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Corps of Engineers mark Jim and Olivia Hare Wildlife Area

NODAWAY, Mo. – Col. Michael Rossi, Kansas City District engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, designated the new Jim and Olivia Hare Wildlife Area in a ceremony here, Nov. 3.

Rossi said the site, acquired from the Hare family in 2003, will be a great aid in the Kansas City District's effort to create habitat for endangered species and to benefit the environment.

"The Corps has a big green side that many people aren't aware of," Rossi said. "This place will give us a chance to demonstrate that."

The 657-acre site is two miles west of Nodaway, Mo., on the Missouri River, adjacent to the Missouri Department of Conservation's Monkey Mountain Conservation Area. This spring, the Kansas City District completed several modifications along, allowing the water to erode the bank and widen it slightly.

Rossi said these modifications are designed to create habitat.

"We are creating shallow and slow water to benefit endangered species like the pallid sturgeon," Rossi said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create a mitigation plan for the wildlife area in 2005. An environmental assessment at the site will be followed by additional projects to convert the area to fish and wildlife habitat. Currently, the Corps is working to put native grasses and other native plants on the site.

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“When my parents came here, there were 100 acres inside the federal levee, and 80 acres outside of it,” said Tom Hare, Jim and Olivia Hare’s son. “I think this is great, and it means a lot to me to have their name on the sign.”

The new wildlife area is not yet open for public use. The Corps is working with a nearby railroad to ensure safe access.

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