



# Navigate the Future.

## FAQ | Environmental

I am particularly concerned about the Mounds State Park and the affects this project will have on it. Will the Mounds Lake project affect the Park?

*Mounds Park lower lands by the White River will be impacted, the number of acres will be determined at a later date. Shoreline protection will be designed to assure that erosion is prevented, and the earthworks will not be impacted. Other environmental concerns, such as, mature forest lands, Riparian buffers (these are lands adjacent to streams where plant life is influenced by a waterway), wetlands, fens, etc., have been deemed either unaffected by the project or will be mitigated.*

What will be the effect of the Mounds Lake project on the White River, environmentally and recreationally?

*White River kayaking, canoeing, and outdoor recreation of all kinds will continue and be expanded with the creation of the Lake. Though very important to the Tourism Industry in Madison County, it is important to remember that there are several other attractions/events that bring a great number of visitors to our area: The Gaither's (300,000), Paramount (200,000), Anderson Speedway and Hoosier Park have 3 million visitors each year with a great many of those being from out of state.*

*Environmental concerns associated with the White River, including the effect of the lake on wildlife habitats, etc., have been deemed either unaffected by the project or will be mitigated.*

I've heard that there may be hazardous waste dumps or other underground concerns that could be an issue in building the lake. What about this?

*One of the main reasons for an environmental study is to determine if there are indeed ground issues in building the lake. Core samples will be taken by the agency hired to do so, and will be taken from various locations in the affected area to determine the validity and/or the degree of concern.*



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How long will it take to evaluate or study the environmental issues that may be a part of this project?

*Once a firm has been selected to review and evaluate possible environmental concerns, it will take only a few months to complete.*

I would like to know the outcome of the study. Will I have an opportunity to know about the results?

*There will be a series of public forums in various locations throughout Madison and Delaware outlining the results of environmental studies conducted. These public forums are for you. You can attend, ask questions, and hear from those involved about the results.*

If the environmental study shows that the project is, indeed, detrimental to the community, what happens next?

*It is important to remember that all of the impact studies done during Phase II of the Mounds Lake Project are for the purpose of determining if the project will move forward. It is not the intent of the CED to move forward on a project that has been deemed one which will devastate the local environment. It is the goal of the CED to provide a viable and sustainable water source for Madison and Delaware Counties for the future.*

*For further information concerning the Mounds Lake Project, go to [www.moundslake.com](http://www.moundslake.com).*