

PUBLIC MEETING



Hatchie-Loosahatchie Mississippi River Ecosystem Restoration Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Draft Environmental Assessment

Time and Location of Public Meeting: This public meeting is being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Non-Federal Sponsor, the Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee (LMRCC), to present information and receive comments on the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Draft Environmental Assessment (DIFR-DEA). Notifications for the public meeting continue to be released through the project website, press releases, special public notices, USACE-Memphis District social media platforms, and posted at locations throughout the study area. Public Meeting details are included below:

• March 6, 2023: Ducks Unlimited Headquarters, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

USACE and LMRCC will host an open house, starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 6:45 p.m, followed by a presentation and public commenting session lasting from 6:45 – 8 p.m.

For those unable to attend in person, the aforementioned proceedings will be live-streamed at: https://youtube.com/live/rQY6kgiCyP4?feature=share and recordings will be posted to the project website.

Purpose of the Public Meeting: The USACE and LMRCC prepared a DIFR-DEA for the Hatchie-Loosahatchie Mississippi River Ecosystem Restoration Study. The study seeks to examine restoring ecological structure and function to the mosaic of habitats along the lower Mississippi River (LMR) and its floodplain between River Miles 775 and 736 including secondary channels and other floodplain aquatic habitats; floodplain forests; and several scarce vegetative communities such as, wetlands, rivercane, riverfront forests, and bottomland hardwood forests.

The DIFR-DEA was sent out on February 10, 2023, for public comment, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The general public, interested parties, and stakeholders are invited to comment on the DIFR-DEA. The draft report contains a description of the project, an evaluation of the alternatives under consideration and an analysis of potential environmental effects. All public comments received will be addressed and considered as part of USACE's decision-making process. The DIFR-DEA is available online at the project website at: https://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Stewardship/Hatchie-Loosahatchie-Mississippi-River-Ecosystem-Restoration-Study/. Written comments should be submitted by mail to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District, Attn: CEMVN-PDC-UDC, 167 North Main St., Room B-202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103, or by email to: LMRRA-Hatchie-Loosahatchie@usace.army.mil. Written comments submitted for consideration are due by March 13, 2023. Please include your name and return address on the first page of your written comments. Please be advised that personally identifiable information that is contained on written

comments submitted to USACE, may become a public record and publicly accessible. Therefore, do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

Public Meeting Agenda: 6 - 6:45 p.m.: Open House

6:45 - 8 p.m.: Presentation and Public Commenting

Welcoming Remarks
-USACE Welcome
-LMRCC Welcome
Study Overview

Public Commenting (virtual chat and live Q&A)





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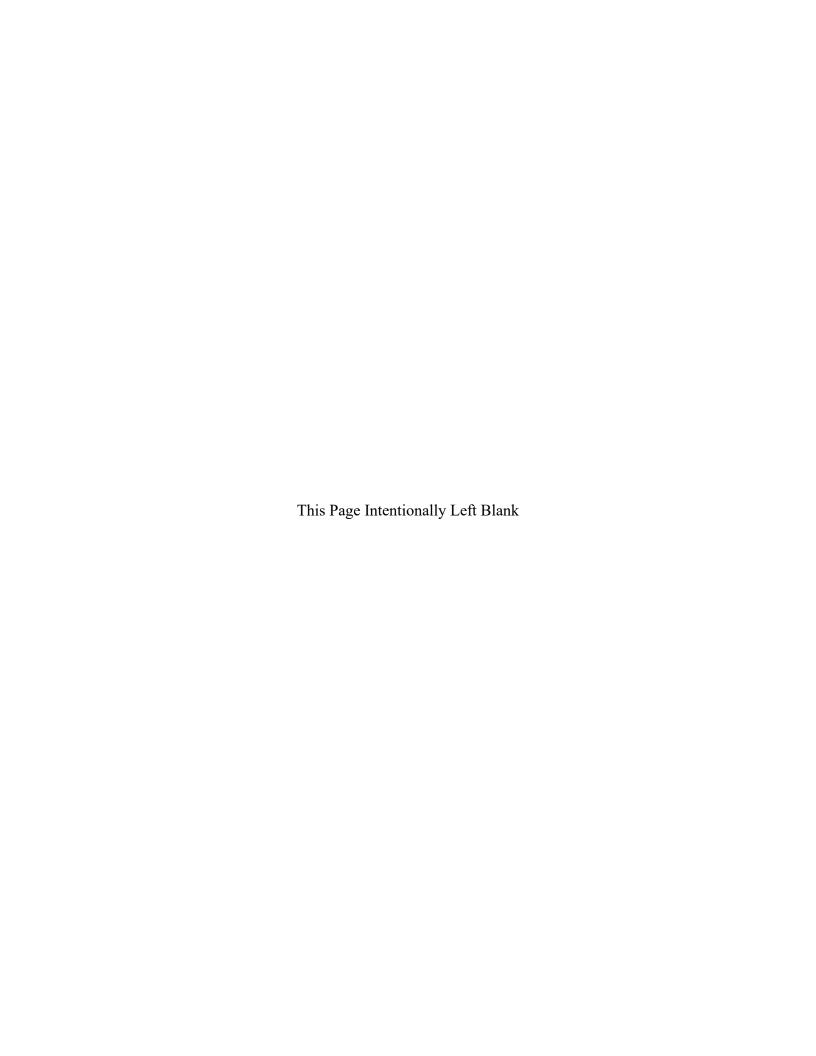
Project Website: https://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Stewardship/Hatchie-Loosahatchie-Mississippi-River-Ecosystem-Restoration-Study/

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