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**ST. LOUIS ICE CENTER PROJECT  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
APPENDICES**  
Maryland Heights, St. Louis County, Missouri



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### **STEP 3C: PROPOSAL FOR A PUBLIC FACILITY IN A SECTION 6(F) AREA**

**1. Describe the purpose and all proposed uses of the public facility such as types of programming, recreation activities, and special events including intended users of the new facility and any agency, organization, or other party to occupy the facility. Describe the interior and exterior of the facility, such as office space, meeting rooms, food/beverage area, residential/lodging area, classrooms, gyms, etc. Explain how the facility will be compatible with the outdoor recreation area. Explain how the facility and associated uses will significantly support and enhance existing and planned outdoor recreation resources and uses of the site, and how outdoor recreation use will remain the primary function of the site. (The public's outdoor recreation use must continue to be greater than that expected for any indoor use, unless the site is a single facility, such as a swimming pool, which virtually occupies the entire site.)**

The St. Louis Ice Center (SLIC) is an ice sport public facility to be constructed in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park that will offer new outdoor recreational opportunities not currently offered within the Park. The SLIC will fulfill an immediate need for ice skating facilities within St. Louis County and the surrounding area. In addition to helping grow the game of ice hockey the public facility will offer other outdoor recreation such as figure skating, speed skating, ice dancing, synchronized skating and more. Additionally, during the off-season the facility will offer indoor field hockey, floor hockey, indoor lacrosse, indoor soccer and in-line skating. All of these uses are under-served in the community as there are not enough facilities to handle current demand, let alone future growth of outdoor recreational activities such as these.

The public facility will consist of four sheets of ice, three indoor and one outdoor. The event center ice sheet will have a 3,200 seating capacity, a training center ice sheet will have a 700 seating capacity, and the two other sheets will have a 200 to 400 seating capacity. Also included in the facility are a restaurant area that overlooks two of the ice sheets serving as a community gathering space, locker rooms, a pro shop, training facilities, injury rehabilitation facilities, public restrooms, concession areas, mechanical/storage rooms, a kitchen, a hospitality room and office space for facility management. The facility will have 298,000 square feet of floor space within a building footprint of 251,000 square feet. See **Attachment A – Site Development Plan.**

The exterior of the building will consist of reinforced load bearing tilt-up concrete for the rink portion. The lower portions of the building will consist of shorter concrete walls (tilt or concrete masonry unit). The roof will be mechanically fastened and consist of a white thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) roof system with two layers of insulation. Other building finishes consist of canopy roofing, prefinished sheet metal gutters and downspouts and prefinished sheet metal fascia. The parking pavement will consist of 3 inches of asphalt over 8 inches of stone base for 836 parking spots and 4 inches of asphalt over 10 inches of stone base for drive lanes.

The facility is proposed on a 40-acre site within Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, which contains 2,114 acres. This park already has outdoor athletic fields, more than 17 miles of trails, a 320 acre lake, a restaurant, disc golf course, a corporate picnic site, a tree top adventure course and numerous picnic sites, shelters and playgrounds.

A multi-purpose ice sports public facility will enhance the many outdoor program offerings already established in this large regional park. The public facility will offer year-round ice sport use, especially during inclement weather and during the area's challenging summer temperatures and humidity. This public facility will enhance the many outdoor recreation opportunities already established in this park such as:

- The parking lot will serve as a trail head for the new Fee Fee Greenway Trail being established by Great Rivers Greenway (GRG). It is currently under construction and will lie just to the east and south of the proposed SLIC. There will be designated parking at the SLIC for trail users to help promote trail usage.
- Hockey tournaments, figure skating, and other ice sport events will bring people to the Park from a broader region around St. Louis. Participant families and fans would use the outdoor recreational resources available near SLIC including Creve Coeur Lake, picnic sites, the Fee Fee Greenway Trail, and the adjacent disc golf course. Teams would also take advantage of the outdoor activities between games and during other down times. Current construction plans call for a 1km walking/biking trail to encircle the facility and tie directly into the Fee Fee Greenway Trail.
- Currently, the disc golf course to the south of the proposed project site is being partially relocated and renovated due to the construction of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail. The users of the disc golf course have written letters of support for SLIC because the proposed parking lot would support their course and the improvements required to the course as part of their relocation will drive greater participation in this sport.

The SLIC will create a net gain in outdoor recreation benefits in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park by offering new outdoor recreational opportunities that currently do not exist within the park and by providing those opportunities in an area of the park that is basically unused for outdoor recreation. The new outdoor recreational opportunities include ice hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating, skating lessons, in-line skating, floor hockey, field hockey, and other outdoor recreational opportunities. In addition, an indoor rink will be used to accommodate recreational activities other than ice sports during the summer months.

Currently, the proposed site for SLIC offers very little opportunity for outdoor recreation. It is a mowed field located just south of an active railroad line. In the middle of the site is a maintenance shed and a gravel road that connects the shed to Marine Drive. A small portion of the site is currently used as a disc golf course; however, as noted above, that activity is being relocated as a result of the construction of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail.

The SLIC facility will include an outdoor skating sheet. During months when the weather is too warm to support ice, the outdoor rink will be used for floor hockey, field hockey, lacrosse, in-line skating or such along with playing host to summer camp activities that are currently offered in the park, but don't have protected space. It will also host public monthly outdoor music concerts throughout the summer and the parking lot will be used for outdoor activities, including farmer's markets and food truck events sponsored by St. Louis County Parks and a municipality.

The SLIC will also encourage people to take advantage of outdoor recreational opportunities year-round, especially during the colder winter months when park usage is lower than in the warmer months of the year. Ice sports are considered outdoor recreational activities under the LWCF program but the climate of the St. Louis region and the accompanying winter rains will not support outdoor rinks for the length of the hockey season. Therefore, indoor rinks are necessary in the St. Louis region to support the year-round demands of ice sport enthusiasts.

**2. Indicate the exact location of the proposed public facility and associated activities on the site's Section 6(f) map. Explain the design and location alternatives considered for the public facility and why they were not pursued.**

**See Attachment B – Project Location.** Five possible locations were analyzed for the SLIC. The site chosen for the project is located at: 13750 Marine Ave., just east of Hwy 141. The other locations that were analyzed include: St. Louis County Park ground located along the Page Extension Freeway, just west of the 141 Highway, along River Valley Road (Levee site); the Golfport site located at 3250 Creve

Coeur Mill Road; the Sportport site located at 12525 Sportport Road; and the Queeny Park site at 550 Weidman Road and 1675 South Mason Road.

The challenges for the Levee site include the fact that the property is located directly adjacent to the levee. This poses a number of significant problems including the existence of an under-seepage berm that restricts subsurface penetrations on site; storm water quantity and quality engineering requirements is considerably restricted due to the under-seepage berm; the levee district may require all subsurface construction to be a specific distance from the toe of the levee, which would leave little or no room for the development; consultation with the Corp of Engineers would be required due to potential wetland impacts and proximity of the site to the Missouri River. This location is not recommended for necessary utility connections; sanitary and water connections would have to extend great distances to accommodate these needs; soils in this area tend to be highly plastic, silt and silty clays; and access to this location is poor because it is off of a two-lane road.

The challenges for the Golfport site include the site being privately owned and currently zoned Non-Urban, which would require the site to be rezoned; the site currently sits at an existing grade of 440' which would require five to seven feet of fill to bring elevation up to an appropriate level and to accommodate for storm detention requirements; storm quantity requirements may require the construction of a significant detention basin or design an underground detention system; there are Ameren UE overhead lines on the property and they have a very wide easement of 275 feet and the soils in this area tend to be highly plastic, silt and silty clays. Additionally, inquiries were made to the current land owner about a purchase of the property, but the Foundation was unable to agree to terms with the land owner.

The challenges for the Sportport site include the site being owned by the City of Maryland Heights but privately controlled by an individual tenant and the soils in this area tend to be highly plastic silt and silty clays. Inquiries were made by the Foundation to the tenant controlling the site about use of some of the property; however, the Foundation was unable to agree to terms with this tenant, making it economically infeasible.

The Queeny Park site has its own set of challenges. Most notably, this site would result in poor traffic flow and circulation. The site is served by Weidman and Mason Roads with the nearest four lane road being Manchester Road, approximately 0.65 miles south of Queeny Park. To facilitate improved traffic flow, lane widening along either Weidman or Mason Road would likely be necessary and would add substantive project cost. The Foundation was not able to locate an area of land large enough to meet the minimum 40-acre size requirement within Queeny Park. Queeny Park has rolling topography and suitable land for development is not as abundant as at the previous sites mentioned. The internal traffic circulation would be poor and would likely have adverse impacts on the park experience of park users.

**3. Explain who will own and/or operate and maintain the facility? Attach any 3<sup>rd</sup> party leases and operation and management agreements. When will the facility be open to the public? Will the facility ever be used for private functions and closed to the public? Explain any user or other fees that will be instituted, including the fee structure.**

St. Louis County will retain ownership of the property, will own the proposed public facility, and will enter into a lease agreement with the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (the Foundation) to operate the facility. The Foundation plans to engage a locally-owned rink management company to manage the internal programming, operations and maintenance of the SLIC. This operator has extensive background in managing recreational ice sports facilities in St. Louis and other markets and has years of best practices experience managing and operating ice rinks in our challenging climate with wide temperature and humidity level swings.

The lease and management agreements have not yet been drafted. Any such agreement will clearly indicate that the leased/concessioned area is to be operated by the lessee/concessionaire for public outdoor recreation purposes in compliance with provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund

(LWCF) Act and implementing guidelines, including but not limited to: (1) the area will be identified as publicly owned and operated as a public outdoor recreation facility in all signs, literature and advertising, and is operated by a lessee as identified in the public information to eliminate the perception that the area is private; (2) all fees charged by the lessee/concessionaire to the public must be competitive with similar private facilities; and (3) compliance with all Civil Rights and accessibility legislation is required and compliance will be indicated by signs posted in visible public areas and statements in public brochures. The lease and management agreements will reserve the right to periodically review the performance of the lessee/concessionaire and terminate the agreement if its terms and the provisions of the grant agreement, including maintenance, public use and accessibility, are not met.

As a publicly financed project, the plan is to have SLIC be managed by the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Once the initial agreement has expired, the facility will revert back to the public, under the ownership of St. Louis County.

The Ice Center will be used predominately for outdoor recreation activities open to the general public. The facility will be open year round for the following types of activities: public skate, stick and puck, learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, adult and youth leagues, summer camps, hockey practice and games, tournaments, figure skating, indoor field hockey, floor hockey, in-line skating and many other recreational activities that would be well served by having a covered area in which to play. Twenty-five percent of the ice time will be dedicated to public skating sessions, freestyle skating, skating lessons, open stick and puck sessions, and dry floor. An additional thirty-seven percent of the time will be devoted to camps and clinics, as well as youth, high school, and adult hockey leagues. Ice time will also be reserved for hockey for people with disabilities, figure skating, and synchronized skating.

In exchange for their contribution to the facility, the Blues will use two percent of the ice time. They will skate on weekdays from 10 am to 12 pm when no one would otherwise be using the facility due to work and school schedules. Their practices will be open to the public so anyone can come and watch. Moreover, they will only occupy one rink, leaving the other three rinks available for public use. College teams and an amateur hockey team will also use the rink, but again the majority of their ice time will be on weekdays before 3 pm when demand for the ice is lowest and the other rinks are available. The Ice Center will charge reasonable fees and will not require memberships so that it remains accessible to the public.

**See Attachment C - Proposed Ice Usage Breakdown** for further details.

## STEP 5: SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

### 1. Date of environmental review(s), purpose for the environmental review(s) and for whom they were conducted.

Over the past 20 years a number of environmental reviews have been conducted for various transportation projects at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The dates, projects, and the agency or organization conducting the reviews are listed below:

- 1995. Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Page Avenue Extension.
- 2001. In-house Environmental Assessment of Spoil Pit Development, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Saint Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 2001. In-house Environmental Assessment of Proposed Concrete Batch Plant, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Saint Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 2002. Howard Bend Environmental impact Statement Draft Purpose and Need. Prepared for US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District. Prepared by MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. Under contract with the Howard Bend Levee District.
- 2003. Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park Master Plan. Developed by Parsons-Brinkerhoff for Saint Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 2004. Environmental Assessment for Requesting Conversion Transfer of 4(f) and 6(f) Lands. Conducted by Saint Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 2005 Howard Bend Floodplain Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- 2006. Environmental Assessment for Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park Requesting Conversion Transfer of 6(f) Lands. In-house Saint Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 2007. Howard Bend Land Use Plan Implementation Program.
- 2008. Maryland Heights Expressway EIS.
- 2010. Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park-LWCF 6(f) Conversion for Page-Olive Connector/Creve Coeur Mill Road Realignment (LWCF Project 29-00292. Saint Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 2010. Olive & 141 Connector EA prepared by MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc..
- 2013. McKelvey Woods Trail Wetland Delineation Phase II. Conducted for the US. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District by Burn & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. Under contract with the City of Maryland Heights. (Note: this trail is part of GRG's Fee Fee Greenway).
- 2015. Comprehensive Plan and Updates. City of Maryland Heights.
- 2015. St. Louis Ice Center Study. Created by Generator Studio, ARCO Construction, Castle Construction, Canlan Ice Sports, and Double Eagle Sports, LLC.
- 2017. Waters of the United States Delineation, St. Louis Ice Center. Conducted for ARCO Construction Company by Geotechnology, Inc.
- 2017. Stormwater Management Facilities Report: Detention Volume – Howard Bend Levee District. Conducted for ARCO Construction Company by Stock & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- 2017. Traffic Impact Study by Crawford Bunte Brammeier Transportation Engineers and Planners.
- 2017. Evaluation of Project Area for Potentially Suitable Bat Habitat by Amec Foster Wheeler.
- 2017. Phase I Cultural Resource Survey by Amec Foster Wheeler.



## **2. Description of the proposed action and alternatives.**

Saint Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (SLCDPR) is requesting permission for a public facility to be constructed and operated on Section 6(f) land at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park. The proposal would consist of a public recreational facility with four sheets of ice designed to support numerous recreational activities. Proposed activities would include but not be limited to: public ice skating, public learn-to-skate and learn-to-play programs, figure skating, in-line skating, field hockey, floor hockey and all levels of developmental hockey. As envisioned, the facility would attract local, regional and national events ranging from disabled or sled hockey, special needs hockey, U.S. National Figure Skating Championships and so forth. These events could be held due to the number of ice sheets and the total seating capacity of over 4,000 spectators. Office space, concessions, a restaurant, training facilities, rehabilitation areas and a pro-shop would be included in the SLIC.

The cost to construct the SLIC is estimated to be in excess of \$55 million. Approximately 60% of the the project's financing will come via Industrial Revenue Bonds with limited backing from St. Louis County. The remaining 40% of the financial requirements are secured via private donations and the project is fully funded. A not-for-profit 501(c)(3), governed by a Board of Directors, will steward operations of the facility with day-to-day activities executed by the aforementioned rink management firm.

Five sites were reviewed as possible locations for the proposed development as identified in the SLIC study, of which four were in the City of Maryland Heights. The five locations were:

- County Park land located at 13750 Marine Avenue, just east of Highway 141;
- County Park land located along the Page Extension Freeway, just west of Highway 141 along River Valley Road;
- Golfsport site located at 3250 Creve Coeur Mill Road;
- Sportport site located at 12525 Sportport Road; and
- Queeny Park site located at 550 Weidman Road and 1675 South Mason Road.

Some of the criteria used to determine site location included:

- The use of public land as compared to purchasing private property;
- Existing transportation amenities;
- Existing utilities or nearby connections;
- Existing location in reference to the Howard Bend Levee District and the levee itself;
- The existing possibility of wetlands;
- Flooding and flood water considerations;
- Stormwater management strategies;
- Sub-surface ground saturation and ground water movement; and
- Cost to construct based on engineering, grading and ground work needs.

