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## Missouri River Recovery Program

On Wednesday, May 20, 12:30 p.m. at the Klub in Mound City, Mike George, Program Manager for the Missouri River Recovery Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be making a presentation about the Recovery Program. The Recovery Program is an effort funded by Congress and led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to recover and to protect fish and wildlife that have become extinct over the last 20 years.

The Corps seeks to meet its mission authorized by Congress for recreation, flood damage protection, navigation,

hydropower, irrigation and domestic water intakes, while continuing to operate the Missouri River mainstem system.

The power point presentation will be approximately 30 minutes long. Those attending will learn about the Recovery Plan, why it is important to recover and protect endangered and threatened species, what the long term impacts are, who the partners are, how the public can participate and how to get up-to-date information on the Recovery Plan. This presentation will be important because it will be an opportunity to find out how it affects our community as well as other communities affected by the Missouri River.

The presentation is free and open to any interesting person. We want to encourage all community leaders and County Commissioners to attend to get some first hand information about this Recovery Program. It is

sponsored by the Mound City Kiwanis Club and Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

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