

## 12. COORDINATION AND VIEWS

### 12.1 Public

Public involvement was incorporated throughout the study. Elements of the public involvement program included meetings with the Sponsor to keep them abreast of study efforts, coordination and cooperation with local interests, newspaper articles, a project website, and public meetings. The Sponsor provided status reports to the local newspaper regularly to keep the public aware of the direction of the study. A series of public meetings was held on June 10-12, 2002. A website was established to facilitate information dissemination ([http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Lake\\_Belle\\_View/](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Lake_Belle_View/)). The site features a virtual reality tour that provides users conceptual views of the project.

### 12.2 Federal Agencies

Coordination was maintained with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These agencies expressed no concerns over the proposed project.

### 12.3 Non-Federal and Others

The Lake Restoration Committee is a standing committee appointed by the Village Board. Representatives from Belleville and Montrose are on this committee. This committee has served as the main sponsor point of contact for the project. The committee coordinated closely with the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Committee. The WDNR played an integral role in the study. The Dane County Land Management Office participated as a stakeholder in the study as well. Close coordination was maintained with these entities to ensure that the goals of the project were commensurate with their goals. The following meetings demonstrate ongoing coordination with project stakeholders:

| Date               | Purpose                               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| March 17, 1998     | Initial meeting                       |
| January 17, 1999   | Coordination meeting                  |
| April 7, 1999      | PRP formulation                       |
| April 30, 1999     | Site visit to discuss PRP             |
| May 9, 2000        | Focus group meeting                   |
| August 8, 2000     | Existing conditions HEP meeting       |
| September 13, 2000 | With-project HEP meeting              |
| January 17, 2001   | Alternatives formulation meeting      |
| March 8, 2001      | Status report meeting                 |
| July 18, 2001      | Present fish passage concepts         |
| October 3, 2001    | Conference call                       |
| November 5, 2001   | Stakeholder meeting                   |
| December 14, 2001  | Present results of habitat evaluation |
| February 4, 2002   | Site visit with district commander    |
| June 10, 2002      | Present Recommended Plan              |
| June 10, 2002      | Public meeting – Montrose             |
| June 11-12, 2002   | Public meetings – Belleville          |
| October 7, 2002    | Meeting to discuss PCA                |
| October 30, 2002   | Grant application meeting             |