Based on the findings it was determined by the developers that the Marine Avenue site was the preferable site. The other sites would have provided significant constraints relative to topography, construction costs and traffic challenges, which would have restricted the ice rink development.

## **3. Who was involved in identifying resource impact issues and developing the proposal including the interested and affected public, government agencies and Indian tribes.**

The SLIC study was developed by Generator Studio, ARCO Construction, Castle Construction, and St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation. The LWCF Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form was completed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. An informational public meeting was held in January 2017 (see item 7 below).

**4. Environmental resources analyzed and determination of impacts for proposed actions and alternatives.**

See above number 2.

**5. Any mitigation measures to be part of the proposed action.**

Initial studies of the proposed project indicate the following mitigation measures:

- Possible wetland mitigation (pending review of a wetlands delineation report by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers);
- Bio-swales to collect and move stormwater runoff;
- Detention basins to detain runoff;
- The possibility of using porous pavement;
- The possibility of installation of rain gardens throughout the parking areas; and
- The use of BMP as part of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

The proposed site consists of approximately 40 acres.

**6. Intergovernmental Review Process. Was this proposal reviewed by the appropriate State, metropolitan, regional and local agencies, and if so, attach any information and comments received about this proposal.**

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Land Water Conservation Fund Management Section.  
Missouri State Historic Preservation Office.

**7. Public comment periods (how long, when in the process, who was invited to comment) and agency response.**

The St. Louis County Department of Planning held an informational public meeting on January 25, 2017 regarding the proposed development. Notification of the meeting included postcards mailed to nearby property owners, park signage, a County website notice, email notification sent to County website subscribers as well as open space organizations. Presentations were given by the SLCDPR, the Partnership, and the Foundation prior to opening up the meeting for public comments. A total of 42 individuals provided comments during the meeting: 25 spoke in favor of the development, and 17 spoke in opposition. Representatives from regulatory agencies and other interested agencies were not in attendance at this meeting.

The Draft EA was issued for public comment on June 22, 2017 for a 30-day comment period that closed on July 22, 2017. The Draft EA was made available at [www.stlpartnership.com/icecenter](http://www.stlpartnership.com/icecenter). Printed copies were also made available from the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership for a printing cost of \$30.00. Over 2,700 comments were received with approximately 78 percent in favor of the project and 22 percent against.

**8. Any formal decision and supporting reasons regarding degree of potential impacts to the human environment.**

N/A

**9. Was the proposed LWCF federal action and/or any other federal actions analyzed/reviewed in any of the previous environmental reviews? What was analyzed and what impacts were identified? Provide specific environmental review document references.**

Most of the above mentioned environmental documents (see Item 1 above) do not take into account the specific location of the proposed project area (except the McKelvey Woods Trail Wetland Delineation Phase II). Most of the studies listed in Item 1 refer to Page Avenue, Howard Bend Levee District, Maryland Heights Expressway and the Olive-Highway 141 Connector. Most of the reference to environmental studies and reviews, listed above, is in reference to the many highway projects that have occurred in and around Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The location of the proposed project was included in several recent reviews involving bat roost tree habitat, cultural resources, floodplains, and traffic flow and circulation.

## STEP 6: ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

### Part A. Environmental Resources

<b>A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES</b> Indicate potential for adverse impacts. Use a separate sheet to clarify responses per instructions for Part A on page 9.	<b>Not Applicable-</b> Resource does not exist	<b>No/Negligible Impacts-</b> Exists but no or negligible impacts	<b>Minor Impacts</b>	<b>Impacts Exceed Minor</b> EA/EIS required	<b>More Data Needed to Determine Degree of Impact</b> EA/EIS required
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.				<b>X</b>	
2. Air quality			<b>X</b>		
3. Sound (noise impacts)			<b>X</b>		
4. Water quality/quantity				<b>X</b>	
5. Stream flow characteristics	<b>X</b>				
6. Marine/estuarine	<b>X</b>				
7. Floodplains/wetlands				<b>X</b>	
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability		<b>X</b>			
9. Circulation, transportation				<b>X</b>	
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing		<b>X</b>			
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc.	<b>X</b>				
12. Unique or important wildlife/ wildlife habitat	<b>X</b>				
13. Unique or important fish/habitat	<b>X</b>				
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)		<b>X</b>			
15. Recreation resources, land, parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc. <i>Most conversions exceed minor impacts. See Step 3.B</i>				<b>X</b>	
16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities	<b>X</b>				
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features		<b>X</b>			
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc. Attach SHPO/THPO determination.		<b>X</b>			
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure		<b>X</b>			
20. Minority and low-income populations	<b>X</b>				
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)		<b>X</b>			
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	<b>X</b>				
23. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<b>X</b>				
24. Other important environmental resources to address.	<b>X</b>				

## **Part A. Environmental Resources Explanations**

### **1. Geologic resources, soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.**

The proposed action to develop the SLIC will impact the soils and landforms of the 6(f) property in question. The proposed development is located in the Missouri River floodplain and is within the 100-year flood of Creve Coeur Lake and Creve Coeur Creek. Alluvial deposits within the project area are at a depth of greater than 60 feet. The water table is at a depth of two to four feet most of the year according to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service) Soil Survey of St. Louis County and St. Louis City, 1979.

The ground is relatively flat with a slight decrease in elevation along the eastern and northern portions of the project area. The soils located on the site are identified as Peers, silty clay loam by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). This soil is identified as a hydric soil in St. Louis County. As described the soil is located on nearly flat ground and is somewhat poorly drained. Permeability is moderate, and surface runoff is slow.

The project site is located at a grade elevation of 448 feet. The 100-year flood elevation of Creve Coeur Lake and Creve Coeur Creek is 450 feet. The entire project site is considered a FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) Zone AE, meaning it has a probability of flooding in any given year of 1%. This is considered a high risk of flooding under the National Flood Insurance Program. The entire project area and portions of roadways leading to the site were inundated in July 2015, January 2016 and again in May 2017 after substantial amounts of rainfall.

To reduce the risk of flooding most of the project site will be elevated with two to five feet of fill. This will raise the elevation to at least one foot above the 100-year flood elevation. Fill will be obtained from the onsite constructed retention basins. An estimated 195,000 cubic yards of fill will be used from the project site. Constructed retention basins will provide compensatory storage to offset the volume of water displaced by filling.

Checking historical aerial photos revealed the project area has been cleared of woody vegetation since at least 1937 and has been in some form of agriculture since that time. Recent Park Department management has been the seasonal mowing of the site to maintain it as an open field.

Surface bedrock, slopes, streambeds or landforms do not exist on the proposed project site.

### **2. Air Quality.**

The development of the SLIC will have a negative impact on the air quality of the immediate area. With the development of the proposed SLIC, more vehicles will be traveling the roadways thus increasing emissions and lowering air quality. According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) the air quality in the metro area has improved since 2000 but work still needs to be done to reduce ozone. In July 2012, USEPA designated the metro-St. Louis area as a marginal non-attainment area for ozone. The area had until December 2015 to attain the 2008 ozone standard but this will not be determined until 2017. Ozone is created by chemical reactions between oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds in the presence of sunlight. Emissions from motor vehicle exhaust, gasoline vapors along with some other sources are the major contributors to ozone. Breathing ozone can trigger a variety of health problems and can have harmful effects on sensitive vegetation and ecosystems.

According to the proposed ice center plan the facility will have parking available for 1,037 vehicles plus an adjacent 268 existing spots. The spectator seating attendance for the four ice rinks is a combined at over 4,000 people. If at maximum capacity three spectators would travel together to the facility in one vehicle this would represent slightly over 1,367 vehicles on the nearby roadway traveling to the facility. This number would represent a maximum attendance for each of the four ice rinks and is expected to occur less than eight to ten times annually based upon event scheduling and forecasted attendance. It is unknown at this time how many vehicles will be traveling the roadways to access the facility in any given day; however, a traffic study is currently underway to assess impacts. The operation of the vehicles to attend activities at the ice center would increase vehicle emissions and reduce air quality. The potential impact of increased vehicle traffic will be mitigated due to the location of the SLIC at the edge of the Park at a main Park entrance.

In addition, air quality will decrease during the construction of the facility as a result of grading and construction activity.

### **3. Sound (noise impacts).**

Noise levels will temporarily increase as a result of the proposed ice center being constructed. The temporary and short-term increase in noise generated as a result of the construction of the new facility will impact the surrounding passive park land. Other noise generated by the ice facility will be long term such as: vehicle noise on the park roads leading to the facility, and the operation of the facility itself. The increases in noise as a result of the proposed project can be attributed to:

- Project site grading with heavy equipment during construction;
- Overall construction of the facility, parking lots, building, etc;
- Operation of the ice facility with compressors, and other equipment could increase the outside noise level around the facility; and
- Road noise will increase as more vehicles will be out on the roadways traveling to the ice center.

The nearby receptors that could be impacted by these activities include:

- A residential house at 3404 Creve Coeur Mill Road, approximately 480 feet northwest of the project site that fronts Route 141 near the southeast quadrant of the Route 141 and Marine Avenue intersection.
- A pavilion (Tremayne Shelter) near Creve Coeur Lake on the west side of Marine Avenue approximately 510 feet west of the project site.
- Creve Coeur Disc Golf Course to the south of the project site.

At the residence, construction noise would attenuate to 65.3 dBA at the receptor. This would not exceed HUD noise guidelines, but would exceed the USEPA guideline of 55 dBA. However, construction-related noise impacts would be intermittent and temporary and would occur during daytime hours. Given the temporary and intermittent nature of this construction noise, and the fact that the house is located within noise effects of Route 141, construction noise impacts are expected to be minor.

The Tremayne Shelter in the Park is 510 feet to the west and based on straight line noise attenuation, construction noise would attenuate to 64.8 dBA at this receptor. This would not exceed HUD noise guidelines, but would exceed the USEPA guideline. However, as stated above, these impacts would be intermittent, temporary and during weekday daytime hours.

The Creve Coeur Disc Golf Course is adjacent to the project site to the south. Several of the holes on the course are being relocated as part of this project and the course would be closed during the grading operations on site; therefore, the disc golf course would not be affected by the construction noise of earth moving equipment.

There is also the potential for indirect noise impacts associated with an increase in construction related traffic and the transport of construction equipment to site. Noise impacts from construction related traffic are expected to be minor as construction-related traffic would utilize major arterial roadways as much as possible and likely would not have a noticeable increase on traffic volume and consequently traffic noise in the vicinity of those major roadways.

Operational noise from heating and cooling equipment on the north side of the SLIC could be expected to create a noise level of approximately 75 dBA at 50 feet. Based on straight-line attenuation, the noise from this equipment would attenuate to approximately 51 dBA at the residence. Therefore, there would be no operational noise impact at the residence.

the nearest noise-producing mechanical equipment to the Tremayne Shelter would be a ground-mounted outdoor condenser on the west side of the building. This evaporative condenser operating at full fan speed could be expected to create a noise level as high as 87.5 dBA at 50 feet. Based on straight-line attenuation, the noise from this equipment would attenuate to approximately 62.3 dBA at the shelter,

which would be below the HUD guideline of 65 dBA, but it would still be above the USEPA suggested guideline of 55 dBA. However, objects in the field and topography would cause further noise attenuation. It is not expected that this condenser would cause disruption of the use of the shelter. This condition could be further mitigated by providing a barrier wall around the condenser unit to provide a break in the noise path to the shelter.

The Creve Coeur Disc Golf Course would not be in the path of noise created by the ground-mounted condenser on the west side of the building. The roof-mounted condenser on the north side of the building is further from the disc golf course than it is from the residence. Therefore, there are no operational noise impacts on the disc golf course.

Noise impacts from traffic related to the operation of the SLIC would not exceed FHWA noise abatement criteria.

#### **4. Water quality/quantity.**

The proposed ice center development and parking areas will cover most of the 40 acre site. Much of this acreage will consist of impervious materials roadways, parking lots, roofs, etc. The remaining acreage represents lawn, retention basins, and bio-retention. The development of the proposed project with its parking for over 1,000 vehicles could impact the quality and quantity of runoff. Oils, vehicle fluids, salts, and trash could impact the quality of water leaving the development site as runoff or being detained on site.

Based on information provided by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), a one-inch rain storm will generate 27,154 gallons of runoff on one acre of impermeable surface. Considering the size of the proposed development, a one-inch rain event would generate approximately 651,696 gallons of runoff (or, roughly the volume of an Olympic-sized pool). Retention basins located in low permeable soils with a high water table will hold water for a considerable amount of time. Bio-retention is a depressed landscape feature which stores, filters, and infiltrates stormwater runoff. Bio-retention is an attractive Best Management Practice (BMP) on many developments because it can be tucked into greenspace such as curb islands, landscaping and planter boxes.

The project site currently slopes to the north and east. The proposed ice center development will be divided into multiple sub-basin watersheds: each tributary to a bio-retention basin, and then to retention lakes. To manage runoff, three constructed retention basins will provide compensatory water storage to offset the volume of water displaced by filling. The main retention lake will be interconnected to a secondary "finger lake" immediately west of Marine Avenue. From the second retention lake, an enclosed storm sewer discharge pipe will convey runoff to Creve Coeur Creek. Upstream of the on-site retention lake, bio-retention basins will be utilized to provide water quality treatment and volume reduction for proposed impervious surfaces. The site will be designed such that parking lots will sheet flow into bio-retention basins along their perimeter, and roof drains will "bubble up" into bio-retention basins. Private sewers will then convey stormwater from the bio-retention basins to the on-site retention lakes for storage.

#### **5. Stream flow characteristics.**

Runoff generated on the site currently moves to the north and east of the project area to a detention basin. The runoff then discharges to a wooded wetland that begins on the project area and extends into adjoining properties. Off-site runoff moves into a drainage moving to the east and eventually entering Fee Fee Creek. Surface flowing streams do not exist on the project site.

As previously stated, the proposed ice center development will be divided into multiple sub-basin watersheds: each tributary to a bio-retention basin, and then to retention lakes.

#### **6. Marine/estuarine.**

Marine or estuarine habitats do not exist on or in the vicinity of the project site.

## 7. Floodplain/wetlands.

The project site is located within the Missouri River floodplain. The Howard Bend 500-year levee protects the area from Missouri River floodwaters. However, the site is within the 100-year flood of Creve Coeur Lake and Creve Coeur Creek. The area recently experienced two greater than 100-year floods in July 2015, January 2016 and again in May 2017. The project site and roads leading to the site were inundated. To counter the occurrence of the proposed project being within the 100-year flood zone the site will be raised with two to five feet of fill. This action will bring the project area one foot above the 100-year flood. Roadways leading to the development will be inundated and impassible in a 100 year flood. No actions have been recommended to raise the elevations of any of the roadways serving the immediate project area.

The City of Maryland Heights is an approved municipality to administer the Federal Flood Insurance Program per FEMA. As such, Maryland Heights has ordinances in place under which to review and administer any proposed development within the regulatory floodplain as defined by FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Specifically, floodplain permits and flood studies are required for any changes via the removal or filling of earth within the designated floodplain. Development within the floodplain must demonstrate a no "net rise" to the stream or river floodway conveyance area, if applicable. A stormwater management study was conducted by Stock & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. in March 2017 for the proposed ice center development. In a letter dated March 28, 2017 from Horner & Shifrin, the Howard Bend Levee District has granted approval of the project hydraulics as it relates to compensatory storage and compliance with the stormwater master plan. Information regarding the proposed stormwater management features of the project site is included in Item 4 above.

The 2013 McKelvey Woods Trail Wetland Delineation Phase II report identified two wetlands within the project area. This trail is part of GRG's Fee Fee Greenway. The delineation was conducted for the US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District by Burn & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. The work was carried out under contract with the City of Maryland Heights and the Great Rivers Greenway. This trail is part of GRG's Fee Fee Greenway and traverses a portion of the project area. The wetland delineation was only carried out along the course of the proposed trail and not the entirety of the proposed project site. Other wetlands exist in the northeast corner of the property but are outside of the developed area.

