

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE NORTH RIVER II WETLAND  
MITIGATION SITE TO BE USED TO FULFILL WETLAND MITIGATION  
NEEDS FOR SEVERAL PROJECTS IN WARREN COUNTY AND  
NOTICE TO ACQUIRE PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR SAID PROJECT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a Public Meeting will be held on September 27, 2011, between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m., at the Eastview School cafeteria, 1600 North Avenue, Norwalk, Iowa, to discuss the proposed North River II Wetland Mitigation Site southeast of Norwalk just east of the County Road R-63/North River crossing. This site is to be used to fulfill wetland mitigation needs for several projects in Warren County.

This public meeting will be conducted utilizing an open forum format. No formal presentation will be made. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. to express their views about the proposal. Oral and written statements will be accepted at the public meeting.

For general information regarding the proposal, or the public meeting, contact James Armstrong, District 5 Office, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 587, 307 W Briggs, Fairfield, Iowa 52556-0587, telephone 641-472-4171 or 800-766-4368, e-mail james.armstrong@dot.iowa.gov.

Written statements and related exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the public meeting, will be accepted at the meeting or may be submitted to the Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010. All written material received by October 10, 2011, will be included in the meeting summary.

All persons interested in the project are invited to attend this meeting. The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations at the meeting, please notify Mr. Armstrong by September 21, 2011, so arrangements can be made.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

A governmental body which proposes to acquire property under the power of eminent domain for a public improvement project is required to give notice of a public hearing to all owners and contract purchasers of record of agricultural land that may be subject to condemnation.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will consider approving the following described project:

North River II Wetland Mitigation Site southeast of Norwalk, just east of the County Road R-63/North River crossing, to be used to fulfill wetland mitigation needs for several projects in Warren County.

2. PRIVATE PROPERTY MAY BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION.

If the Iowa DOT approves the above-described project, the Iowa DOT will be required to acquire property for the proposed improvements. The Iowa DOT will attempt to purchase the required property by good faith negotiations; however, it may condemn those properties, which it is unable to purchase.

3. IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROCESS TO DECIDE TO FUND THE DESIGN, TO SELECT THE ROUTE OR SITE LOCATION, OR TO ACQUIRE OR CONDEMN PROPERTY INTERESTS.

In order to acquire the necessary properties and property interests required for the project, the Iowa Department of Transportation is required to approve the location of the project. The Iowa DOT will hold a public hearing to present to the public the proposed improvement and the anticipated impacts of the improvement.

Persons whose property may be affected by the project, as well as the general public, may comment on the project at the hearing. The comments will be presented to Iowa DOT staff. Based in part on the information received at the hearing, the Iowa DOT will select the location for the project and decide whether to fund the site-specific design and to authorize by purchase or condemnation the acquisition of right of way for the project.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT.

As previously stated in this notice, a Public Information Meeting will be held on September 27, 2011, between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. at the Eastview School cafeteria, 1600 North Avenue, Norwalk, Iowa. Iowa DOT staff will be available to answer questions about the proposal. Written statements can be submitted to the Iowa DOT at the meeting, or sent to Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.

5. IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTACT.

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This notice is given by authority of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

This notice is not an offer to buy land nor is it an offer to provide relocation assistance. Affected property owners are not required to move from their residences or relocate their

businesses at this time. Eligibility for relocation benefits will not occur until after an offer to purchase has been made to individual property owners.

Federal and state laws prohibit employment and/or public accommodation discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, gender identity, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran's status. If you believe you have been discriminated against, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission at 800-457-4416 or Iowa Department of Transportation's affirmative action officer. If you need accommodations because of a disability to access the Iowa Department of Transportation's services, contact the agency's affirmative action officer at 800-262-0003.