMINENT DOMAIN law?

We are also submitting these following issues and questions;

Have any **alternative engineering designs**, beside the one presented by the Army Corps of Engineers, been discussed in order to provide the "line of protection" required to alleviate flooding in the area not associated with our neighborhood?

Since most of the residences on the south side of Southmoor Road are high enough to be certified, by new FEMA data, **to be above the specified "flood event"**, why must we suffer the loss of our land and aesthetic value of our property?



We understand that you will provide **updated survey details** to the 8 properties that are currently in dispute and will **re-stake all the new easement locations**, prior to sending their acquisition offers.

Guarantee that all acquisitions offers are of the highest equivalent value.

If this project were to advance past the land acquisition stage;

Would the seller be required to **pay capital gains** on the sale?

Who would **hold title** to the easement land?

Could there be **future title complications** when selling the property?

**Contractor issues:**

The construction bid *must specify* that the contractor **physically visit the work area prior to bid** and provide certificate of liability, proof of insurance and bond license.

They must detail **equipment accessibility** to this *unique* construction site.

Provide **engineering specifications for the equipment** needed to perform the tasks of cutting, removing trees and roots, installing earthen berm and steel retaining wall on the edge of this sandy ridge and in confined private spaces. Could the weight of the equipment cause the unstable edge of sand ridge to collapse into river?

Engineer an exploratory "ditch" to **identify current underground piping** going into the river from sump pumps, rain drainage and old storm sewer lines.

Require the contractor to **monitor, with sensors, underground vibrations** which would impact future stability of structures and pipes in the immediate area during pounding/vibrating of pilings.

If construction needs to proceed from the river side, have the proper IDEM and US Fish & Wildlife **permits** been obtained? The disruption of the spring **wildlife mating season** must be taken into account when scheduling the construction.

Present for our examination **comparable work**, completed by the contractor in an *equivalent topographical situation* within similar confined private spaces.

Specify **"exact time frame"** of construction and **install safety fencing** during the entire construction phase. Pay **"delay compensation"** directly to the homeowners for disruption of **"personal yard usage"**, if construction exceeds contract dates.

Impose strict **"quiet-time zones"** during construction.

Provide a **professional arborist** to advise how to save as many trees as possible and to specify a certified tree trimming/removal contractor.

Our concerns over the Griffith, *"water in yards-never there before"* news story and NIPSCO's concern of gas line flooding at their Grant St. R/W, reinforced our request for you to provide **detailed specification of the rain water drainage system**. Identify the amount of **"sewers/drains"** from the yards and describe the water accessibility into the river during high water situations. Who will take the responsibility for upkeep?

**Specify that this system must be installed and inspected by union plumbers.**

**Because of the rise of the water table** in the back yards, as the result of the standing rain water against the levee wall, identify any future rain water issues which would cause backups with the storm sewers in the front of residences and seepage into currently dry basements.

**Who will have future responsibility for liability, funding and for the maintenance of river flow through the entire levee system?**

**How will money be allocated into this specific account and who will control and scrutinize this fund?**

**What entity will be responsible for upkeep of space between levee wall and any private yard fencing installed after completion?**

**All properties will be photographed prior to construction and any "accidental construction damages" will be compensated by whom?**

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These are some of the major concerns and issues that the Southmoor Road Group has identified, we would like these addressed, in writing, prior to scheduling another neighborhood meeting with LCRBDC and the ACOE to review the final design plan and drawings as stated in your letter dated Nov. 20, 2007.

