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## **Army Corps of Engineers to hold public meeting on modifications and enhancements to Wilkes-Barre's Historic River Commons**

**Baltimore** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public scoping meeting Wednesday, Nov. 6 to receive public comments on the proposed design modifications and recreational enhancements to the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project at Historic River Commons. The comments will be used to develop the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to be released for public review in the spring 2003.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kings College Burke auditorium located in the McGowan Building on the corner of River and Union streets in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

During the meeting, the public will have the opportunity to present comments on the proposed design modifications and recreational enhancements and their alternatives, and the potential issues and impacts from these actions.

The purpose of modifying the levee raising project through the Historic River Commons is to reconnect Wilkes-Barre's downtown to the Susquehanna River. To accomplish this, the floodwall and levee will need modifications using more current urban flood protection design practices, methods and materials. Several modifications are being evaluated in this proposal.

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