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Help shape future of Walnut Creek at Oct. 7 open house

The public is invited to help shape the future of Walnut Creek during an open house being held jointly by the city of Clive and the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority. The open house is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Clive Special Events Building, 1801 N.W. 114th St., Clive.

Residents are asked to weigh in on two plans being developed to improve recreational opportunities and water quality for Walnut Creek and its watershed. Those plans include:

Clive Greenbelt Master Plan

Residents will be asked for feedback on early concepts for the Clive Greenbelt Master Plan. When complete, the plan will act as a guide for the city to improve the greenbelt, including its trails, wayfinding signage, stabilizing Walnut Creek, and connections to neighborhoods and businesses. At the meeting, the public will have opportunity to review areas identified for possible access points and natural restoration, as well as ideas for programming.

More information about this planning effort is available at www.cityofclive.com/businesses/economic-development/clive-greenbelt-master-plan.

Walnut Creek Watershed Plan

Residents will be asked for their thoughts on the Walnut Creek Watershed Plan. When complete, the plan will outline a course of action for governments within the watershed to address environmental concerns including high nitrate levels, high bacteria levels, high turbidity, flash flooding and streambank erosion. At the meeting, the public will have opportunity to review research on how the watershed acts today within developed and developing areas, as well as suggest changes that would improve water conditions.

More information about this planning effort is available at dmampo.org/walnut-creek-wma.

The open house will feature remarks from Jami Haberl, executive director of the Healthiest State Initiative, which is helping develop the Clive Greenbelt Master Plan with a focus on public health. This open house event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) acts as a regional forum to ensure coordination between the public and local, state, and federal agencies in regard to planning issues and to prepare transportation plans and programs. The MPO develops both long- and short-range multimodal transportation plans, selects and approves projects for federal funding based upon regional priorities, and develops methods to reduce traffic congestion.