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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Final Draft of Chaplain Schmitt Island Master Plan

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City Council will be holding a public hearing on the adoption of the master plan at their July 21, 2014 meeting. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. The final draft of the Chaplain Schmitt Island Master Plan has been posted to the City of Dubuque website.

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

Located in the Mississippi River, the 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 also home to several veterans' memorials.

The City of Dubuque 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.

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