

## Next Steps for Study

**Oct. 22, 2008: Public Meeting:** Initial presentation and review of protection options within the City of Devils Lake. Open House from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Courthouse.

**Nov. 19, 2008: Lakewood Meeting:** Detailed review of Lakewood alignments to refine options for consideration. All residents and concerned citizens in the area are encouraged to attend and discuss possible options for this area. This meeting is planned for an evening open house in the Lakewood area. Detailed mailings to Lakewood residents will announce the times and specific location.

**January 2009:** Select preferred alternative.

**December 2009:** Complete design of preferred alternative. (May be done in stages.)

## How to Get More Information

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### Technical reports

All past Corps technical reports associated with Devils Lake, including the Draft Integrated Planning Report/EIS, and Infrastructure Report, are available for review at:

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[www.mvp.usace.army.mil/devilslake](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/devilslake)  
North Dakota State Water Commission  
[www.swc.state.nd.us](http://www.swc.state.nd.us)



Also available on the Corps website is additional project information, background information, mailing list sign-up information, and all project newsletters.



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# DEVILS LAKE STUDY NEWSLETTER

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## October Open House Meeting to Present Initial Alternatives

An open house, public meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the City of Devils Lake to discuss alternative methods that will manage the risks associated with flooding should Devils Lake water levels continue to rise.

Studies thus far show that providing reliable flood risk management practices for the City of Devils Lake will require modifications to the city's existing embankments. (See the map in this newsletter showing several optional embankment alignments throughout the city and surrounding area.) Clearly, any proposed alignments would cause significant impacts to the community and its residents. Therefore, it is critical that we have an open discussion with those who will be affected.

The open house format for this meeting will provide an opportunity to learn about what is being considered and to visit one on one with Corps of Engineers experts and local decision-makers. A 30-minute presentation will be shown continuously and people may come and go as they wish during the 4-hour open house. Several large, detailed maps will be posted to better show the areas under consideration. Keep in mind that all alignments are hypothetical at this time, designs are only sketches and no actions are underway to acquire land or to buy-out structures. Lines on the map are rough approximations only intended to facilitate discussions. The existing embankment will not move, however, the footprint may increase should it be necessary to increase the height of the current embankment.

You are invited to visit our Devils Lake project website to view all materials developed thus far in this planning effort. The address can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

## Lakewood Area Has Most Uncertainty

The map in the center section of this newsletter shows rough, initial draft, potential embankment alignments that could be used to manage the flood risk to the Devils Lake area. At first glance, you'll notice that the alignment extends to the east and west edges of town. You will also notice the area of greatest uncertainty is the most southern area, much of which is outside the city limits. These areas impact Acorn Ridge, Lakewood, and Camp Grafton. The uncertainty is due to many complex factors having to do with ground elevation, ponding areas, pump stations, groundwater issues, underground utilities, and existing homes, to name a few.

The map is intended to show the overall alignment routes that the Corps intends to analyze. It should also be noted that actual embankments will not be required for the entire length of the extension alignments shown. The extension alignments generally follow areas of high ground, so the need for embankments along these extension alignments will depend on the design top of embankment elevation and the existing topography.

Since we are just starting to understand these and other factors needed to determine the best course of action, we encourage everyone interested in this project to attend the meeting on Oct. 22. Please join us to learn more about the options and provide us your thoughts. We plan to have a first draft done in a few months. The time to get involved is now. Help us develop a plan that best serves the needs of the entire Devils Lake community.

