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Public meeting to be held for Cedar Lake aquatic ecosystem restoration project

Chicago (July 8, 2016) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District, and the Town of Cedar Lake will hold a public meeting for the Cedar Lake aquatic ecosystem restoration project:

WHEN: Thursday, July 14, 2016
WHERE: Cedar Lake Ministries, The Oaks Dining Hall, 13701 Lauerman, Cedar Lake, Ind. 46303
TIME: 5 p.m. – open discussion
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – public meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with information about the project, and seek input from the community on the recommended plan.

The draft feasibility report, completed in collaboration with the nonfederal sponsor, the Town of Cedar Lake, describes an ecosystem restoration project that could be implemented within the 781-acre glacially formed Cedar Lake as well as along Founders Creek, a tributary to Cedar Lake. This report addresses the need to restore an ecosystem historically degraded by surrounding watershed practices and activities.

Features of the proposed project, the locally-preferred plan, described in the draft report include restoration of approximately 35 acres of emergent and 95 acres of submergent aquatic plants within the littoral (near-shore) zone, reestablishment of a native fish community, rerouting of Founders Creek to its historic connection with Cedar Lake, physical substrate restoration through removal of 263,000-cubic yards of sediment, chemical substrate restoration through alum dosage over 400-acres of lake bottom, and implementation of institutional controls.

The report is available online at www.lrc.usace.army.mil. USACE is accepting comments on the report through August 8, 2016. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to chicagodistrict.pao@usace.army.mil; or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, 231 S. LaSalle Street, Ste. 1500, Chicago, IL 60604, ATTN: Cedar Lake Draft Report. Emailed comments must be received by August 8, 2016, and mailed comments must be postmarked by August 8, 2016. Questions should be directed to the Public Affairs Office at (312) 846-5330.

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