Sincerely,

Ruth Mores for the Southmoor Road Group

Cc: Elizabeth Johnson, *Congressman's Office*  
Tom McDermott, *Mayor of Hammond*  
Dan Repay, *Hammond City Council-President*  
Kim Poland, *Hammond City Councilwoman-4<sup>th</sup> District*  
Stan Dostatni, *Hammond City Engineer*  
William Biller, *LCRBDC Chairman*  
Mark Gordish, *LCRBDC member*  
Jim Pokrajac, *LCRBDC Land Management & Engineering*

**Topics presented to the LCRBDC at the commission meeting on May 7, 2008.  
Submitted by Karen Lorenz (270 Southmoor Rd Hammond)**

Have new permits from the IDEM been pulled since the installation of the system on Lyman that now puts the storm water directly into the river? If not they need to be as the additional water directed into the river will definitely affect the height of the water. What affect does this have on the levee?? How much more water will this bring to the river? Please provide us with the study that shows the affect of this rain water. Were the plans re-designed to compensate for this change? This was an ACOE project, right?

Also, what is the affect of the sewer work on the Calumet Ave/Borman Expressway that is currently ongoing? Is this leading more water to the river? If so, new permits and plans should be changed to address the additional water from this project. Where is the study that shows the affect of this water on the river? Please provide us with a copy of the study.

Jim Pokrajac has told us time and time again that this project is being driven by FEMA. He told ME specifically to call FEMA, so I did. I spoke with Terry Reuss Fell, the Branch Chief of Region V at the FEMA office in Chicago, Illinois. **She informed me that it is the Local Sponsor, which is the LCRBDC, who is in charge of this project and that FEMA has NOTHING to do with it. So why does the LCRBDC continue to tell us this is happening because of FEMA???** Refer to the email I received from Cat Langel, the External Affairs Specialist of FEMA Region V, "The Little Calumet Flood Control Project is being constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. **There is a local sponsor that requested the levee and that has worked with the USACE throughout the entire process.**" He then directed me to Joel Schmidt or Rick Anderson at the ACOE Chicago District.

I have spoken with and received in writing a letter from Joel Schmidt explaining the continuous line of protection. However, he doesn't say anything about the residents to the East or West of us. He states "there are homes North of Southmoor Road that are lower than many of the homes immediately adjacent to the river. Because this area is lower and can be connected to the river's flood waters during a flood event, without flood protection these homes are vulnerable to flood events that may not impact the homes South of Southmoor Road." However, a flood event would impact the homes West of Hohman Avenue but yet you are not building a levee on that side to the state line. From the beginning you have told us time and time again, this has to be continuous to the state line. We want the plans to show what will be built behind the 4 homes West of Hohman Avenue. If they don't need a levee wall than show the legal documentation that states we have to have one on Southmoor Road.

**So the local sponsor is the LCRBDC and the LCRBDC has REQUESTED the levee. So provide us with the Legal Documentation why this levee is necessary in our backyards and NOT in the backyards of the 4 resident homes West of Hohman.**

**Karen Lorenz**

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**From:** Langel, Catherine [cat.langel@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 8:18 AM  
**To:** kmlorenz@kotecki-turek.com  
**Cc:** Baker, Jean  
**Subject:** RE: We need your help!

Ms. Lorenz,

Thank you for your email about the levee construction near your property. To clarify FEMA's role with levees, FEMA does not design, build, or certify levees. FEMA simply maps existing flood risk.

The Little Calumet Flood Control Project is being constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There is a local sponsor that requested the levee and that has worked with the USACE throughout the entire process. The questions you asked would be best addressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District. We recommend that you contact either Rick Ackerson at (312) 846-5511 or Joel Schmidt at (312) 846-5517.

I hope this answers your questions.

Regards,

**Cat Langel**  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Karen Lorenz <KMLorenz@Kotecki-Turek.Com>  
**To:** 'Baker, Jean' <jean.baker@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Apr 21 16:48:01 2008  
**Subject:** FW: We need your help!

Hi Ms. Baker!

I was wondering if you were able to find out any information yet.

Also, I was looking at the Guidelines for Identifying Provisionally Accredited Levees (PAL). Does our project fall under this PAL? Under the "Definitions" which one applies to our neighborhood? Is this levee authorized by the US Congress or other Federal Agency Authority? Is it USACE or non-USACE? I assume it is USACE. Who is making this project a requirement? Is this a law that it has to be done and who created the law? Can you answer these questions for me?

