



ELKHART COUNTY
PARKS

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The public is invited to a meeting to overview the final results of a Benton and Baintertown Dam Engineering Feasibility Study and discuss the findings and recommendations of field investigation activities. **This public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00PM EST at Sunnyside Park, Clinton Street, New Paris, Indiana (south of CR 46) .**

The Elkhart County Parks & Recreation Department received an Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant to determine the feasibility of modifying or removing two low head dams located within the River Preserve County Park. The two dams are known as the Benton and Baintertown Dams and no longer serve their original purpose. This study will determine the feasibility of modifying or removing one or both dams from the Elkhart River to improve biological diversity and safety and liability in the watershed.

The purposes of the Engineering Feasibility Study are to:

1. Determine feasibility of anticipated dam modifications or removals.
2. Prepare for physical removal or modification of the dams.
3. Ensure project success by addressing any issues that affect dam modification or removal, including gathering landowner and community input.

The Elkhart County Park & Recreation Board asks that you please wear a mask if not vaccinated and follow proper social distancing when attending the meeting. Thank you!

Your input and questions are valued and we hope that you attend. If you are unable to attend but would still like further details on the study, please email ross.st.clair@cardno.com .



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