In January 2017, Geotechnology completed a Waters of the United States (WOUS) delineation of the proposed development site for ARCO Construction Company. WOUS may include lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and similar waters that possess a connection to traditional navigable waters. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory (NWI) was reviewed to obtain information pertaining to NWI-mapped wetlands and waterbodies in the project area. NWI-mapped wetlands do not appear in the project area. The closest NWI-mapped wetlands are west adjacent to Creve Coeur Lake and Creve Coeur Creek and east adjacent to a tributary of Louisville Creek. See **Attachment D – Wetlands** for more details. During the delineation, Geotechnology identified a 0.13-acre forested wetland on the eastern side of the project area. The forested wetland exists within a depression of a drainage area that discharges to a stream system that is present on the east adjoining property. Streams were not identified. Although two emergent wetlands were identified on the western portion of the site, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has verified that these wetlands are not considered jurisdictional wetlands due to their recent development. The facility development plan does not impact the 0.13-acre forested wetland or the 0.11-acre emergent wetland (identified in the 2013 Phase II delineation report); therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required. As a result, the USACE prepared a "No Permit Required" letter, which can be found in Appendix I or the St. Louis Ice Center Draft Environmental Assessment.

## **8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability.**

Presently the project site is maintained as a mowed field with a small storage shed and a gravel drive connecting the shed to Marine Avenue and does not exhibit active recreational use. The open field is mowed seasonally to restrict woody growth. The site is used on an occasion for special event parking. The Fee Fee Greenway Trail, which is currently under construction, will pass through the project site and will connect residential areas to the east to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. This multi-use asphalt trail is the only other planned action proposed on the project site and will be tied into the SLIC with an asphalt path so as to allow Fee Fee Greenway Trail users access to restrooms and concessions which are not readily available.

Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park offers a variety of recreational activities and diversity of land uses. Listed below are some, but not all, of the activities and land uses that can be found in the park:

- The Quarry at Crystal Springs 18-hole golf course and a driving range;
- Soccer fields and ballfields;
- Biking and pedestrian trails;
- Boat rentals for the lake;
- Bike rentals for the trails;
- Fishing;
- Picnic sites and shelters;
- Go Ape Zip Line and Treetop Adventure;
- Boating, rowing, sailing and windsurfing;
- Passive areas;
- Natural areas;
- Wetlands, woodlands and prairie areas; and
- A 300-acre natural lake (an old oxbow of the Missouri River).

All of the above activities and land uses make up the 2,100 acre park.

The proposed development would not impact any of the above-mentioned recreational activities.

The listed recreational facilities would benefit from the proposed development, attracting additional attendances and usage as a result of SLIC.

The proposed development will occur on a 40-acre site that is part of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The site is in the north central portion of the park adjacent to Marine Avenue. The site is seasonally mowed by staff of SLCDPR to maintain its openness. Land use outside of the project area and the park would include residential areas in the higher elevation upland areas. While agriculture is the primary land use within the Missouri River floodplain, nearby private development proposals hope to develop over 1,500 acres in the immediate area next to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The developments may include residential, commercial and light industrial.

Land ownership would remain with SLCDPR. The property would be leased to a not-for-profit organization, which would oversee the construction and be responsible for the operation of the SLIC.

No private residential or industrial sites exist near the proposed project site. Some commercial sites including the golf course, bike rental, soccer fields and a commercial nursery are located in the vicinity of the proposed project. The project is not expected to have an impact on the property values of the surrounding private properties.

## **9. Circulation, transportation.**

The proposed SLIC project is located approximately 940 feet south of Highway 141 (aka the Maryland Heights Expressway). This highway forms a major connection with I-64 to the south and I-70 to the north, both of which are major interstates linking St. Louis and St. Charles counties. In addition, Highway 364 (Page Avenue) provides a crucial link between I-270 and Highway 141 as well as a link between St. Louis and St. Charles Counties. These roadways increase the service area of the ice facility and provide improved access. The proposed SLIC will also be served by two secondary roads leading to the site,



Dorsett Road and Marine Avenue. Both of these roads are two lane roads and serve the east side of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and the proposed ice center. Currently, there are no known traffic improvements planned or proposed for Marine Avenue. Traffic would increase within Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park as a result of the proposed ice center; however, most of the traffic to and from the public facility is expected to enter and leave the Park at the adjacent entrance at the intersection of Marine Avenue and Highway 141. Listed below are average weekday traffic counts for 2015 at various locations in and around Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park as provided by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and St. Louis County Department of Transportation (SLCDOT):

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Average Weekday Traffic (AWT)</u>
Marine Ave. south of Highway 141 (at project site)	5,670
Highway 141 south of Highway 364 (Page Ave.)	28,243
Highway 141 between I-70 and Highway 364	40,306
Marine Ave. north of Dorsett Rd.	8,130
Dorsett Rd. east of Marine Ave.	5,440
Marine Ave. south of Dorsett Rd.	6,100
Creve Coeur Mill Road between Hwy. 141 and Hwy. 364	5,780

A traffic study was conducted for the proposed ice center development.

There is a need to provide separate left-turn lanes at each of the proposed entrances. Based on the distance between the entrances, a three-lane cross section is recommended along Marine Avenue (one lane in each direction plus a two-way left-turn lane) between the proposed south entrance and the proposed north entrance.

Traffic volumes simulating operating conditions for the proposed SLIC were developed using current (2017) volumes. All intersections listed above are expected to operate at acceptable levels of service (LOS D or better) during both the weekday PM peak hour and the Saturday evening event peak hour, except the westbound approach of Creve Coeur Mill Road North during the weekday PM peak hour. This approach could be improved by lane reassignment re-striping at the intersection, which could improve the level of service to LOS C during the PM peak hour. This westbound approach is an existing condition and the additional traffic from the proposed SLIC is not expected to have an impact on the westbound approach during the PM peak hour.

Traffic volumes simulating future (2037) operating conditions for the proposed SLIC were developed at the intersections listed above. All intersections off of Marine Avenue to the proposed SLIC will operate at overall acceptable levels (LOS D or better) during the weekday PM and Saturday evening event peak hours. The westbound approach of Creve Coeur Mill Road North at Route 141 could be re-striped to allow for two westbound left-turn lanes to improve the operation of that approach. As with the 2017 conditions, minor signal timing adjustments could also be made for the 2037 conditions to provide additional southbound left-turn green time to minimize the southbound left-turn delays and queues, while still providing desirable levels for northbound Route 141.

**10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat, state/federal listed or proposed for listing.**

Most of the proposed site consists of old field herbaceous growth. The site has been open and used for various agriculture practices since at least 1937. Current management over the past few years has been a seasonal mowing to keep woody growth from invading the site. Some of the old field herbaceous species would include but not be limited to the following species: Johnson grass, Virginia wild rye, goldenrod, fescue, fleabane, blackberry, poison ivy, thistle, vetch, white sweet clover, white woodland aster, chicory, ragweed, red clover, as well as other species.

The boundary of the project site on the north, east and south is lined with woody vegetation as a combination of trees and shrub species. The woody corridor is made up of a combination of mature and immature species. Some of the woody species found along the project site boundary would include but not be limited to the following species: silver maple, box elder, elderberry, honey locust, hackberry, black

walnut, white ash, Kentucky coffee tree and basswood. Other species growing in the corridor include bush honeysuckle, autumn olive and Siberian elm. The wooded corridor provides a travel lane for more mobile wildlife to reach other portions of the park.

Two wetlands as identified in the McKelvey Woods Trail Wetland Delineation Phase II study exist on the proposed site. This trail is part of GRG's Fee Fee Greenway. Only the proposed trail route was delineated and not the entire project area for wetlands. One of the wetlands is along the south east corner of the project area the other wetland is located on the central portion of the eastern boundary. Both sites are highly degraded as a result of seasonally mowing. The floristic display is not very well developed. The forested wetland exists within a depression of a drainage area that discharges to a stream system that is present on the east adjoining property. The forested wetland is dominated by box elder (*Acer negundo*) and American elm (*Ulmus americana*) trees. Hydric soils and wetland hydrology were observed within the wetland. The surrounding forested riparian corridor is dominated by box elder, American elm, silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*), and bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). Generally, trees within this area are relatively young with the majority under 8 inches diameter at breast height (dbh). However, a few, mature cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*) species are present. Some of the herbaceous species found in the wetlands include the following species: narrow leaved cattails, sedges, bulrush and other species. Ponded water was observed in the vicinity of the emergent wetlands in the western portion of the site in December 2016 (following a precipitation event). It should be noted that the eastern quarter of the proposed site is lower in elevation and shows a greater concentration of bulrush and sedge species. Evidence does exist of surface water pooling across the proposed site.

The project area represents beneficial wildlife habitat for many common species of wildlife found in the park and the surrounding area. The site could provide some valuable forage habitat for bats. As part of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail proposal a bat roosting survey was conducted along the route of the trail which traverses the project area. The area where the trail traverses the proposed development does not have any trees growing along the trail route. However, good bat roosting trees do exist adjacent to the development. Indiana bats and Northern Long Eared bats both are federally and state endangered species and both occupy select trees during the summer months. Trees with flakey bark or trees with hollow cavities or old mature trees would be beneficial to both species of bats. Both species would utilize the field and wetlands as hunting areas for insects. Because of the relative small size of the project area and the lack of quality habitat other federally and state endangered species would not be found on the project area. No known plants or fish species exist on the project site that would be considered of special concern.

**11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc.**

No unique habitats exist on the project site. The site consists of an old field community primarily with herbaceous vegetation with minimal plant development and diversity. Two degraded wetlands are found on the site. But they support minimal plant diversity and lack a constant hydrology. The entire site is mowed seasonally to reduce woody growth.

**12. Unique or important wildlife/wildlife habitat.**

As previously mentioned (see item 10 above) the Indiana bat and the Northern Long Eared bat, both federally and state endangered species may occupy some of the surrounding trees and utilize some of the open field to forage for insects. A habitat evaluation was conducted in the spring of 2017, which determined that the project area is not an important habitat for the two endangered species. The proposed development site contains two small emergent wetland habitats in the western portion of the proposed site, a forested wetland in the eastern portion of the proposed site, and an emergent wetland in the eastern portion of the proposed site as identified in the referenced wetland delineation reports. The closest NWI-mapped wetlands are west adjacent to Creve Coeur Lake and Creve Coeur Creek and east adjacent to a tributary of Louisville Creek. Ponded water was observed in the area of the two non-jurisdictional wetlands during the December 2016 site visit. The project area is utilized by a host of wildlife but these species would not be classified as unique or important wildlife with the exception of the two endangered bat species. The older field habitat of the project area represents a habitat that is not very common in the 2,100 acre park.

### **13. Unique or important fish/habitat.**

No permanent water is found on the project site so fish and their habitat do not exist on site.

### **14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal).**

The following invasive species can be found in the project area: Johnson grass, white and yellow sweet clover, fescue, thistle, red clover, Korean clover, crown vetch, callery pear and other species as well. The proposed ice facility would encompass the 40 acre site. The proposed development should not introduce nor promote invasive species. Landscape plans can be reviewed for possible threats to native landscapes.

### **15. Recreation resources, land, parks, open space, conservation areas, recreation trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc.**

The proposed ice center will provide a recreational opportunity that does not exist in the St. Louis area. The four ice rinks will allow for tournament opportunities that do not exist in the area today. The ice center will not take away or have a direct negative impact on recreational resources that are found in the park or the immediate surrounding area. The proposed facility will occupy a site that currently supports very little use. Any potential impact on open space within the Park is mitigated by the location of the facility at the edge of the park along a neighboring railroad line.

The development will provide ice skating and other recreational opportunities for the general public, especially during winter months when outdoor activities can be limited by challenging weather.

The SLIC would create a net gain in outdoor recreation benefits in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park by offering additional outdoor recreational opportunities that currently do not exist within the park and by providing those opportunities in an area of the park that is basically unused for outdoor recreation. SLIC will provide new outdoor recreational opportunities including ice hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating, skating lessons, in-line skating, floor hockey, field hockey, and other outdoor recreational opportunities via use of an outdoor rink that is part of the project.

Currently, the proposed site for the public facility offers very little opportunity for outdoor recreation. It is a mowed pasture field located just south of an active railroad line. In the middle of the site is a maintenance shed and a gravel road that connects the shed to Marine Drive. A small portion of the site is currently used as a disc golf course; however, as noted above, that activity will be relocated as a result of the construction of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail.

As noted above, SLIC will include an outdoor skating sheet and an outdoor athletic area. During months when the weather is too warm to support ice, the outdoor rink will be used for floor hockey, field hockey, lacrosse, in-line skating or such along with playing host to summer camp activities that are currently offered in the park, but don't have protected space. It would also host a local municipality's monthly outdoor music concerts throughout the summer and the parking lot would be used for outdoor activities, including farmer's markets and food truck events sponsored by St. Louis County Parks and a municipality.

SLIC would also encourage people to take advantage of outdoor recreational opportunities year-round, especially during the colder winter months when park usage is lower than in the warmer months of the year. Ice sports are considered outdoor recreational activities under the LWCF program but the climate of the St. Louis region will not support outdoor rinks for the length of the ice hockey and ice sport seasons. Therefore, indoor rinks are necessary in the St. Louis region to support year-round recreation.

### **16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities.**

The proposed St. Louis Ice Center will be constructed to meet ADA specifications. The conceptual plans identify handicapped parking spaces and facilities of benefit inside the ice rinks. Additionally, two of the rinks are being equipped with special dasher board and ice entry systems that will allow for the disabled,

such as sled hockey players, to have ADA-type access to the ice as well as being accommodating to those hockey players and ice skaters with special needs (see <http://www.gatewaylocomotives.org/>).

## **17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features.**

**See Attachment E – Project Rendering** for more details. The visual landscape of an area is formed by physical, biological and man-made features that combine to influence both landscape identifiability and uniqueness. Scenic resources within a landscape are evaluated based on a number of factors that include scenic attractiveness, integrity and visibility. Scenic attractiveness is a measure of scenic quality based on human perceptions of intrinsic beauty as expressed in the forms, colors, textures and visual composition of each landscape. Scenic integrity is a measure of scenic importance based on the degree of visual unity and wholeness of the natural landscape character. The varied combinations of natural features and human alterations both shape landscape character and help define their scenic importance. The subjective perceptions of a landscape's aesthetic quality and sense of place is dependent on where and how it is viewed.

Scenic visibility of a landscape may be described in terms of three distance contexts: (1) foreground, (2) middleground and (3) background. In the foreground, an area within 0.5 mile of the observer, individual details of specific objects are important and easily distinguished. In the middleground, from 0.5 to 4 miles from the observer, object characteristics are distinguishable but their details are weak and tend to merge into larger patterns. In the distant part of the landscape, the background, details and colors of objects are not normally discernible unless they are especially large, standing alone, or have a substantial color contrast. In this assessment, the background is measured as 4 to 10 miles from the observer. Visual and aesthetic impacts associated with a particular action may occur as a result of the introduction of a feature that is not consistent with the existing viewshed. Consequently, the character of an existing site is an important factor in evaluating potential visual impacts.

The location of the proposed project is in a portion of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park that is not used for recreation. Presently the proposed site consists of an old field that is seasonally mowed for maintenance. In the middle of the site is a maintenance shed and a gravel road that connects the shed to Marine Drive. No active recreational opportunities exist at this old field. The site may be used by the occasional birder or botanist or other form of nature study but this is unconfirmed and there are multiple other areas in the park that support these passive recreation activities. The topography around the proposed site is relatively flat and consists of a mixture of open space (grass areas) and trees. Existing scenic attractiveness is minimal and scenic integrity of the site is low.

