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Corps, levee districts seek public comment on local levee system

The Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with the City of Kansas City, Missouri and levee districts in the metropolitan area will host a public information meeting tonight to determine if an increase in the reliability of the area's existing flood protection system is warranted. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the North Kansas City Community Center, 1999 Iron St., in North Kansas City, Missouri.

Officials from the Corps and the districts are seeking public comment on the study that will consider the economic, environmental and social impacts of the various alternatives to reduce the risk of flood damage in the area.

"Community input concerning the environmental and cultural resources and the alternatives under consideration is essential to the development of an acceptable plan and an Environmental Impact Statement," said David Hoover with the Corps. "We look forward to reviewing the comments from the meeting and from written correspondence."

Comments or questions may be submitted via e-mail to Hoover and his team at KCleaves@nwk02.usace.army.mil. Written correspondence should be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: PM-PF, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo., 64106-2896.

The Kansas City Local Flood Protection Project is an existing flood damage reduction project comprised of seven existing levee units: Argentine Levee Unit; Armourdale Levee Unit; Birmingham Levee Unit; Central Industrial District (CID) Levee Unit; East Bottoms (Northeast Industrial District) Levee Unit; Fairfax-Jersey Creek Levee Unit; and the North Kansas City Levee Unit.

The levees system provides flood protection to approximately 32 square miles of mostly urban, industrial, commercial and some residential property adjacent to the Kansas and Missouri Rivers in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Businesses in the protected area provide employment for approximately 90,000 individuals. In addition, the area has over 2,500 residences.

Additional information on the Kansas Cities Levees Study may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/7levees>