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Dam Site 15A:

An Opportunity to Provide More than Just Flood Control

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (P-MRNRD) and the City of Omaha along with other members of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership have initiated planning studies and preliminary design of Papio Dam Site 15A. Dam Site 15A is located on the North Branch West Papillion Creek in Douglas County, near 168th and Fort Streets.

This newsletter is the second of a series of publications prepared to inform the public on the project.

Community-Based Watershed Plan To Be Continued

Two public workshops were conducted on June 29th and August 26th, 2010 to bring the community together to discuss its vision for the watershed and the proposed Dam Site 15A lake. At the June 29th meeting, over 80 citizens attended. The focus of this workshop turned to a discussion on the adopted Watershed Management Plan and its 3-year implementation plan. Marlin Petermann, Assistant General Manager of the P-MRNRD, answered questions from the public.

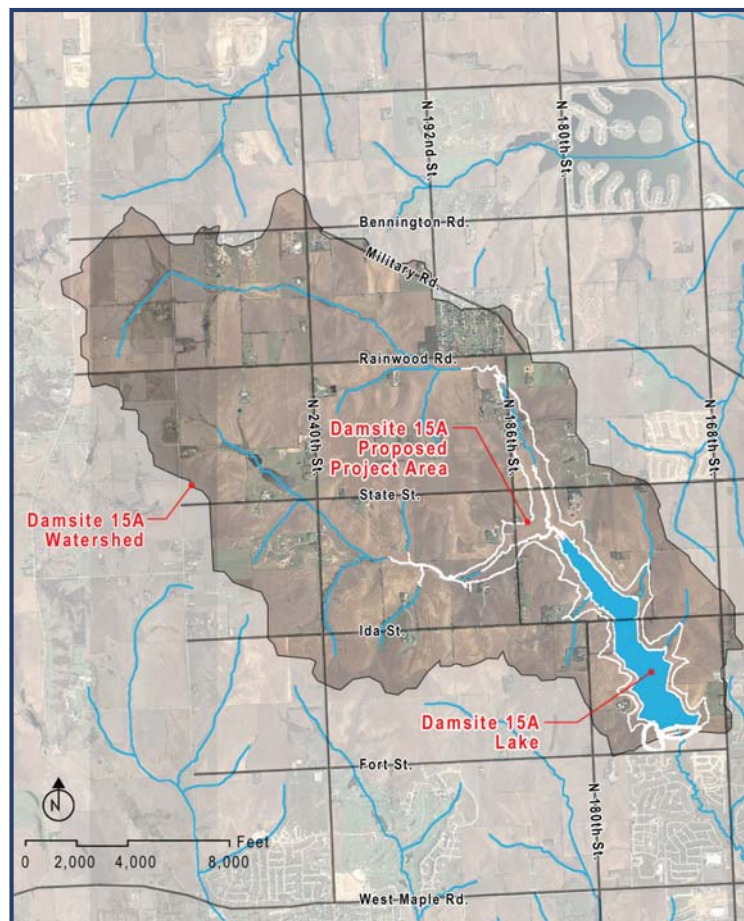
Another workshop was held on August 26th to provide additional background information on the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership and the Watershed Management Plan. Following the presentation, individuals interested in providing input on the vision and planning of Dam Site 15A were invited to participate in a Visioning Workshop. Of the approximately 80 people who attended the workshop, 20 people participated in the Visioning Workshop. The purpose of the community Visioning Workshop was to develop strategies to create and maintain a clean lake. Once construction of the project begins, additional strategies to protect the reservoir will be developed through the continuation of the community-based watershed planning process.

Landowner Meetings

On November 15 and 16, 2010 individual meetings were held with interested landowners directly impacted by project land acquisition. Another round of meetings will be held later this summer as acquisition limits are further refined. Landowners will be notified of the scheduled meetings by mail at least a month in advance. In the interim, any landowners with questions may contact P-MRNRD Project Manager Lori Laster at 402-444-6222 or llaster@papionrd.org.

Preliminary Design Continues To Develop

Work is progressing on the development of the preliminary design features of the dam. The layout of the dam and associated features have been refined and engineering analyses are underway.