## Devils Lake Study Public Open House Meeting

Location	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Devils Lake, N.D.	Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008	3 - 7 p.m.	Ramsey County Courthouse - bsmt 524 4th Ave., Devils Lake

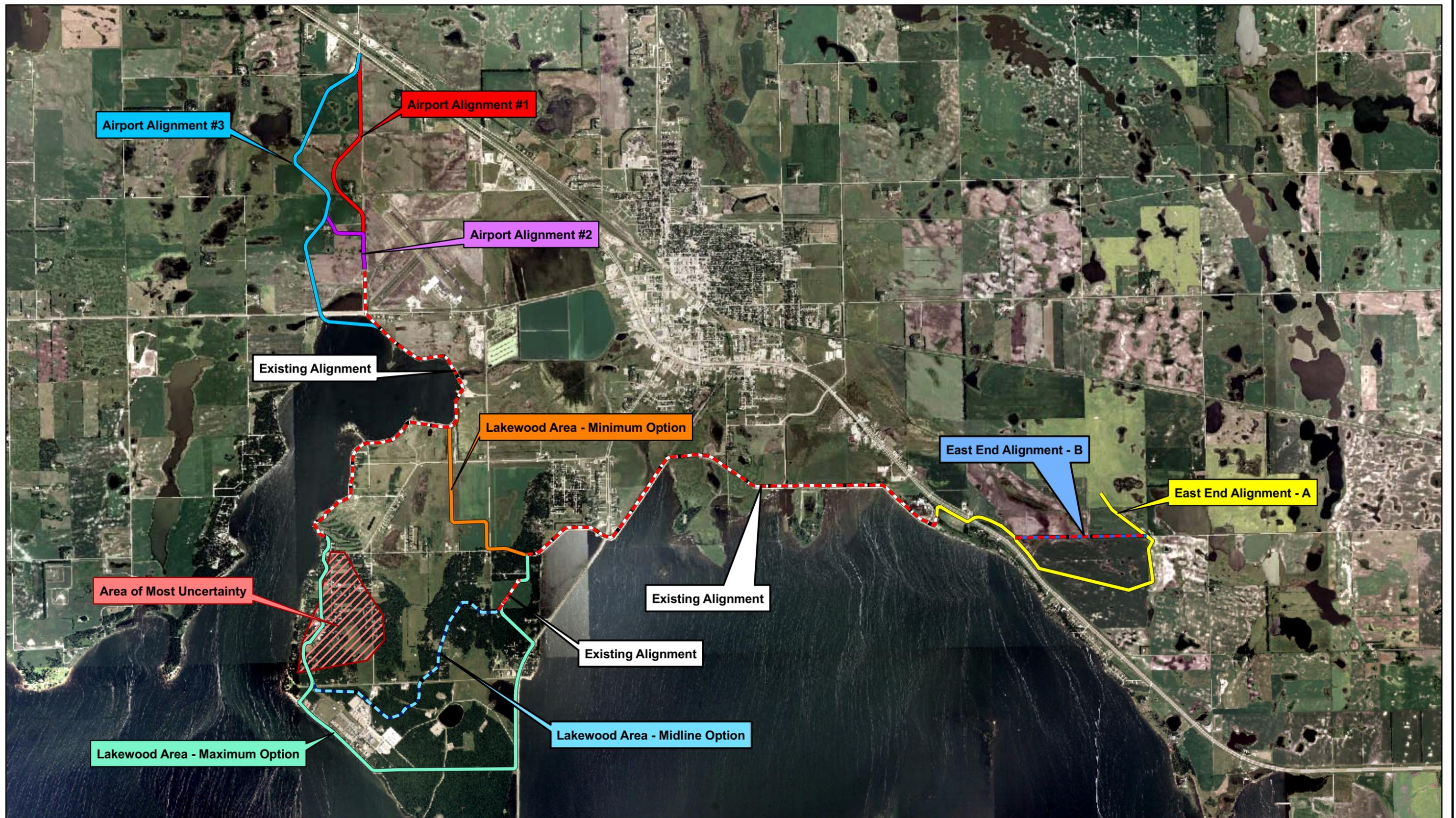
The meeting is a come & go as you wish format. Most persons will take 45 minutes or more to view all the materials. Individuals who need directions to the meeting place or who require an auxiliary aid or service, should contact Kevin Bluhm, Corps of Engineers, by Oct. 21 at 651-290-5247.

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