The building would be one story with a mezzanine, with a maximum height of the parapet roof of roughly 50 feet from the ground. The exterior of the building would be concrete and glass with a varied roof line. Other building finishes would consist of canopy roofing over the outdoor rink. An asphalt parking lot with spaces for 1,037 cars would be located on the proposed site. Additional parking may be provided west of Marine Avenue adjacent to an existing parking area. The grounds around the facility would include maintained lawn and landscaped areas consisting of a variety of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous planting.

Currently, the 40-acre site is located at the northern edge of the park and is bounded by: Marine Avenue and an existing parking lot on the west; the Southern Pacific Railroad on the north; Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and a golf driving range to the south; and a tributary to Creve Coeur Creek to the east. The proposed building would present a visual contrast to the existing undeveloped landscape. There would be a moderate visual change in the landscape at the foreground viewing distance due to the change from the natural landscape. The greatest impact would be experienced by users of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail as the building and parking area could decrease the aesthetic quality of this short portion of the trail. However, the trail would also encourage access to the public facility as there will be an asphalt connector to the trail and bike parking outside the SLIC. In more distant views, the facility would likely merge with the existing roadways and surrounding development which would minimize visual intrusions.

Photos of the existing project site can be found in **Attachment F – Existing Project Site Photos**.

**18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.**

A cultural resources survey was conducted in April and May 2017. The survey concluded that the project site is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of potential for intact, subsurface material. No further archeological work is needed. The SHPO concurred with this finding in a letter dated June 20, 2017.

**19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure.**

The St. Louis Ice Center will be operated by a not-for-profit organization, thus, the facility will not generate tax revenues. The exception to this would be any merchandise or food sold would have to pay sales taxes. As stated in the St. Louis Ice Center Development Plan the development will have the following economic benefits:

- 970 one-year construction jobs.
- \$29.1 million in new labor income.
- \$34 million in value added to St. Louis County's economy.
- The ice complex when it is fully up and running will create 156 jobs, nearly \$7 million in labor income and nearly \$22 million in value added to the county's economy annually.

The 156 jobs created in the local economy will cover the gamut of jobs both full-time and part-time; professional and non-professional. Some of the positions to be created by the St. Louis Ice Center and other impacted employers would include but not limited to the following:

- General manager
- Office manager
- Sales & marketing manager
- Sales coordinator
- Program manager
- Program coordinator
- Janitorial services
- Concession manager
- Cooks & servers
- Pro shop supervisor
- Reception clerks
- Store clerks

According to the ice plan study the expected direct spending resulting from SLIC will be \$11,100,000 and total spending of \$20,100,000. The proposed ice facility study addresses infrastructure and maintenance by setting aside funds for preventive maintenance activities, repairs, and maintenance expenses which also include all costs to keep the facility clean, safe and secure.

**20. Minority and low-income populations.**

The following information is provided by the US Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for 2011-2015 for the City of Maryland Heights:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number</b>
Population	27,401
Median Age	35.2
Racial Composition	
White	69.0 %
Black or African American	11.0 %

Asian	13.5 %
Hispanic/Latino	6.1 %
Median Household Income	\$58,911
Persons Below the Poverty Level	9.0 %

The following information is provided by the US Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for 2011-2015 for St. Louis County:

Subject	Number
Population	1,001,327
Median Age	40.2
Racial Composition	
White	69.6 %
Black or African American	23.3 %
Asian	3.8 %
Hispanic/Latino	2.7 %
Median Household Income	\$59,755
Persons Below the Poverty Level	10.9 %

The construction of SLIC will not negatively impact minorities or low income populations. The facility could provide some benefits by providing jobs.

## 21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.).

The current commitment of energy resources (mainly gasoline and diesel fuels) near the project site is related to vehicular access to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Energy use is influenced by park usage demand, which influences local traffic flow patterns.

Construction of the proposed project will require indirect consumption of energy for processing materials, construction activities, and maintenance and operation of the proposed facility. Energy consumption by vehicles in the area may increase during construction due to possible traffic delays.

The project includes provisions for improved bicycling and walking (Fee Fee Greenway Trail), thereby encouraging travel by these non-motorized and non-energy consuming modes of transportation.

The uniqueness of the SLIC and the recreational demand for it will increase the consumption of fossil fuels as more vehicles are driven to the site. The proposed project will increase fossil fuel consumption as determined by the following:

- Construction equipment (i.e. earth movers, dozers, loaders);
- Construction vehicles (i.e., delivery trucks, construction workforce);
- Operation of the site (i.e., HVAC equipment, ice chillers, electrical use); and
- Travel to and from the site by users of the facility.

The extent of energy use at the proposed site is not known; however, the increased energy consumption is expected to be minor.

## 22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies.

The Great Rivers Greenway District (GRG) and the City of Maryland Heights are currently beginning Phase II construction of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail, a multi-purpose trail that, as planned, will traverse a portion of the project area. GRG is a tax sponsored agency supported by the citizens of St. Charles and St. Louis Counties and the City of St. Louis. When complete, the trail will connect residential areas in Maryland Heights to the east of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park to the park.

SLCDPR will be constructing and managing a 13-field outdoor soccer complex about ½ of a mile west of the proposed SLIC. It is anticipated that this complex will be completed in 2017.

The City of Maryland Heights is currently seeking private development for over 1,800 acres known as the Maryland Park Lake District. As planned the area would include commercial, light industrial, residential and recreation development. This development is next to the proposed site.

**23. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated.**

No known hazardous materials are known to occur on the project site. Upon review of historic aerial photos, no structures have been built or have existed on the site as far back as 1937. The site has been a mowed field and agricultural crop field since ownership by SLCDPR.

**24. Other important environmental resources to address.**

Other resources to address are not anticipated at this time.

**Part B. Mandatory Criteria Explanations**

B. MANDATORY CRITERIA If your LWCF proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	To be determined
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?		X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office.(Attach SHPO/THPO Comments)		X	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X	
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		X	
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		X	

**2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, national natural landmarks; sole of principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.**

The proposed project will impact the floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The project site is below the 100-year flood zone of Creve Coeur Lake and Creve Coeur Creek. To facilitate project construction, 24 acres of land will be elevated with two to five feet of fill so that the proposed facility is one foot above the 100-year flood. Even with that rise in elevation all of the roads leading to the facility will be inundated with a 100-year flood. The project area is a mowed field and does not exhibit high diversity or a high quality resource.

**3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources?**

The proposed project has raised concerns with some of the public in that it proposes to place a building on land that is currently open space within Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. However, as discussed previously, the land being considered for this project was not formerly used and is not actively being used for outdoor recreation. Other public entities and individuals have expressed their support of the project stating that it will provide more active recreation opportunities in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and that some of this will be outdoor recreation. The project is also projected to increase the outdoor recreation experience throughout other areas of the park.



Recently the city of Maryland Heights announced it would entertain private development proposals on the Maryland Park Lake District which encompasses 1,800 acres near the project site. This development area is protected from floodwaters of the Missouri River with a 500-year levee. The city is weighing the effects of developing this land or leaving it for agriculture and open space.

**4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?**

One of the issues of the proposed project is constructing the facility one foot above the 100-year flood of Creve Coeur Creek. There have been two recent 100-year floods in the vicinity of the project area leaving part of the site inaccessible for a brief period of time. There is concern that as more development occurs in the Creve Coeur Creek watershed, it could have cumulative effects on the 100-year floodplain and could contribute to additional flood concerns. However, all future development in this floodplain will need to meet the overall floodplain management plan as administered by the City of Maryland Heights, the organization that administers the flood insurance program for the Creve Coeur Creek floodplain. As previously stated, a stormwater management study was conducted by Stock & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. in March 2017 for the proposed ice center development. In a letter dated March 28, 2017 from Horner & Shifrin, the Howard Bend Levee District has granted approval of the project hydraulics as it relates to compensatory storage and compliance with the stormwater master plan.

**5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?**

The proposed project could lead to future cumulative actions. The extent of these potential future effects is not known and cannot be exactly determined. However, the cumulative impacts are not expected to create long-term adverse cumulative effects nor are they considered to be substantial.

**6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?**

The development of the proposed project will increase traffic on adjacent roadways through and adjacent to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The increase in traffic could have the following impacts:

- Increased congestion in the park;
- Reduced air quality;
- Increased noise; and
- Increased risk of vehicular accidents and public safety.

The proposed project is just south of Highway 141, a four-lane divided highway. The project site was chosen in part because of its close proximity to a major arterial highway in order to facilitate traffic flow and access. Highway 141 is the type of transportation facility that is consistent with a development such as the proposed SLIC.

**8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.**

Surveys conducted within the project area did not find suitable habitat for the gray bat, and impacts on this species are not anticipated. Therefore, the project would have no effect on the gray bat.

Of the woodlots identified within the surveyed project area, no woodlots were designated as potentially suitable bat habitat based on the presence of potentially suitable roost trees and the forest community composition. The existing woodlots contained too dense of an understory to allow bats to move through the forest for foraging. While there was one potentially suitable bat roost tree located in the area of scattered trees in the southern portion of the project area, the overall community composition in the area did not have suitable tree species and community structure to support suitable summer bat habitat (trees with exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, and/or hollows). The nearest larger blocks of forest are located approximately 1.6 miles to the southeast of the project area along the hillsides above the Missouri River valley.

Based on the lack of available potentially suitable bat habitat and less favorable forest community structures, tree clearing for the SLIC would have no effect on roosting or foraging habitat for the Indiana and northern long-eared bats.

Due to frequent mechanical disturbances at the site within the decurrent false aster growing period, it is unlikely that this species is present within the project area. Within Missouri, this species is presently only known to occur in St. Charles County. In addition, large tracts of available potential habitat are located in the areas surrounding the project site. In consideration of these factors, the project would have no effect on habitat for the decurrent false aster.

## Environmental Reviewers

**The following individual(s) provided input in the completion of the environmental screening form.**

Steve Coates  
Amec Foster Wheeler  
NEPA Specialist

Karen Boulware  
Amec Foster Wheeler  
NEPA Specialist

Michael Roark  
Geotechnology, Inc.  
NEPA Specialist

**The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.**

Robin Ledford  
Geotechnology, Inc.  
Wetlands Biologist  
April 13, 2017

Vince Warner  
Amec Foster Wheeler  
Archeologist  
May/June 2017

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Site Development Plan

Attachment B – Project Location Map

Attachment C – Proposed Ice Usage Breakdown

Attachment D – Wetlands

Attachment E – Project Rendering

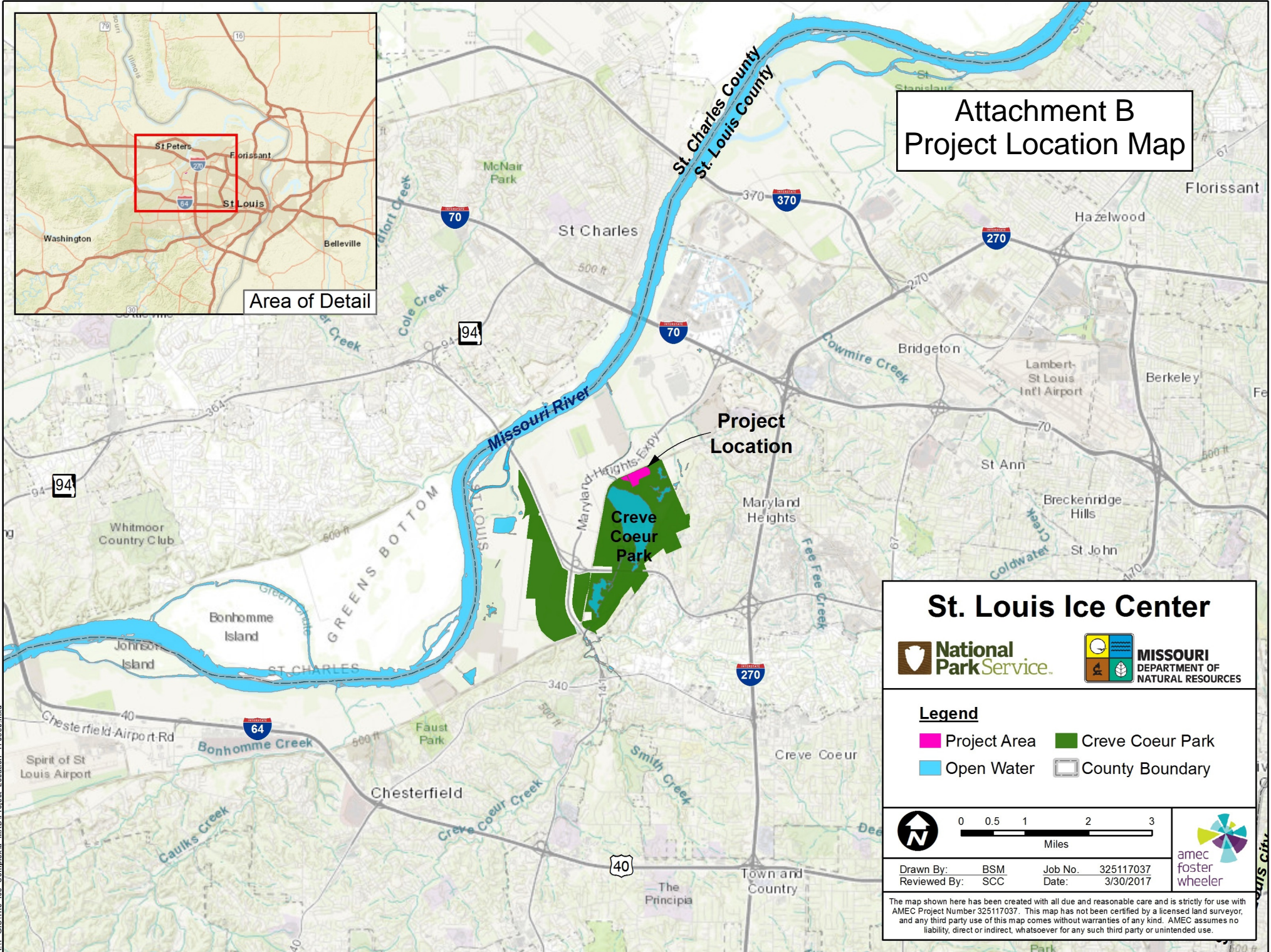
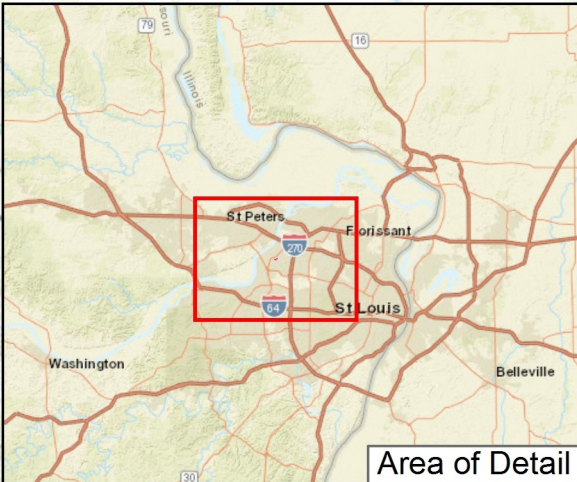
Attachment F – Existing Project Site Photos



# Attachment A - Site Development Plan



# Attachment B Project Location Map



**St. Louis Ice Center**

- Legend**
- Project Area
  - Creve Coeur Park
  - Open Water
  - County Boundary



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 Reviewed By: SCC      Date: 3/30/2017

