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Dubuque and Army Corps of Engineers Sign Waterfront Plan Agreement

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mississippi Valley Division met on Thursday, Dec. 19, to formalize an agreement for assistance in the preparation of a comprehensive waterfront master plan for the city.

The agreement was signed by Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol and USACE Rock Island District Engineer Colonel Steven Sattinger. Following the signing ceremony, City of Dubuque staff gave USACE staff a tour of project sites along Dubuque's riverfront.

The Planning Assistance to States program was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 and details a 50/50 cost-sharing agreement between cities and USACE to work on mutually beneficial projects. The agreement between the City of Dubuque and the USACE will focus on the development of a comprehensive waterfront plan, projected to cost a total of \$196,300. The City and USACE would each be responsible for \$98,150. The cost born by the City can be paid entirely or in part through in-kind contributions to the work of developing the plan.

The project scope is specific to Dubuque and is divided into three main tasks:

1. Identify ecosystem restoration opportunities in the Dubuque area.
 - a. Resiliency to climate change and its effects
 - i. Assess storm water runoff rates over a period of time
 - ii. Assess Mississippi River levels over a designated period of time
 - iii. Increase pervious surface
 - b. Increase ecosystem education and outreach within the Dubuque region
 - i. Create more communal sites to increase public synergy with the ecosystem
 - c. Sustain and create native habitats in the Dubuque region

- i. Greater mussel habitat development
 - ii. Sediment traps or other best management practices to improve water quality
- 2. Identify recreational enhancement opportunities in the Dubuque area.
 - a. Promote recreational development in the planning area
 - i. Assess Maus Lake for recreational enhancement opportunities
 - b. Increase non-motorized boating in the water resources within the area
 - i. Evaluate potential kayak and canoe launch points
 - c. Create more transitional and viewing sites
 - i. Create more beach/park areas and connect significant environmental sites with tour routes for the purposes of Ecotourism
- 3. Identify beneficial use of dredged material opportunities in the Dubuque area
 - a. Infrastructure enhancement
 - i. Identify potential material stockpile sites for various future uses

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