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## **“IMAGINE MOUNDS LAKE” COMMUNITY SESSIONS ANNOUNCED**

***Interactive community-visioning sessions to be held during August in  
Chesterfield, Daleville, Yorktown, and Anderson.***

Anderson, Ind. – The Corporation for Economic Development of Anderson/Madison County (CED) announced today *Imagine Mounds Lake*, a series of interactive visioning sessions, which will give area residents an opportunity to provide feedback on the project and learn more about the Phase II Feasibility Study findings. Sessions will be held August 19 through August 23 in Chesterfield, Daleville, Yorktown and Anderson, with the main exhibit located in Anderson’s Mounds Mall.

“The Mounds Lake project has the opportunity to bolster the entire central Indiana region by serving as a steady water source for generations to come and by reimagining what our community looks like,” said Rob Sparks, Executive Director of the CED.

“*Imagine Mounds Lake* is an opportunity for the community to get involved in the project and begin visioning for our future,” said Sparks, “We will be taking best practices from around the country and applying those to give folks a visual picture of what Mounds Lake could look like and what that could mean for Madison and Delaware Counties.”

*Imagine Mounds Lake* is designed to serve as open houses for the community. Area residents are invited to attend the sessions, where they will be able to visit exhibits, read about the project, ask questions and provide their ideas and opinions. Preliminary results from the Phase II Feasibility Study will also be available at the sessions.

“People often ask about the Phase II Feasibility Study we are currently undergoing in regards to Mounds Lake, and it is important to note that Phase II is not a planning phase,” said Sparks, “for example, we have not yet reached the point of designing for the lake or determining where bridges will go. Phase II is about digging deeper to examine whether it is viable to build the lake from engineering, financial and environmental perspectives.”

“With the *Imagine Mounds Lake* sessions, we will ask the community to provide their perspective on the feasibility of Mounds Lake. It’s about giving the community a voice in this project, every step of the way,” said Sparks.

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### **“Imagine Mounds Lake” Sessions Schedule**

The community is invited to attend any or all of the sessions provided. Additional information concerning the sessions will be forthcoming.

Anderson	August 19-22	Mounds Mall	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Anderson	August 23	Mounds Mall	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Chesterfield	August 19	Mill Creek Civic Center	2 - 8 p.m.
Daleville	August 20	Daleville City Offices	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Yorktown	August 21	Yorktown Town Court	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“To date, nothing has been discovered in the feasibility studies that would prevent this project from happening. However, Mounds Lake will only happen if it has the support of the community to move forward,” said Sparks. “If you want to know what’s happening with the project, I encourage you to attend an *Imagine Mounds Lake* session and get involved to help shape our community’s future.”

### **About the Mounds Lake Project**

The Mounds Lake project began as an idea proposed during the 2010 Leadership Academy Development Class serving the Madison County community. The idea was to create a lake that would meet the water needs of central Indiana and provide a boost to the local economy. The Corporation for Economic Development of Anderson/Madison County (CED) conducted early investigations in 2010 to see if a lake was feasible. From work the City of Anderson had conducted around the floods of 2005, engineers knew there was a natural basin. However, it was not until DLZ Engineering conducted a study in 2010 that local leaders realized the immense potential for Mounds Lake. The study revealed it would be possible to construct a 2,100 acre lake that spans from Madison County into Delaware County and would have the ability to provide billions of gallons of water for central Indiana, meeting a long-term need for this region of the state. A Phase II Feasibility Study is currently ongoing to examine the project in terms of engineering, environmental, and financial viability. Results of the Phase II Feasibility findings will be released as reports are finalized over the next few months and shared with the public at the August sessions of *Imagine Mounds Lake*.

### **About the Corporation for Economic Development of Anderson/Madison County**

The Corporation for Economic Development of Anderson/Madison County is a 501c3 non-profit that was incorporated in 1983. Their mission is to plan and undertake activities leading to steady job growth, increasing economic diversity, and a strengthened employer base, which enhances the quality of life in Madison County, Indiana.

For more information about the proposed Mounds Lake, visit [www.moundslake.com](http://www.moundslake.com), or contact Rob Sparks at 765-642-1860 or at [robsparks@cedanderson.com](mailto:robsparks@cedanderson.com).

For updates on the project, follow the project on Twitter @MoundsLake.