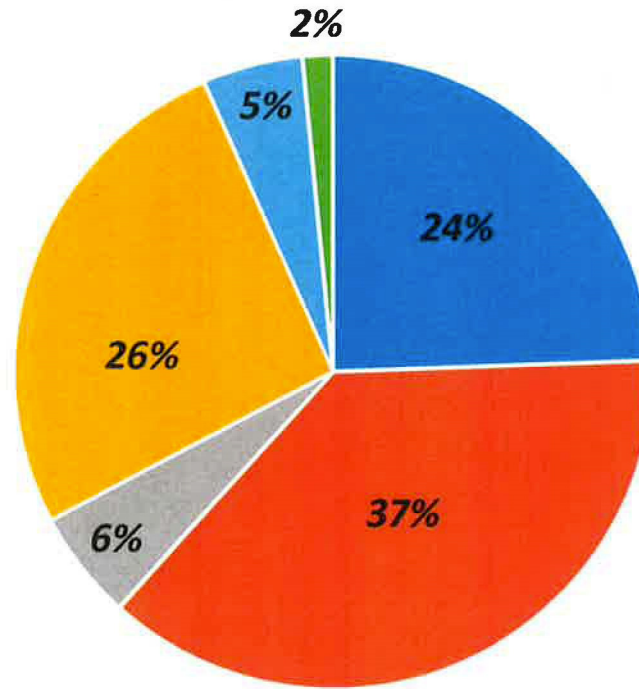


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## Attachment C - Proposed Ice Usage Breakdown

Category	# Hours Used	As % Of Total	Description For Category
Open Public Use	2,956	24%	Public skating sessions, freestyle skating, learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, stick & puck and DRY FLOOR
Public Programs & Leagues	4,507	37%	Camps/clinics, Youth, high school and adult hockey leagues
Tournaments & Public Events	673	6%	Tournaments & showcases for figure skating, synchronized skating and ice hockey
Amateur & College Teams	3,170	26%	USHL and 5 teams from two universities with over 70% of ice used during off-peak M-F 8am-3pm
Private Use	614	5%	Disabled hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and private teams/events
NHL Blues	185	2%	10am-12pm Monday through Friday off-peak (as needed) practice sessions during NHL season
<b>TOTAL FACILITY HOURS</b>	<b>12,105</b>		

As % Of Total



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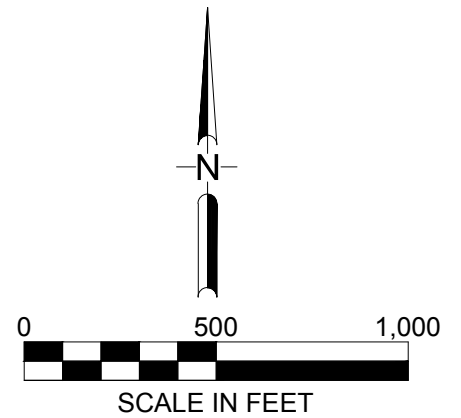


## NOTES

1. Plan adapted from 2015 aerial imagery courtesy of East-West Gateway Council of Governments and field reconnaissance performed by Geotechnology, Inc.
2. Site Features shown approximate only.

## LEGEND

- Non-Jurisdictional Wetland
- Jurisdictional Forested Wetland
- Wetland Identified by Others



Drawn By: WAH	Ck'd By:	App'vd By:
Date: 4-14-17	Date:	Date:



St. Louis Ice Center  
Maryland Heights, Missouri

## SITE LOCATION AND TOPOGRAPHY

Project Number  
J025325.02

PLATE 1

Attachment E - Project Rendering



## Attachment F - St. Louis Ice Center – Existing Project Site Photos

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Photo 1 – View to the east from the site. Taken from east of Marine Ave near the west end of the site.



Photo 2 – View to the northwest from the site. Taken from east of Marine Ave near the east end of the site.



## Attachment F - St. Louis Ice Center – Existing Project Site Photos

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Photo 3 – View to the northeast. Taken from east of Marine Ave near the middle of the site.



Photo 4 – View to the northeast. Taken from west of Marine Ave.



**Appendix G**

**Form AD-1006**

**Farmland Conversion Impact Rating**

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING**

<b>PART I</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Date Of Land Evaluation Request <b>May 18, 2017</b>
Name of Project <b>St. Louis Ice Center</b>	Federal Agency Involved <b>Natl. Park Service</b>
Proposed Land Use <b>Recreation</b>	County and State <b>St. Louis County, Missouri</b>

<b>PART II</b> (To be completed by NRCS)	Date Request Received By NRCS <b>5/18/17</b>	Person Completing Form: <b>D. SKAETR</b>
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated _____ Average Farm Size _____

Major Crop(s) <b>CORN</b>	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: <b>29.9 % 94,618</b>	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>30.7 % 97,224</b>
Name of Land Evaluation System Used <b>LESA</b>	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System <b>NONE</b>	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <b>5/18/17</b>

	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	<b>39.91</b>			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly	-			
C. Total Acres In Site	<b>39.91</b>			

<b>PART IV</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		<b>39.91</b>			
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland		<b>0</b>			
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		<b>0.0001</b>			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		<b>12.7</b>			
<b>PART V</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		<b>83</b>			

<b>PART VI</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)	Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
		1. Area In Non-urban Use (15)	<b>15</b>		
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use (10)		<b>10</b>			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed (20)		<b>0</b>			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government (20)		<b>0</b>			
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area (15)		<b>4</b>			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services (15)		<b>0</b>			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average (10)		<b>0</b>			
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland (10)		<b>10</b>			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services (5)		<b>1</b>			
10. On-Farm Investments (20)		<b>0</b>			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services (10)		<b>0</b>			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use (10)		<b>0</b>			
<b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	160	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)	160	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	260	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Site Selected: <b>SITE A</b>	Date Of Selection _____	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reason For Selection:

Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:	Date:
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## **Appendix H**

### **Marine Ave. – Road Widening Plan**

## Meeting Summary

**Date:** June 16, 2017

**To:** Mr. Scott Vogelsang, P.E., LEED-AP – ARCO Construction Company  
Mr. Patrick Quinn, St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation

**From:** Mr. Brian Rensing, P.E., PTOE

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**Appendix I**  
**Correspondence**

2 February 2017

Creve Coeur Lake is Missouri's largest natural lake in St. Louis County's oldest, busiest park. Walkers, runners, cyclists, picnickers, bird-watchers, fishermen, paddling enthusiasts of all kinds frequent this lake. And this is home to this region's most active rowing and sailing associations. Creve Coeur Lake is, by design and use, a valuable and uniquely outdoor recreation oasis for over one million active users annually.

I have personally been involved with the design and preservation of buildings, signage, play field irrigation, dredging, ramps, docks and landscape in and around Creve Coeur Lake Park since 1973. And I have not only been responsive to, but also supportive of, St. Louis County Park's insistent criteria of the design of diminutive support buildings, (low eaves, small foot-prints, see-through pavilions, etc). All of this is for the purpose of providing long impressive vistas of this lake district and a continuous horizon preserving the open beauty and pristine environment of this ecosystem.

Now, Legacy Ice Foundation and St. Louis County Parks proposes to ruin all of this with an intensive forty acre development of massive buildings with 1400 parking spaces.....and with all the associated crowded vehicular entrances, burdened traffic, volumetric flood plain contribution, imperious roofs, pavements, sanitary force mains, soil overburdens, tall walls, massive roofs, vegetation displacement, carbon emission, noise, advertisement and light pollution.

This proposed project flies in the face of all of the St. Louis County Parks criteria so thoughtfully planned and careful honored these last 50 years. After I attended St. Louis County's "informational meeting" January 25th, I was shocked to see that the Parks Department was cooperating with the developer to propose this project. This effort is in direct violation of the mandate of Missouri's Land and Conservation Funds specifically established to preserve and protect this natural resource specifically for its continued outdoor recreation.

Proponents of a new ice rink complex don't need this specific site and (had they been asked at the meeting) don't want to destroy this precious and fragile environment with this intensive development at this location. The ice complex, then, needs to be intelligently designed for an appropriate site.

This damaging and aggressive Creve Coeur lake district development is an irresponsible project for St. Louis County Parks to be proposing and a shameful act of negligence should Missouri and the Department of Natural Resources approve it.



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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF :

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
1222 SPRUCE STREET  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

May 15, 2017

Regulatory Branch  
File Number: MVS-2016-983

St. Louis County Industrial Development Authority  
c/o Sheila Sweeney  
Chief Executive Officer  
St. Louis Economic Development Partnership  
7733 Forsyth Blvd., 23rd Floor  
Clayton, MO 63105

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

We have reviewed your project, known as *St. Louis Ice Center in Maryland Heights*. The submitted plans include the construction of a new building, with associated infrastructure, within the City of Maryland Heights. More specifically, the project occurs in Section 17, Township 46 North, Range 05 East, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act assigns responsibility to the Secretary of the Army to administer a permit program to regulate the excavation or placement of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States. The excavation or placement of any dredged or fill material in waters of the United States below ordinary high water elevation or in wetlands, must be authorized by a Section 404 permit.

Based upon a review of the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographical map, soil survey, National Wetland Inventory maps, the wetland delineation dated 9 January 2017, and a site visit on April 13, 2017 to verify wetland boundaries, the proposed activity does not appear to directly impact the delineated wetland area or Creve Coeur Creek, therefore a **Department of the Army, Section 404 permit is not required** for this project.

This determination is applicable only to the permit program administered by the Corps of Engineers. It does not eliminate the need to obtain other Federal, state or local approvals before beginning work.

You are reminded that although your proposal does not need a Section 404 permit, based on your submitted plans, dated 2 May 2017, any revisions to your proposal may be subject to Section 404. Any impacts to waters of the United States are to be avoided and would require subsequent authorization from this office.

If you have any questions, please contact Chad LaMontagne at (314) 331-8044. Please refer to file number **MVS-2016-983**. The St. Louis District Regulatory Branch is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to go to our Customer Service Survey found on our web site at [http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm\\_apex/f?p=regulatory\\_survey](http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey).

Sincerely,

Rob Gramke  
Missouri Section Chief  
Regulatory Branch

CC:

St. Louis County, Missouri  
c/o Jeff Wagener – Special Assistant, St. Louis County Executive

Legacy Ice Foundation  
c/o Patrick Quinn – Chairman

Summit Family of Companies  
c/o Peter Kinsella – Vice President, Development

Stock & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
c/o George Stock, P.E. - President

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# NATURAL RESOURCES

Eric R. Greitens, Governor

Carol S. Comer, Director

June 20, 2017

Janet Wilding  
Vice President of Major Projects  
St. Louis Economic Development Partnership  
7733 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 2300  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Re: Proposed St. Louis Ice Center Project, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park (LWCF) St. Louis County, Missouri

Dear Ms. Wilding:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which requires identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the June 2017 report entitled *Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for the Proposed St. Louis Ice Complex, St. Louis County, Missouri* by Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. Based on this review it is evident that a thorough and adequate cultural resources survey has been conducted of the project area. We concur with the investigator's recommendation that archaeological site 23SL2406 is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There will be **no historic properties affected** and, therefore, we have no objection to the initiation of project activities.

Please be advised that, should project plans change, information documenting the revisions should be submitted to this office for further review. In the event that cultural materials are encountered during project activities, all construction should be halted, and this office notified as soon as possible in order to determine the appropriate course of action.

If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (146-SL-17) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Toni M. Prawl, Ph.D. *fr*  
Director and Deputy State  
Historic Preservation Officer

TMP:jd

c Andrea Messam NPS-Omaha  
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## Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park Indoor Ice Hockey Facility

### Special Interest Gain or our Future Enjoyment of Creve Coeur Lake Park?

*Published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on July 13, 2017*



The American Institute of Architects St. Louis Chapter, the Open Space Council, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, the Sierra Club, the Greenway Network, the St. Louis Audubon Society and the St. Louis Chapter of the Green Building Council have joined together in concern and opposition to the proposed Legacy Ice Foundation indoor hockey facility in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park, St. Louis County's best outdoor recreation site. Consuming 40 acres of land, the facility would require 1000+ parking spaces and have a building footprint of almost six acres, making it the largest ice hockey facility in the region.

The recently released Environmental Assessment report, attempts to redefine this massive building as "outdoor recreation", suggesting this facility is acceptable. We believe, however, that the park would be irreparably damaged by this egregious development in the following ways:

It would forever change the park character and emphasis from multiple outdoor lake district uses, making ice hockey use so dominant that boating, biking, sailing and picnicking would be severely compromised.

Traffic congestion may eventually cause the other park users to go elsewhere. The unique experience of being in a large open lake district park with distant horizons would be replaced with a 50 foot-high industrial-scale building dominating a landscape that floods regularly.

Although long-established Land and Water Conservation Act may allow the developer to replace the land taken for indoor recreation this replacement land, subsidized by taxpayers, may likely be located elsewhere with no benefit to the park.

Here are the reasons why the ice hockey facility is a bad idea for the park:

1. It would remove park land and open space from the general use of St. Louis County residents, diminishing the park's rural character. Parks and open space are of great importance to developed urban areas and are as such, jealously guarded. Committing this piece of the park to a single indoor use would be a mistake lamented in the future.
2. This facility is an indoor use unrelated to Creve Coeur Lake. Existing uses such as sailing and rowing need small support buildings that are lake-related. The planned indoor ice hockey facility would not benefit from being located near the lake but it would certainly detract from the lake and the park's rural character. The large building would be visible from the lake, beaches, bike path and park entrance approaches destroying the pastoral environment.
3. This area floods. We should stop approving development in the flood plains of our major rivers. This is a process with no good endgame. Developing floodplains leads to higher levees, higher flood levels and more public funds for flood protection and flood insurance. This is a bad plan for our region.



The public sector should be setting a good example, not misusing park land and not encouraging building construction in hazardous and environmentally sensitive areas. Forward thinking governments resist short term opportunities in favor of long term sustainability.

This sacrifice of public park land for acres of indoor ice hockey building and parking is not justified or appropriate. Is the Legacy Ice Foundation, a powerhouse of hockey interests including the St. Louis Blues, unable to procure funds to purchase a suitable site for its facility? Build this indoor ice hockey facility elsewhere.

This area in Creve Coeur Lake Park should be developed for outdoor lake-related recreation uses. The park should maintain its unique open environment as indicated in the County's master plan for the park.

In 2016 the National Parks Service celebrated its 100th anniversary. St. Louis County does not have the magnificence of the Grand Canyon, the solitude of Glacier National Park or the limitless horizons of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. But we have one of the few large natural lakes in Missouri.

We enjoy Creve Coeur Lake and its surroundings and we use them well.

Let us keep the park's horizons as distant as we can, avoid a massive industrial-like building in the park and reject the congestion and over-use that will come.

Michelle C. Swatek, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects St. Louis Chapter

314-621-3484 office

Submitted on behalf of the organizations mentioned in the first



## Comments to Environmental Assessment St. Louis Ice Center

by St. Louis Audubon Society

7/17/2017

### Introduction

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The document mentions a 1km walking/bike path around the building. We question whether the building would be attractive to hikers or bikers, and the huge parking lot would add considerable solar gain heat on the trail during sunny weather.

The document mentions the current site is unused for outdoor recreation. The current site does house grassland bird species, and the area provides living space for pollinators. Local conservation groups would be happy to help construct a wetland prairie to the location to enhance the bicyclists' view with added biodiversity.

The document mentions providing space for a farm market and music events. The existing Tremayne shelter area seems to handle such events adequately.

The document mentions the possibility of porous pavement and rain gardens, but does not state that with certainty. Although porous pavement is encouraged, the fact remains that all pavement displaces natural forbs, trees and grasses. It also mentions rain gardens, but does not state whether native plants would be used.

Step 6 Noise imports. The building will make noise when ice is made. Birds are skittish about noise and it may disturb their nesting. Item 8. Land use ownership patterns. The building will significantly reduce the natural view from the bicycle and walking paths, especially those along the lake.

Item 6 - The largest natural lake in Missouri is very close within the park to the proposed site.

Item 11 Unique Ecosystem The box is checked not applicable. However, the box should be checked because the National Audubon Society has named Creve Coeur lake County Park as part of the St. Louis Oases Important Bird Area (reference [www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/st.louis-urban-oases-19](http://www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/st.louis-urban-oases-19)).

