

To: Middle Bass Island Residents,  
Persons Interested in Middle Bass Island State Park Development

### **Update on Middle Bass Island State Park 02/21/07**

With a new boating season approaching we wanted to give you an update as to where some things are regarding the Middle Bass Island State Park development:

A number of state and federal offices and agencies are involved in reviewing the marina project due in part to the impacts on the environment. The review process requires time to address various issues of concern. We have had success in being able to address these issues. Items such as the endangered Lake Erie Water Snake, habitat for them and wetlands have been incorporated into the marina design from the beginning and confirmed by the review process. This proves our system of constant evaluation works; however it was costly in manpower and time.

There are still a number of variables to be worked out but we are aggressively pursuing them. If we receive our permits in time, we can start construction on the new marina by the end of this boating season in 2007. We are confident that as a community we can work together to overcome obstacles. Effort has been made to help bring members of our community together to discuss issues relative to the time the marina will be closed. An island community meeting open house will be planned for this spring.

Some of the update items are:

- The permit for the Environmental Assessment should be received by the end of February 2007, after a lengthy delay due to wetland delineation.
- The Army Corps of Engineers permit is currently being reviewed for signature by ODNR.
- All permits should be received by the end of February. Although this is much later than anticipated we hope to be advertising for construction contracts this spring.
- The first construction contract will include the new marina entrance and the marina basin. This will allow the marina to stay open this season and reduce the work required in the following year.
- The next step will be the marina construction followed by the docks, infrastructure and then buildings, sidewalks, etc. It is our intent to be closed only during the boating season of 2008.
- ODNR is working on the final design including transient docks, accommodating existing Middle Bass Island Yacht Club, and accommodating seasonal docks. All slips currently include water and electric at dockside. Rates have not been determined.
- In the spring we will be holding a community island meeting to show the layout and design of the new marina.

Feel free to call or write to Lake Erie Island State Park, 4049 E. Moores Dock Rd. Port Clinton, Ohio 43452, 419-797-4530, or [www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft/ea/](http://www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft/ea/)