

# PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 21, 2004

## OPPOSE LAKESIDE 370 LEVEE PROJECT

At 6:30 PM on October 21, 2004, the Corps of Engineers will hold a public hearing on the Lakeside 370 Levee proposal. The public hearing is not a question and answer format. Attendees will have the opportunity to make comments and voice their concerns about the proposal.



Concerns for the levee include the following:

- The city is attempting to shrink the Mississippi River floodway in one of the most narrow portions of the flood plain. This has the potential to cause the river to back-up and flood areas upstream as much as 47 miles and in Illinois.

- The city has refused to release the Hydraulic Study for the project. Through a court order, plaintiffs were allowed to view the project. Finally on October 4th, the Corps of Engineers released some of the reports. A review of the documents by civil engineers indicate a flawed study approach and numerous questions about the validity of the computer modeling process undertaken by the city's consultants. Is this what the city was attempting to hide?

- The proposed project will have immediate and direct impacts on more than 100 acres of wetlands inside the levee and 700 acres adjacent to the levee.

- The city has no developer interested in the project.

- The city has repeatedly misinformed the public about many aspects of the project. The city attempted to float \$22.5 million in bonds for the levee but a judge ruled against the city citing that they acted "arbitrary" and "capricious" and not in the best interest of its citizens.

There are many other reasons to oppose this project. What is important that we get a large number of interested people from the region to attend the hearing on October 21<sup>st</sup> and speak against the St. Peters project.

Please consider attending the hearing and speak against the project. Please remember to ask the Corps **to perform an environmental impact statement** on the project. The hearing is on October 21, 2004 at 6:30 pm at St. Peters' City Hall located at One St. Peters Centre, St. Peters, Missouri 63376.