Item 12- Unique or important wildlife habitat should not be checked "not applicable" for the same reason as stated under item 11.

Item 17 Overall Esthetics – should be checked impacts exceed minor. The proposed building brings urban construction to a place which is revered because of its natural atmosphere.

Item 22 – Other agency plans or uses- Local environmental groups are proposing the site be replanted into a wetland prairie.

Item 24 –Other important environmental resources to address. The park is a key stopover in the avian central flyway, and the proposed area would be disruptive because of light and noise pollution caused by the building.

## B. Traffic

It's stated that an estimated number of Amateur Hockey League games being 32 per year, translating into 4 per month from Sept-April. These could draw as many as 3,000 spectators. Again, traffic issues from cars approaching and leaving on the Dorsett-Marine corridor will surely cause backups.

## C. Soils D. Cultural Resource

No comments

## E. Habitat

In fact, the "open field" and the adjacent woody borders supported at least 27 species of native birds as surveyed by members of the St. Louis Audubon Society in June and early July of 2017, shortly before the site was cleared and grading began. Specifically, nesting



Dickcissels were identified on the site (females seen with nesting materials), and they are a grassland bird population which has declined by an estimated 26% since 1966.

## F. Stormwater

The soil group rating of C/D to this area indicates that the soil doesn't drain into lower soils very quickly when saturated. With that understanding it seems that continuous rain events will allow the potential for flooding from the ponds to occur, if not on the site area, then more water will flow into Creve Coeur Creek and cause flooding in other areas. There's mention of 100 and 10 year floods, but we've seen 3 floods in Creve Coeur Park over the last 2 years.

Our understanding is that Maryland Heights is in the process of initiating a stormwater management plan before any development begins in the Maryland Park Lake District Redevelopment Area in the Howard Bend Levy District. It would seem that any development so close to that area would want to see that such a plan exists before moving forward. Since St. Louis County will be the owner of the building, any maintenance on building and parking lot from flood damage will be their responsibility. It doesn't seem right that St. Louis County taxpayers would be burdened with such an expense when the facility will be used primarily by private entities.

In conclusion, this is a very nice plan for an ice arena, but it is not suitable in Creve Coeur Lake Park because of the concerns mentioned in this document.

For the Board of Directors



Herbert J Huebner  
Vice President Conservation

July 18, 2017

St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation  
190 Carondelet Plaza  
Clayton, MO 63105

RE: Proposed Ice Rink

As a long-time citizen of St. Louis County, I'd like to express my opinion on the proposed ice rink for Creve Coeur Park. I am in favor of building ice skating facilities in St. Louis County but NOT at Creve Coeur Park.

Green space is too precious to use for additional buildings and parking lots. There are unused paved properties, most significant being Jamestown Mall, that would be ideal for the ice rink. Roads and proximity to the Illinois market make Jamestown a prime location with easy access for residents of both states.

Please consider using locations other than green spaces for the ice skating facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Sweeney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colleen Sweeney  
925 Woodcrest Lane  
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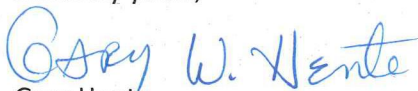
Dear Sir:

I am writing you because I feel strongly that the St. Louis Ice Center which has been proposed for a site in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park would be a major enhancement to that park and would have no negative effects on the park whatsoever. I am the owner of the property located on the north side of Missouri Highway 141 at its intersection with Marine Avenue. I have operated my business, Baxter Farms and Nurseries, at that location for over 25 years and know the area intimately. For over 25 years I have also been a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Howard Bend Levee District which provides flood protection from the Missouri River for Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.

The site of the St. Louis Ice Center is situated adjacent to the intersection of Marine Avenue with the V&S Railway railroad line. Across Marine Avenue is a large parking lot and the boathouse operated by Washington University. Approximately 500 feet north of the site and railroad tracks is Missouri Highway 141 which serves tens of thousands of vehicles daily and will provide primary access for the Ice Center. Millions of visitors to Creve Coeur Lake through this area of the park on a regular basis using the parking lot and adjacent areas for various events, including concerts and boating and other competitions. The site is protected from the risk of a Missouri River flood by a levee system which equals or exceeds a 500 year level of flood protection.

The use of this facility by the general public, youth hockey teams, high school and college teams and professional teams will add a tremendous new activity to the park. The indoor facility will provide year-round spaces for figure skating, ice dancing, field hockey, lacrosse and many more recreational activities. The demand for ice time in the St. Louis region greatly exceeds the available facilities. All in all, the St. Louis Ice Center will be an extraordinary positive addition to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. I wholeheartedly urge its approval and support its construction at the proposed site.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gary Hente

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Mr. Patrick Quinn  
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Dear Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Quinn:

As the Mayor of Maryland Heights I am writing to you today to confirm the City Councils support of the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation's ice arena project in St. Louis County's Creve Coeur Park. Our support of this project was established after much discussion and analysis of the plans, as well as, a thorough review of the impact this project would have on the City of Maryland Heights, regional recreation opportunities, and the local economy.

Based upon our assessment of the overall project, we have determined that the project meets or exceeds our expectations in the following areas of importance:

1. New and progressive recreational programming opportunities for the residents of the City of Maryland Heights.
2. Accessibility to new and unique recreational facilities for the City of Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Consistency with the vision of the City to provide superior, local and regional, recreational opportunities in the Maryland Park Lake District.
4. Enhance tourism in the City of Maryland Heights and the St. Louis area through diverse recreational offerings.
5. Develop strategic partnerships with St. Louis County, local non-profit organizations, and local agencies on sensible, sustainable, and environmentally friendly development of the Maryland Park Lake District.
6. Integration of the facility with the Great Rivers Greenway trail project.
7. Value of the City's financial investment with regards to enhanced resident recreational opportunities.
8. Meet the City's commitment to invest gaming revenues on regional - land based economic development.

The City has thoroughly reviewed and analyzed the merits of this development and has unanimously supported the project. In support of the development, the City Council has passed three (3) pieces of legislation for the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation project – Resolution #2017-1238, Resolution #2017-1243, and Ordinance #2017-4260 (attached).

In conclusion, the City appreciates the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation and the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership for their vision, sensitivity, and commitment to the region and the world of recreation. Their dedication and efforts have resulted in the creation of a truly unique and dynamic development that will positively impact recreation and ice sports in the St. Louis area for many years. We stand in support of this project and look forward to a very successful endeavor that will benefit countless families and individuals across the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Moeller".

Mayor Mike Moeller

Sponsored By: Finance and Administration Committee

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1238**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PROJECT FUNDING AND A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. LOUIS LEGACY ICE FOUNDATION RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDOOR/OUTDOOR ICE COMPLEX**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation, Inc. (“Legacy”), a Missouri non-profit corporation, intends to develop and operate a multi-purpose, state-of-the-art indoor/outdoor ice complex to be used as a practice, competition and event destination for a wide variety of ice sports, including youth hockey (the “Facility”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility is located within the City of Maryland Heights (the “City”); and

**WHEREAS**, Legacy has requested certain financial assistance from the City in connection with the Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has the authority to provide, establish, equip and develop public recreational facilities and activities and may do so by gift or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that the development of the Facility furthers the interests of the City in increasing tourism, enhancing economic development, and growing the region through increased recreational and entertainment activities within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes the Facility will enhance the image of the City as an attractive place to live, work and recreate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that it would be in the best long term interests of the City to assist with the development of the Facility by negotiating and entering into a memorandum of understanding related to the development of the Facility as described herein, together with any other necessary or appropriate agreements or instruments related to the development of the Facility;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, the City Administrator and appropriate staff members of the City of Maryland Heights, on behalf of the City, are authorized to negotiate and recommend to the City Council a Memorandum of Understanding for project funding and facility usage including related intergovernmental cooperation agreements and similar documents relating to the development, use, and funding of the Facility. Said Memorandum of Understanding shall contain terms and conditions substantially equivalent to the terms and conditions set forth in the Term Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein as




Exhibit A.

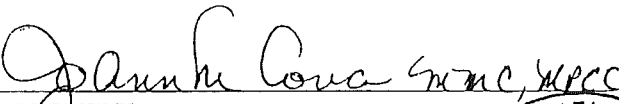
**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, the City Administrator and appropriate staff members of the City are hereby authorized to negotiate on behalf of the City and recommend to the City Council any additional contract, agreement, conveyance or other instruments necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and the purpose of this Resolution including documents pertaining to the development and funding of the Facility.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, Nothing in this resolution binds or obligates the City of Maryland Heights to provide funding for the project.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2017.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK



Sponsored by: Mayor and Council

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1243**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET BY INCREASING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND BY \$5 MILLION FOR THE ICE ARENA PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF \$5 MILLION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FROM THE RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, the city adopted a budget for 2017 by Resolution 2016-1228; and amended by 2017-2031, 2017-1233, 2017-1234, 2017-1241 and 2017-1242; and

WHEREAS, the Council plans to enter into various contracts to facilitate the construction and programming of a recreational facility in Creve Coeur Park with the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation; and

WHEREAS, no funds are currently provided in the 2017 budget for this project; and

WHEREAS, unappropriated funds are available in the Reserve Fund to transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Maryland Heights as follows:

RESOLVED, the 2017 Capital Improvements Fund Budget shall be increased by \$5,000,000 in the Ice Arena Project.

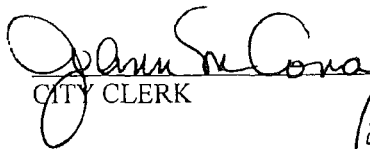
FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2017 budget shall be amended by adding a transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund of \$5,000,000.

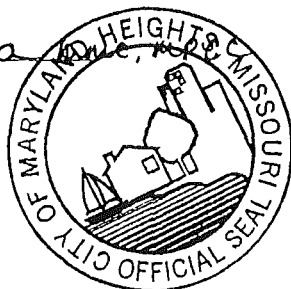
FURTHER RESOLVED, a transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby ordered.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

  
MAYOR/PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK



Sponsored by: Mayor Moeller

**BILL NO. 4323**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-4260**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDOOR/OUTDOOR ICE COMPLEX.**

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (“**SLIF**”), a Missouri non-profit corporation, intends to develop and operate a multi-purpose indoor/outdoor ice complex on approximately 40 acres of property located at 13750 Marine Avenue in the City (the “**Project Site**”) and proposes to construct an approximately 246,900 square foot building containing four ice sheets, locker rooms, pro shop, skills training facility, concession area, event space and related improvements (collectively, the “**Facility**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that the Facility will enhance recreational opportunities for Maryland Heights residents by virtue of use agreements between the City and SLIF, which will enable the Parks and Recreation Department to provide programming such as “learn to skate” programs and youth camps; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has also determined that the development of the Facility furthers the interests of the City in increasing tourism, enhancing economic development throughout the region by increasing recreational and entertainment activities within the City as well as enhancing the image of the City as an attractive place to live, work and recreate; and

**WHEREAS**, for the above reasons, the City Council believes that it is in the best long-term interests of the City to assist with the development of the Facility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable to enter into the following documents (collectively, the “City Documents”):

- a. Recreational Activities Sponsorship Agreement between the City and SLIF, the form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference herein;
- b. Recreational Activities Sponsorship Agreement between the City and St. Louis Blues Hockey Club, L.P., the form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference herein;
- c. Recreational Activities Sponsorship Agreement between the City and the United States Hockey League franchisee named therein, the form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and incorporated by reference herein;

- d. Recognition Agreement among the City, St. Louis County, Missouri and The Industrial Development Authority of the County of St. Louis, Missouri, the form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and incorporated by reference herein;

The City Documents are hereby approved in substantially the forms attached hereto, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officials of the City executing the same, such officials' signatures thereon being conclusive evidence of their approval thereof. The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to execute the City Documents on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the City Documents and to affix seal of the City thereto.

**Section 2.** The officers and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed, to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance.


**Section 3.** The sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. If any section of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining sections shall remain valid, unless the court finds that: (a) the valid sections are so essential to and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void section that it cannot be presumed that the City Council has or would have enacted the valid sections without the void ones; and (b) the valid sections, standing alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

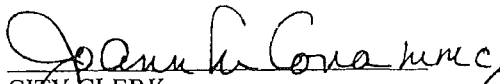
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MAYOR/PRESIDING OFFICER

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 15 DAY OF JUNE 2017.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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**Re: Comments on Proposed Hockey Arena in Creve Coeur County Park  
and Draft Environmental Assessment**

Dear Mr. Sholly, Ms. Comer, and Ms. Sweeney:

I submit these comments on my own behalf on the hockey arena complex proposed for Creve Coeur County Park in St. Louis County, Missouri. I have regularly used the Park for more than 15 years for purposes such as walking, bicycling, birdwatching, kayaking, and general relaxation and sightseeing. I intend to continue these activities in the Park for as long as I am able, though construction of a massive hockey arena would have a significant, adverse effect on my use and enjoyment. I share the views of many others who feel that this is a worthwhile project that will serve many

interests; however, it is entirely inappropriate to give away and dramatically alter public parkland for this mostly private use. As a County official acknowledged in one of the enclosed documents, “[t]he initial cost to build the facility might be greater if lands have to be purchased [elsewhere] but in the long run this will prove to make more environmental sense.”

First and foremost, it is absurd to suggest that a \$60 million indoor hockey arena is a “public outdoor recreation use” of a site funded under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (“LWCFA”). In no way does this project meet the requirements of the LWCFA. Approving this project – at least without finding it to be a “conversion” and requiring offsetting mitigation lands – would be a major stain on the reputation of the National Park Service and MDNR State Parks Division. Such a decision will open the floodgates to endless proposals for intensive development that will consume nature parks, outdoor athletic fields, and playgrounds that have been acquired under the LWCFA since its passage in 1964.

The hockey arena is not an “outdoor recreation use” in that the facility will be almost completely under roof and enclosed. No amount of contorted logic or political pressure should be allowed to convert a massive indoor hockey arena into an outdoor recreation use. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “outdoor” as: 1) “of or relating to the outdoors”, 2) “performed outdoors”, and 3) “not enclosed, having no roof.” Renderings of the facility show a very large enclosed and roofed building, much in the form of a major indoor sports arena where one might watch a professional or college athletic team. There is to be a many thousand-seat venue as well as other uses such as office space, a restaurant, and a sports rehab center. Numerous documents produced by the County and other project proponents acknowledge that this is an “indoor” facility, one labeling it a “major indoor recreational facility.” Curiously enough, according to Merriam-Webster, the word “indoor” is an antonym of the word “outdoor.” Early inquiries by the County to MDNR about this facility were shot down with a quick “no,” with this answer apparently amended only upon the application of subsequent pressure by project proponents.

The arena is also not “public” in that the vast majority of its available time will be for the exclusive use of private entities. Documents obtained from the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation, St. Louis Industrial Development Authority, and St. Louis County indicate that the facility will be largely dedicated to use by the St. Louis Blues and other university or club related users. The project sponsor intends for the arena to be the region’s “tournament center” and will focus on attracting national and international events, with such revenue-generating events anticipated to replace other uses in the future. The facility will include a “rehab center” operated by BJC Healthcare, a “retail store” and “pro shop” to hawk merchandise related to the Blues and other tenants, and several corporate logos from those purchasing naming and marketing rights. In contrast, only a small percentage of ice time (about 300 hours per year according to the facility’s business plan) is anticipated to be used for “public skate” sessions. Another document obtained from the County shows that only one of the four ice sheets will be available for “public skate,” and only a small fraction of the time on such sheet will be so used. Annual membership fees will be required of everyone using the facility according to the business plan.

