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Officials to mark construction start for Hobart Marsh project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rep. Pete Visclosky (IN-1), and officials from Hobart, Ind., will hold a ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of the Hobart Marsh project.

When: Monday, April 24, 2017

Where: The corner of Liverpool Road and 53rd Avenue, Hobart, IN 46342

Time: 11:30 a.m. (central)

The proposed project purpose is to satisfy the wetland mitigation obligation for habitat impacts caused by construction of the Little Calumet River (LCR) Flood Risk Management Project. The LCR project consists of earth embankment levees, floodwalls and interior flood control features designed to form a line of protection that will reduce damages from flooding in the Little Calumet River basin in Lake County, Ind.

The project requires the restoration of 340 acres of woody and herbaceous invasive species and aggressive natives located in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Ind. This mitigation will consist of the restoration and enhancement of savanna and woodland types, and the restoration of emergent wetland, sedge meadow and wet, wet-mesic and mesic prairie. Structural components of the project include signs, fences, off road vehicle barriers, and three visitor parking lots, one each on the Bailey SE, Bundalo and Quail Hollow tracts. These activities will occur in an area known locally as Hobart Marsh bounded roughly by Ridge Road to the north, West 61st Avenue to the south, Interstate Highway 65 to the west and Wisconsin Street to the east. This mitigation project will also include the regrading and repair of multiple erosion gullies within the Kim and Bundalo tracts. These gullies will be rehabilitated to form swales.

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