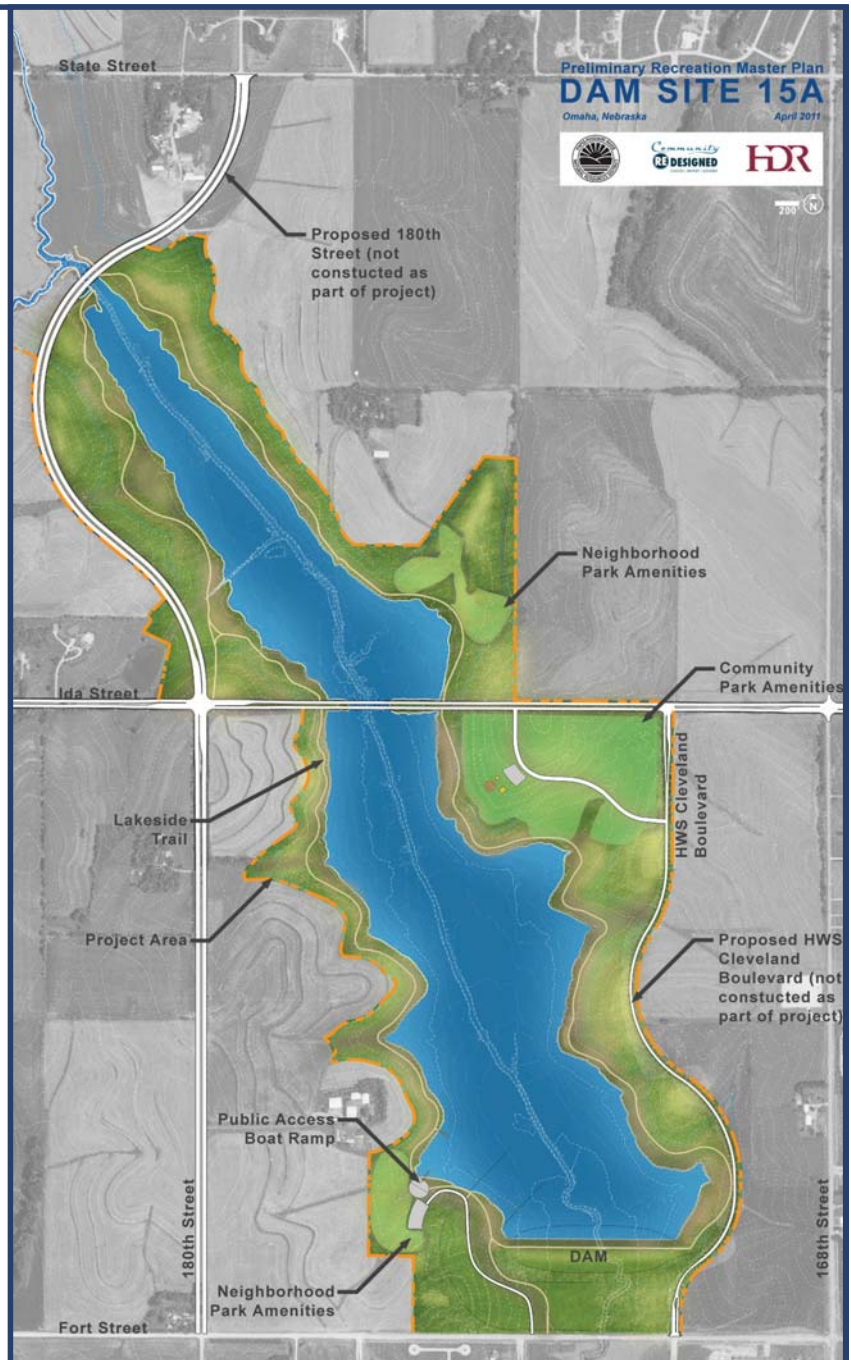
Transportation Plan Defines Preferred Roadway Alignments

The proposed Dam Site 15A has a direct impact on Ida Street and 180th Street. Ida Street is a paved two-lane, east-west section line road, and 180th Street is a discontinuous paved two-lane, north-south section line road with a break between Ida Street and State Street. The proposed lake will intersect Ida Street at the North Branch West Papillion Creek crossing where the proposed lake level is higher than the existing roadway elevation, requiring modifications to Ida Street. On the west side of the lake, the lake interferes with future extension plans for 180th Street between Ida Street and State Street. On the east side of the lake, HWS Cleveland Boulevard is a proposed arterial street that would be located along the eastern side of the proposed lake. The preferred alignments for the three roads are shown on the adjacent figure.

Improvements to Ida Street along its current alignment are included as part of the Dam Site 15A project. The future 180th Street and HWS Cleveland Boulevard road improvements will be planned but will not be constructed as part of this project.

Recreation Plan Encompasses the Area Around the Lake

Another component of the preliminary design was the development of a recreation plan for the area around the proposed Dam Site 15A lake. Community ReDesigned created a park plan that provided public access to the lake and recreational opportunities. Input from the public Visioning Workshop participants, City of Omaha, and P-MRNRD provided the inspiration for the recreation plan. The area north of Ida Street is to be used for passive recreation such as multi-use trails, while the area south of Ida Street would be used for active recreation offering playgrounds and youth sport fields, as well as facilities for boat access to the reservoir. The development of the recreation area is consistent with the city of Omaha's Park Master Plan.



Preliminary Project Schedule	Preliminary Project Schedule											
	Fall 2010	Winter 2010	Spring 2011	Summer 2011	Fall 2011	Winter 2011	Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012	Winter 2012	Spring 2013	
Planning Studies and Preliminary Design Initiation												
Planning Studies & Preliminary Design Completion												
Final Design												
Land Acquisition Process												
Construction												

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