The history of the LWCFA program both in Missouri and nationwide demonstrates that this project is unprecedented. None of the hundreds of projects funded with LWCFA grants in Missouri since the 1960s come anywhere close in terms of scale to what is being contemplated here. In my review of LWCFA state grants throughout the U.S., I have not seen any that compare to this project. A \$60+ million, indoor hockey arena has never been contemplated to be consistent with the LWCFA. Moreover, the legislative history of the LWCFA shows that nothing of this sort was intended by Congress when the law was passed in 1964, and Congress specifically guarded against this type of abuse when subsequent amendments were made to the Act. Only “modest” shelters under limited circumstances were allowed by the 1976 amendments of the LWCFA, certainly not \$60+ million hockey arenas. The MDNR LWCF grant application guidelines also confirm that “[s]imply put, when a LWCF grant is accepted, the project must remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.” This is what the County agreed to when it took the LWCF grants to acquire and develop Creve Coeur Park.

Another aspect of compliance with the LWCFA is that a project must be consistent with Missouri’s Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (“SCORP”). Nowhere in the SCORP is there a suggestion that a massive indoor hockey arena is consistent with the LWCFA, nor even that it would constitute “outdoor recreation.” The terms “hockey” and “arena” are not even found in the SCORP. Moreover, the SCORP states that LWCF funded projects “are taken under perpetuity by the National Park Service and must be used only for outdoor recreational purposes.”

I am submitting a number of documents on the enclosed cd-rom that are referenced above or that otherwise support my comments. I request that these documents become part of the administrative record for MDNR’s and NPS’s decision-making for this project. I also request that my May 14, 2017, emails to Dawn Frederickson of MDNR and links contained therein become part of the administrative record.

I strongly urge the MDNR and NPS to fulfill their legal responsibilities and either reject this project or, at the very least, deem it a “conversion” and require the purchase of offsetting mitigation lands. Please call me if you have any questions about these comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Edward J. Heisel

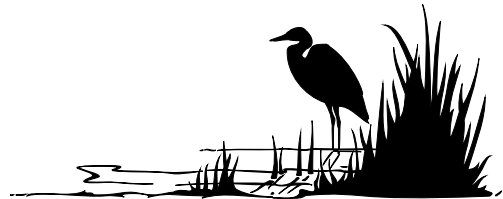
## **Enclosures**

- 1) Definition of “outdoor” from Merriam-Webster Dictionary
- 2) H.R. Rep No. 94-1468 (1976)(conference committee report on 1976 amendments to LWCFA)
- 3) Missouri Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2013-2017)
- 4) Documents obtained from the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation that were used to support its application to the IRS for tax-exempt status
- 5) Documents obtained from the St. Louis Industrial Development Authority related to its preliminary approval of bonds for the hockey arena
- 6) MDNR 2017 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application Guide
- 7) MDNR spreadsheet of LWCF projects (1965-2015)
- 8) Compilation of documents obtained from St. Louis County
- 9) Compilation of documents obtained from MDNR



Response to the  
St. Louis Ice Center Project Application to the  
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and the  
National Parks Service

21 July 2017



Creve Coeur Park Coalition

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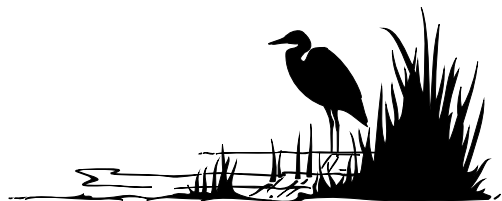
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## **1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND NEED**

### **1.1 Project Overview**

The Applicant states that this project “will increase public outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the year...”

It will not. We refute that statement:

This project does not lead to outdoor recreation. The large majority of the built portion of the project is for indoor recreation. At this time, however, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) is now building a trail that will increase outdoor recreation through biking, walking, roller blading, etc. The trail will use the parking lot as its trailhead, but it is the GRG trail itself that will increase outdoor recreation, not the parking lot or the proposed project. We note that the GRG trail, while currently under construction, is not a component of the project, other than the use of the parking lot to convene (the trailhead) before the recreation begins. The current plan is to use the existing parking lot and comfort station restrooms at Sailboat Cove.

The 40 acres of existing prairie and Savannah should not be dismissed as unimportant or easily replaced in the eco system of Creve Coeur Park Lake, and its taking for speculative site grading or development diminishes the character and totality of the park.

Additionally, we note that no public transportation is available to this site. We can know, therefore, that the outdoor recreation opportunities are available throughout the year only to a limited number of citizens with means.

While technically correct, certainly the Applicant must be citing only the exception of the diminutive “seasonal” ice rink. The indoor ice rinks do not provide outdoor recreation opportunities a significant portion of the building is for other purposes that are not related to any form of recreation, including “office space, strength/conditioning/ rehabilitation facilities, concessions, pro-shop, dressing rooms and restrooms”.

### **1.2 Project Description**

The Applicant claims this project is a “new outdoor recreation facility”.

It is not. We refute this statement.

With the exception of the proposed “seasonal” ice rink, hidden from the Park on the blind side of the building, there is no outdoor recreation proposed with this development. Most of the 250,000 square foot building features indoor activity, only, physically and conceptually separated from the Park.

The Applicant claims the construction of “an outside athletic field space (120 feet by 225 feet)” in in the project.

It is not. We refute this statement.

The outside athletic space is clearly identified on the Site Plan as “Future...”.

This development does not add to the mandated outdoor recreation of Creve Coeur Lake Park. In fact, it irrevocably harms the outdoor nature and character of the park.

Existing outdoor prairie and Savanna open space, walking and running areas, disk golf facilities, bird and wildlife habitat all contribute to nature and character of a great park and is currently outdoor recreational space. Future plans are not the instant concern. Attempts to identify this area as “wasteland” are shameful and misleading.

We should be aware that this proposed building development :

- “turns its back” to the Lake District outdoor recreation parkland and interrupts the park environ.
- provides less actual outdoor recreation than the existing conditions and buildings.

### **1.3 Park History**

### **1.4 Project Purpose**

•The Applicant claims that this project would provide economic benefit to Jefferson County, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, the County of the City of St. Louis and the Illinois counties of Monroe, Madison and St. Clair.

It may not. We refute this declaration.

While St. Louis County, but especially the City of Maryland Heights, and the City of St. Charles may see economic benefit, other counties will likely recognize only minimal economic benefit. User benefits may be regional, but the City of Maryland Heights has positioned itself to become the prime beneficiary of designed sourced income through the St. Louis County Parks, with proceeds from hotels and restaurants. The largess of this project is likely limited.

### **1.5 Project Need**

The Applicant states that “*Skating rinks* are considered public facilities under the LWCF program...”.

They are not. We quote this important distinction:

The LWCF State Assistance Program Manual clearly states that “*outdoor* ice skating

and hockey rinks are also eligible.” Indoor skating rinks are specifically omitted and public to those only with means, as mentioned earlier.

We recognize needs and interest in ice hockey and other related ice rink activities. We report support professional, public and children’s hockey and skating.

Our region is fortunate to have three local ice rink developments are currently in development, offering abundant opportunities in addition to the twenty existing sheets of in the greater St. Louis area:

- Chesterfield Ice Rink, west St. Louis County
- Affton Ice Rink, south St. Louis County
- Edwardsville Ice Rink, east, Madison County

Additionally, short-term ice facilities are being constructed in time for 2017-2018 seasonal play.

See S. Brewer document, attached.

## **1.6 Scoping and Public Involvement Activities**

The Applicant identifies *their* intended purpose of the January 25, 2017 meeting as a public meeting.

This is only partially true. This public meeting was mandated by the DNR to satisfy the requirement for *public information* about the project.

Few St. Louis County citizens were aware of this project, as it was skated through the St. Louis County Parks and St. Louis County Council just weeks before the fiscal end of the 2016, four days before Christmas. Realizing no public meeting was held, an emergency “informational” meeting, was called.

At the meeting, the site selection of Creve Coeur Park was explained; no mention of its perceived contribution to the park was made.

Instead, it was stated that the proposed facility would not be economically viable without the public underwriting of the cost of the land.

To further illustrate the financial incentive for using Creve Coeur Park, below is a piece of an interview with Legacy Ice Foundation representative, Patrick Quinn on Fox 2 News:

“You need to find ground. Otherwise, to get 40 acres of ground centrally-located near traffic support systems, you’re talking about needing 5 to 7 million dollars just for the dirt. Well, the County said, Look, we’ve got this great opportunity right here in a park; it’s centrally-located to the region, alright so that anybody can get to this facility. 141 runs

all the way south nowadays; you've got the page avenue extension; you've got 70, 270, 40 just down the road. This is about the most central place that you could be for an ice arena for our entire region and for out-of-towners to come in and it would cost us, you know, 5 plus million dollars to go and buy that. Well, that's not financially possible."

The sacrifice of Creve Coeur Park for financial interest may be at the root of the project location. It is clear that the needs of private interests; The St. Louis Blues, Legacy Ice Foundation and the public coffers of the City of Maryland Heights are met with this taking of parkland.

Legacy Ice Foundation and its supporters rallied with their support of ice hockey recreation, not mentioning the proposed development enhancement of Creve Coeur Park. The notion of enhancing outdoor recreation is a new element of the discussion. The fact that this project lies in a floodplain was not mentioned.

Several environmental organization representatives spoke in opposition to the proposed project. Substantive comments were presented with several concerns. Recreational users also spoke against this project.

It is clear that proponents of a new ice rink complex will sacrifice the parkland to essentially subsidize their project. We do not support the destruction of this precious and fragile environment with this intensive development.

The ice complex, then, must be intelligently designed for a different and appropriate site.

## **1.7 Necessary Federal Permits or Licenses**

## **1.8 Issues Addressed**

- Land Use
- Biological Resources
- Floodplains and Wetlands
- Surface Water
- Water Resources
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Geology and Soils
- Transportation
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

## 2.0 PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

### 2.1 Introduction

### 2.2 Background of Alternative Development

The Applicant identifies six real estate site search criteria:

- “Central Location. The site should be centrally located in St. Louis County such that it is accessible to all primary users”.
- “Size. The site must meet the minimum acreage requirement of 40 acres.”
- “Accessibility. The site should have good access to major (four lane) highways and minimize disruption to existing traffic patterns.”
- “The project should minimize land costs to make the project financially viable.”
- “Site Topography. To enhance constructability, the site should be on land that is relatively flat.”
- “Surrounding Uses. The location should conform to surrounding land uses and encourage public use and should be proximate to other recreational uses (active and passive).”

The applicant cites two areas, only, in St. Louis County as viable:

- “within or near Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park in Maryland Heights...”
- “within Queeny Park in unincorporated St. Louis County...”

Parenthetically, the Applicant correctly identifies two county parks with covered ice complexes: Queeny/Greensfelder West County Park Complex and Suson/Kennedy South County Recreation Complex.

The Applicant fails to mention the Veterans Memorial Park (North County Recreation Complex) which recently closed its covered ice complex. The rink was reappropriated for other uses when it was demonstrated that there was a lack of interest in both skater and hockey use by both the general public and special team and league interest.

The Applicant identifies five alternative sites considered by the study team for the proposed development project narrowing the selection to only one possible site: 13750 Marine Drive, Maryland Heights in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.

The selected site fails half of the search criteria or presents additional problems:

- Central Location
  - This site is not centrally located in St. Louis County, but at the Western edge of the county.
  - There is no access to public transportation.
- Accessibility
  - This site creates significant traffic



- Emergency vehicle accessibility disruption within the Park.
- Land Cost
  - Locating this project in the Park does not save money. It simply diverts money from other sources.
- Site Topography.
  - By locating the development in a floodplain this project becomes an unsustainable development without a resilient future
  - Locating this in the floodplain also contributes to the volumetrics of flood water volume to surrounding parkland.
- Surrounding Uses.
  - This location does not conform to the surrounding land use and does not contribute to or encourage public use.
  - This location does not conform to the surrounding recreational land uses of a lake district outdoor recreation park.

A real estate market research for available sites, conducted on 12 July 2017, suggested eighteen sites meeting favorable criteria of a 250,000 sf ice rink complex.

Available properties generally fell into three categories:

- Shopping and Retail Centers
- Industrial and Warehouse Sites
- Undeveloped Properties

Sites selected generally feature:

- Central location
- Adequate size
- Highway access
- Reasonable development cost
- Favorable topography
- Appropriate location

Additionally, most sites also provide access to public transportation.

See Real Estate Property Search Index, Attached

### **2.3 Evaluation of Alternatives**

It is not clear what the Applicant means when stating that “alternatives were evaluated at a *high level*- in order to determine those alternatives considered worthy to carry forward for further analysis.” This statement confounds us and we are therefore unable to respond appropriately.

### **2.3.1 Alternatives Not Considered for Further Analysis**

The Applicant dismisses alternatives 2 through 5 for a variety of reasons, readily dismissing them from the selection pool of five possible properties. Market rate site were dismissed for what we are told will be a profitable endeavor, questioning the level of public subsidy required.

### **2.3.2 Alternatives Retained for Analysis**

#### **2.3.2.1 No Action Alternative**

The Applicant states that without construction “...there would be a continued demand for ice-related recreation in the region.”

This may not be true.

It should be noted that three competing local ice rink developments are currently in development:

- Chesterfield Ice Rink, west St. Louis County
- Afton Ice Rink, south St. Louis County
- Edwardsville Ice Rink, east, Madison County

Additionally, short-term ice facilities are being constructed in time for 2017-2018 seasonal play.

We should add that the Veterans Memorial Park (North County Recreation Complex) recently closed; it is a covered ice complex due to a lack of use and interest.

A more comprehensive assessment of available rinks, projects in development and future projects in planning phases should have been addressed by the Applicant in order to correctly address the claim for continued demand.

See Steve Brewer letter attached.

While it is not clear what the Applicant means when stating that “alternatives were evaluated at a ‘high level’ in order to determine those considered worthy to carry forward for further analysis.”, we agree that traffic circulation and access, and substantive environmental impacts are important criteria.

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### **2.3.2.2 Alternative 1 (Preferred)**

The Applicant states “Energy efficiency would be incorporated into the design of the SLIC to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.”

This is misleading.

A responsible and effective approach to LEED Certification incorporates all sections of the LEED design certification system.

LEED v4 for BD+C: New Construction and Major Renovation include:

- Location and Transportation
- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Innovation
- Regional Priority

But project Site Plans referenced to this project most certainly fails most of the provisions in LEED’s Location and Transportation, and Sustainable Sites for credit towards LEED Certification. Yet, these site selection issues are critical criteria, especially as they relate to a Lake District park such as Creve Coeur Lake Park.

See document from Emily Andrews, attached.

## 2.4 Environmentally Preferable Alternative

The Applicant correctly states “The environmentally preferable alternative is defined by CEQ as the alternative that would promote the national environmental policy as expressed in NEPA Section 101. This includes:

- Fulfilling the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations;
- Assuring for all generations safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings;
- Attaining the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk of health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences
- Preserving important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage and maintaining, wherever possible, an environment that supports diversity and variety of individual choice;
- Achieving a balance between population and resource use that would permit high standards of living and a wide sharing of life’s amenities; and
- Enhancing the quality of renewable resources and approaching the maximum attainable recycling of depletable resources.”

And the Applicant correctly states “The NPS is required to identify the environmentally preferable alternative in its NEPA documents for public review and comment.”

The Applicant further identifies, in Table 2-1 Summary of Impacts, that the No Action Alternative is superior to the Applicants chosen Alternative 1 proposal.

**Table 2-1. Summary of Impacts - No Action Alternative and Alternative 1  
As Stated by the Applicant**

<b>Resource</b>	<b>No Action Alternative</b>	<b>Alternative 1</b>
Prime farmland conversion (acres)	0	39.91
Traffic flow	No change in traffic flow	Minor changes that can be managed through modified signal timing and phasing
Air quality impacts	No impact.	Negligible impact
Noise receptors	No impact.	Negligible impact
Geology, groundwater, soils	No impact.	Minor impact that can be mitigated with the use of an appropriate Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan
Cultural resources	No impact.	No Impact.
Biological resources	No impact.	No impact.
Threatened and endangered species	No impact.	No impact.
Jurisdictional wetlands (acres)	0	0
Surface water	No impact.	Negligible. Surface water would be managed through bio-retention basins and detention lakes.
Floodplains (acres)	0	35.5
Hazardous waste	No impact.	No impact.
Visual impacts.	No impact.	Permanent impact in the foreground but is not expected to create significant visual discord. No visual discord in the middleground or background.

