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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Open House for Chaplain Schmitt Island Master Plan

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The public is invited to attend and participate in a second open house on master planning for Chaplain Schmitt Island. The event will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, at the Hotel Julien Dubuque, 200 Main St., in the Harbor Gallery Room.

The City Council has made creation of a Chaplain Schmitt Island Master Plan a priority. Mystique Casino is co-sponsoring the master plan process.

Located in the Mississippi River, the Chaplain Schmitt Island is home to commercial and recreational uses, including a casino, restaurants, hotel, marina, excursion boat, sports complex, ice center, and parks. The island offers opportunities for biking, hiking, picnicking, camping, boating, and fishing. It is home to several veterans' memorials.

The City of Dubuque has hired Cuningham Group to lead a master plan process for Chaplain Schmitt Island to identify opportunities and build partnerships for development. The master plan will result in a vision and a direction for improvements to the island, substantiated by an economic feasibility and market study.

The intent of the public open house is to provide an update of the planning process and review preliminary recommendations since the first open house in February. Public feedback is essential so the master plan reflects the needs of key stakeholders and the community.

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