

A Unique Restoration Opportunity

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Speaker of the House Dennis J. Hastert has been a leader in resolving the western DuPage County thorium issue since 1986. Through his efforts, a historic agreement between the United States Government, Kerr-McGee and the five local governments (County of DuPage, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, City of West Chicago, City of Warrentville, West Chicago Park District) was entered into in the summer of 2005. The agreement governs the removal of thorium contamination from the West Branch of the DuPage River and its Kress Creek tributary, as well as the restoration of the affected reaches.

Not content with just getting the thorium removed, Speaker Hastert obtained a \$10 million grant for "Habitat Restoration" through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Funding from the grant will allow the County of DuPage, in cooperation with the Forest Preserve District, to bring further environmental enhancements to the West Branch River Valley.

NOAA RESTORATION PROJECT CONCEPTS



Request for Input

Together, the County and the District have developed innovative environmental enhancements for the river valley. Tonight you will have an opportunity to view project concepts in the context of the overall river valley management program. We hope you find the evening informative, and we thank you for taking your time to view and comment on the conceptual plan.

Sincerely,

