

GENERAL NEWS

Local and state officials say its wrong Corps sinks plan to dam Licking River

By The Associated Press

COVINGTON — Many local and state officials say the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was wrong to conclude that a massive flood control project in the Licking River basin, which would have included Nicholas County, was not beneficial enough to warrant federal money. And they say they will seek other ways to fund the project. The proposal called for a system of as many as 20 lakes and dams along the Licking River and its tributaries. Opponents said the proposed system would control flooding, ensure a steady water supply and promote tourism. Along with Nicholas County it would involve eight other

counties — Pendleton, Bracken, Harrison, Robertson, Fleming, Grant, Bath and Mason — and has an estimated cost of \$100 million. But on an 18-month, \$800,000 study conducted by the Corps concluded that the amount of federal money needed for the project clearly outweighed any possible flood-control benefits. As for people who said the project would benefit tourism and recreation in the area, Brammell said those concerns are secondary to flood control in awarding federal money. The agency decided that, because flood damage was so scattered throughout the area, "it's very difficult to construct one project that's going to do anything significant," said study manager Jim Brammell, a civil engineer with the Louisville district of the Corps of Engineers. Flooding occurs sporadically over 28,000 square miles of the Licking River and its tributaries, according to the Corps report. And Brammell said the damage was "just not controlled, so you can't go upstream of any given area and construct a lake."

Local officials had counted on a follow-up feasibility report for facts to support their position that the lakes have merit. But the Corps report also calls plans for a more detailed study to better pinpoint design and cost figures. Critics also contend that the lakes would cover fertile river-bottom land and that any jobs created in tourism probably would pay poorly. But Meyer and others haven't given up hope. "We will work with local officials to see if there is some other way to skin the cat," said Branning spokesman Dave York. "If funding opportunities arise, the legislators will pursue them, the idea said."

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December 9-15 is national "Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week." That observance, coupled with the upcoming holiday travel and party season, has Kentucky substance abuse experts emphasizing the fact that drugs, along with alcohol, can impair one's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Mike Townsend, director of the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation's Services Division of the "Night Before Christmas" abuse. Before Christmas activities are most successful. "Alcohol is a very powerful drug relative to its effect on a person's physical coordination and reaction time. So added until they presently, yes, it's important to avoid when on the road."

Townsend said that everyone needs to be aware of the dangers of driving while under the influence of any drug; we don't want our roads to become "high" condition if stopped by police.

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