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Dear Karen,

I am writing you through e-mail because I thought I might be able to provide a better explanation of some of the issues you raised regarding the floodwall location and your home location on Southmoor Rd. in Hammond, IN. As you stated in your e-mail and during our conversation, you and several of your neighbors were successful in having their Flood Zones changed from an A5 to either a C or a B zone.

The objective of the Little Calumet River Flood Control project is to provide flood protection for the 200-year storm. As you may be aware, protection for the 200-year storm requires protection to an elevation above the 100-year storm. Because of the nature of flooding and the way levees and floodwalls provide protection as a system, this level of protection must be provided everywhere. If flood protection is reduced in one location by reducing the height of the levee or floodwall, the protection of the overall system is reduced.

In addition to the 200-year flood level, freeboard is also incorporated into the height requirement of the flood protection. Freeboard is an additional increase in height that is added to the intended level of protection.

There are homes north of Southmoor Rd. that are lower than many of the homes immediately adjacent to the river. Because this area is lower and can be connected to the river's flood waters during a flood event, without flood protection these homes are vulnerable to flood events that may not impact the homes south of Southmoor Rd.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) requirements for the special flood hazard area (SFHA) are only related to the 100-year event, not the 200-year event with freeboard. I hope this provides you with a discernible difference between the height and location of the floodwall and flood zones.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joel

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DC-1324

Questions submitted to the LCRBDC May 7, 2008 at the monthly meeting, by Mike Zarantonello, 274 Southmoor Rd.

- 1.) We are certified by FEMA to be in flood zone "C". FEMA, along with Lake County, are generating a new DFIRM to update the flood zones. Would it not be prudent and fiscally responsible to wait to see this map and the new flood zones?
- 2.) The levee at the Northcote Bridge is higher than the top of the bridge. How will this area be finished to maintain a continuous line of protection?
- 3.) What is the status of the early flood exemption for the Kennedy - Northcote portion that will allow economic development? Will residents in the areas that the levee has been completed also get an early exemption? Is this action contrary to your continuous line of protection?
- 4.) This Commission and the levee project is under the RDA and would fall under the economic development portion of the RDA's charter. Would it be correct to say the commission's purpose, scope and mission statement is to build the levee to spur on development of previously undevelopable land and help the region's economy?
- 5.) Who will be responsible for any damages as a result of reverse flooding, overtopping or levee breaches?



1921 Alta Vista Ave.  
Munster, IN 46321  
May 5, 2008

Stage V-2  
(No DC# - we  
did not take any  
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here)

Imad Samara, Project Manager  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
6100 Southport Road  
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Mr. Samara,

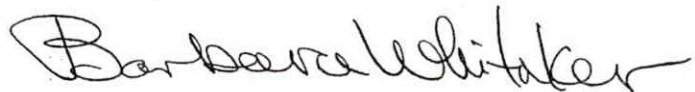
RE: Our informal on-site meeting at Hawthorne and Alta Vista at 9:30 a.m. on Friday,  
April 18, 2007.

Upon your recommendation at the above time, we understand that interested and/or  
responsible parties will meet at a later date in order to not only better discuss our  
concerns about the potential lack of **security and privacy** along the Hart Ditch phase of  
the Little Calumet Flood Control Project but also about the final **aesthetics**.

Further, it is our understanding that this meeting will be postponed so that more of the  
construction is visible but not **before any plans are finalized about aesthetics,**  
**landscaping, fencing, etc.**

I appreciate your initiative in response to my communication at the April, 2008 monthly  
meeting of the LCRBDC.

Sincerely,



Barbara Whitaker, Resident

XC: Dan Gardner, Executive Director  
Jim Pokrajac, Engineer  
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