We concur that the No Action Alternative is a superior Environmentally Preferable Alternative. But additionally, we believe that the Alternative 1 assessment claimed by the Applicant falls short of the actual site impacts.

## Traffic Flow

Fulfilling the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations:

- Assuring for all generations safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings;
- Attaining the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk of health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences;
- Preserving important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage and maintaining, wherever possible, an environment that supports diversity and variety of individual choice;
- Achieving a balance between population and resource use that would permit high standards of living and a wide sharing of life's amenities; and
- Enhancing the quality of renewable resources and approaching the maximum attainable recycling of depletable resources.”
- Major changes in traffic flow and volume, especially during major sports events are problematic, creating a stressed driving environment not currently experienced in the Park.
- Major backups in traffic are likely, especially when Park special outdoor recreation events and hockey events occur simultaneously. Currently, the Park is able to handle an environment that supports diversity and variety of individual choice because
- Competition for available parking by crossing Marine Avenue between parking lots on both sides looking for parking space is likely to occur.
- Altering the attractive central drive access to Sailboat Cove to a convoluted switch-back drive approach creates confusion and frustration.
- Behavioral response to the frustration of a busier and confusing mixed use complex now characterized as a corporate outside use rather than a passive park use.
- Increased danger for pedestrians and bicyclists on, around or crossing Marine Avenue and its associated entrances and drives.
- Major accessibility issues related to the fire district fire engines, EMS vehicles, water rescue equipment, police and park ranger access through increased traffic,

major backups, narrow access ways and flooded road conditions on Marine Avenue

### Visual Impacts

- Permanent impact in approach and entrance to the project site.
- Changes to the Sailboat Cove entrance, roadway and existing central drive access to Sailboat Cove to an indirect approach at the cost of removal of parkland for pavement.
- Altering the attractive central drive access to Sailboat Cove to a convoluted switch-back drive approach creates confusion and frustration.

### **3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

#### **3.1 Socioeconomics**

##### **3.1.1 Affected Environment**

The Applicant cites U.S. Census Bureau 2011-2015 American Community Survey “resident populations” data to support positive impacts.

We accept the findings, but this culmination of data is used to reflect on the impact of nearby residents, while the dialogue should encompass a larger audience that the project claims will arrive and the larger county citizenry that the project claims it will serve.

For instance, the supporters of this project purport that out of town visitors for regional tournaments will be drawn to the ice facilities providing tax dollars in hotel and restaurant use. Their visit, therefore, will be subsidized by taxpayers throughout the entirety of St. Louis County to the benefit of only taxpayers in nearby communities.

##### **3.1.1.1 Demographics**

##### **3.1.1.2 Economic Conditions**

##### **3.1.1.3 Economic Justice**

The method used for collecting comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment is cursory and does not allow all members of the public to participate in reviewing the document or submitting comments (i.e. aging populations, disadvantaged communities and individuals without access to the internet or computers). A Google form was used to collect comment. Janet Wilding, Vice President of Major Projects with the St. Louis Economic Partnership, responded to a request to submit documents via mail by stating “Please advise all interested members of the public who contact you to submit their comments through the official website to ensure their comments are logged appropriately. Please **do not** send me anything directly.” Kat Dockery, Director of the Open Space Council, noted that several older members of the public who do not use computers wanted to submit their comments, but were unable to use the Google form. With Ms. Wilding’s statement to not mail documents, these citizens were left without a way to make their voice heard. Additionally, many nonprofit and professional organizations have expressed concern over the inability to submit professional comments through the Google form, stating that it was not a format that allowed for charts, attachments, or lengthy commentary.

#### **3.2 Land Use**

The Disc golf course has been on this property for many years and has had active use. The report states that it is begin moved because of the trail, but it is important to note that this parcel has a history of outdoor recreational usage.



It should also be noted that significant portions of Creve Coeur Lake Park, and this particular portion of the park, became parkland through the Land and Water Conservation Fund with the mandate the land would be used in perpetuity for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes.

### **3.3 Prime Farmland**

### **3.4 Traffic and Transportation**

The Applicant cites in the following sub-sections issues relating to traffic, only. While tangential to the traffic issues, we once again reflect the social inequity of public dollars building new facilities that have no public transportation access.

It is noted the proposed ice center location should not impact unfairly or disproportionately poor or minority populations in the region, in any way. However, it not discussed is whether this project location would have any benefit to those same populations. "Public" recreation and access are stated frequently, but it appears only certain populations in the region will have access to the facility. A location near highways AND public transit would ideally better serve the entire St. Louis population.

#### **3.4.1 Existing Transportation Infrastructure**

It should be noted that Marine Avenue has flooded multiple times in the last 2 years during heavy rains, as is referenced in Section 3.13 of the report. Without significant alterations, it should be anticipated that Marine Avenue will continue to flood in the future, leaving this facility with significant challenges for access by the public and emergency vehicles. Pictures provided from a citizen show significant flooding in January of 2017.



#### **3.4.2 Existing Traffic Volumes**

#### **3.4.3 Existing Operation Conditions**

### **3.5 Air Quality**

#### **3.5.1 Air Quality Standards**

**3.5.2 Air Quality Conditions****3.6 Noise**

Several units of mechanical equipment will operate in multiple locations, increasing the noise impact generated by the site. How will this be addressed to ensure that it does not have a negative impact on existing recreational users and wildlife in this area? Will visitors and users of the nearby Tremayne Shelter, trails, and disc golf have to cope with daytime peak construction noise? Additionally, the permanent structure to be built will require significant cooling systems and condensers that will produce additional noise throughout the park. With the flat terrain of this site, there will not be natural sound barriers to reduce noise. Certain water-borne machinery-induced mechanical noises, especially at certain frequencies, are especially problematic. Large lake surfaces (like Creve Coeur Lake) in, otherwise, quiet natural environments suffer projected mechanical noise long distances. The Report does not address this critical concern.

Additionally, the Environmental Assessment states most noise will be generated during special events that occur on a Saturday event during the colder months when fewer park visitors will be impacted, however, it is not addressed how special events throughout the remainder of the year will impact outdoor recreational users in nearby areas of the park and trails during the rest of the year when park usage is much higher. Will the concerts and sporting events have tailgating activities? Will park staff time be required and then diverted to monitor and enforce noise levels at this facility?

Finally, the Washington Post reported in May of 2017 that noise can have a significant effect of natural areas and park. The report stated “Animals rely heavily on their ability to hear minute natural noises — the movement of predators, the trickle of a stream. Noise pollution may cover up those sounds, putting wild creatures at risk. Noise from human activity is also frightening and distracting; it can change animals' behavior with consequences for the entire ecosystem.” In urban areas, these parklands are important and valuable refuges for wildlife and are key pieces of a healthy, successful community.

**3.6.1 Noise Regulations****3.6.2 Sources of Noise****3.6.3 Noise Receptors****3.7 Geology, Groundwater and Soils****3.8 Cultural Resources****3.8.1 Regulatory Framework for Cultural Resources****3.8.2 Project Area**

**3.8.3 Previous Studies****3.9 Biological Resources (Vegetation, Wildlife, Aquatic Life)****3.10 Threatened and Endangered Species****3.11 Wetlands****3.12 Surface Water****3.13 Floodplain**

Note that in the St. Louis County Parks document titled “Creve Coeur Park History”, it is stated that the lower park was entirely submerged in the flood of 1993 and that several facilities were damaged. With the effects of climate change and its effect on weather patterns and flooding, development in floodplains should be avoided.

**3.14 Hazardous Waste****3.15 Visual Environment**

The Applicant states that “the classification criteria used in this analysis are adapted from a scenic management system...U.S. Forest Service (USFS 1995)”.

This excellent publication is totally inappropriate for analysis of a major building in a park environment. Some general statements, however, from the publication serve to be very helpful in the analysis of a successful parks project.

Excerpts from this publication identifies these as:

- “People are concerned about the quality of their environment, including aesthetic values of landscapes, particularly scenery and spiritual values.”
- “People need natural-appearing landscapes to serve as physiological “safety valves,” for these reasons:
  - The world’s urban population pressures are increasing.
  - Technology is rapidly advancing.
  - Demands for goods and services are increasing.
  - People’s lives are becoming more complex.
  - Urban pressures are demanding more land for development.
  - Once plentiful natural-appearing landscapes are becoming more scarce.”

“But the modern city-dwelling race of men, if it is to exist at all for any length of time, must obtain in unspoiled landscape some relief from insistent man-made conditions.”

...Henry Vincent Hubbard and Therodora Kimball, 1917

The Applicant’s recount of descriptive criteria of scenic attractiveness from the U.S Forestry publication does not address the characteristics of this proposed major building

development project, but, rather reinstates the need to maintain the existing valuable characteristics of the park:

“St. Louis County Parks has always insisted on diminutive support buildings, (low eaves, small footprint, see-through pavilions, etc). All of this contributes to the long impressive vistas of this lake district and a continuous horizon, preserving the open beauty and pristine environment of this ecosystem”.

See Greg Poleski letter, attached.

See Gwyn Wahlmann letter, attached.

See Charles Bell letter, attached.

## **4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND CONSEQUENCES**

### **4.1 Socioeconomics**

#### **4.1.1 No Action Alternative**

#### **4.1.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**

##### **4.1.2.1 Demographic and Employment Impacts**

##### **4.1.2.2 Economic Impacts**

The report references economic benefits, including jobs, increase in spending in the local and regional economy area, and tax revenue. Economic benefits are not specifically tied to this specific location and similar benefits would be seen if it was placed on an alternate site.

Benefits will go to the local government. Per Section 3.1.1.2, the median income for the SLIC project area is 3% higher than the St. Louis County and roughly 40% higher than the Missouri average. Additionally, the total persons living below the poverty line around the SLIC project area (6.1%) is significantly lower than St. Louis County (10.9%) and Missouri (15.9%). These statistics showcase that this project is in an economically advantaged area and services those living close in the advantaged communities of West St. Louis County and St. Charles. The location is not centrally located and does not provide economic benefits to the entire region, nor to the economically disadvantaged communities.

This project is not sustainable for the St. Louis County park system. The Draft Environmental Assessment states that the facility will be on a lease with St. Louis County, however the details of that lease do not suggest that SLIC will pay rent to the park system providing no long-term maintenance or upgrade revenue stream. Instead, St. Louis County Parks will be responsible for a \$50 million dollar facility, including significant infrastructure and maintenance of both the building and parking lots.

It is no secret that St. Louis County has a recent history of budget struggles with parks and has noted deferred maintenance as a continued struggle. In the 2016 proposed budget for St. Louis County, it is highlighted that St. Louis County system contains 12,723 acres of developed and undeveloped land and 71 parks and has a Parks' Maintenance Fund, which is "used to account for the maintenance and operation of all public recreational facilities of the facilities of the County administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation". The document highlights that the 2014 revenue for the Parks Maintenance Fund was \$6.5 million. How will St. Louis County Parks manage this facility during the length of the lease and how will the Park Department pay for infrastructure upgrades, maintenance and management of the facility when the lease

ends? Will this building cause additional stress on an already under-funded parks department? Will the use of the building change when SLIC's lease is up?

It is irresponsible to build a facility of this magnitude within a park and to not have a dedicated revenue source or a plan for how it will be maintained. Long-term, a facility this large may cause significant pressure on park maintenance staff and may end up putting significant pressure on the already stressed park maintenance fund.

#### **4.1.2.3 Environmental Justice**

### **4.2 Land Use**

#### **4.2.1 No Action Alternative**

#### **4.2.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**

### **4.3 Prime Farmland**

#### **4.3.1 No Action Alternative**

#### **4.3.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**

### **4.4 Traffic and Transportation**

#### **4.4.1 No Action Alternative**

#### **4.4.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**

##### **4.4.2.1 2017 Peak hour Traffic Analyses (assumes build out of the SLIC)**

##### **4.4.2.2 2037 Peak Hour Traffic Analyses**

### **4.5 Air Quality**

#### **4.5.1 No Action Alternative**

#### **4.5.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**

##### **4.5.2.1 Construction**

##### **4.5.2.2 Operation**

- 4.6 Noise**
- 4.6.1 No Action Alternative**
- 4.6.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.6.2.1 Construction Impacts**
- 4.6.2.2 Operation Impacts**
- 4.7 Geology, Groundwater and Soils**
- 4.7.1 No Action Alternative**
- 4.7.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.7.2.1 Construction**
- 4.7.2.2 Operations**
- 4.8 Cultural Resources**
- 4.8.1 No Action Alternative**
- 4.8.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.9 Biological Resources (Vegetation, Wildlife, Aquatic Life)**
- 4.9.1 No Action Alternative**
- 4.9.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.10 Threatened and Endangered Species**
- 4.10.1 No Action Alternative**
- 4.10.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.11 Wetlands**
- 4.11.1 No Action Alternative**

- 4.11.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.12 Surface Water**
  - 4.12.1 No Action Alternative**
  - 4.12.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.13 Floodplains**
  - 4.13.1 No Action Alternative**
  - 4.13.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
- 4.14 Hazardous Waste**
  - 4.14.1 No Action Alternative**
  - 4.13.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
    - 4.14.2.1 Construction Impacts**
    - 4.14.2.2 Operational Impacts**
- 4.15 Visual Environment**
  - 4.15.1 No Action Alternative**
  - 4.15.2 Alternative 1 - Construction of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**
    - 4.15.2.1 Construction Impacts**
    - 4.15.2.2 Operational Impacts**

The Applicant claims “While the SLIC would be a permanent impact in the foreground... , it is not expected to create significant visual discord as there are other elements of human activity in the foreground, which lessen the scenic integrity of the area.”

This is a misleading statement.



The proposed building presents massive, featureless, walls largely devoid of fenestration, shadow lines or texture. Furthermore the complex physically “turns its back” to the Lake District while orienting most of its entrances on “blind sides” of the building.

The proposed building would rise 63 feet about the lake surface with a raised development volume of about 11 million cubic feet above natural grade.

This proposed development would be an egregious scale and precedent we have never seen in a LWCF park project.

See the AIA document, attached.

#### **4.16 Visitor Experience. Recreation Resources**

##### **4.16.1 No Action Alternative**

##### **4.16.2 Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue**

The Applicant states “The proposed SLIC would attract additional visitors to the Park, and would be significantly supportive of other outdoor recreation uses and resources in the Park.”

This is misleading.

The Ice Center may attract visitors to the Center, but likely not to other activities of the park. While cross-purpose activities are possible, this facility is too distant, too separated and too different from typical water, trail and associated activities common to Creve Coeur Lake Park.

The Applicant states “the SLIC would also feature an outdoor turf field...”

This is not true.

The outside athletic space is clearly identified on the Site Plan as “Future...”.

The Applicant further claims “A general area for children, teens and adults that are accompanying ice sport athletes to run and play outdoors (i.e., frisbee, throwing footballs, kicking soccer balls).

It should be noted that this egregious development would destroy the area that currently exists and is already actively used for these same activities.

##### **4.16.2.1 Construction Impacts**

#### **4.16.2.2 Operational Impacts**

The Applicant states “the SLIC will serve as a convenient trailhead with...public restroom facilities for future trail users. This added benefit does not presently exist.

This is not true.

This facility already exists at nearby Sailboat Cove.

#### **4.17 Cumulative Impacts**

##### **4.17.1 Identification of the Significant Cumulative Effects Issues**

##### **4.17.2 Geographic Area of Analysis**

##### **4.17.3 Past, Present, and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Action in the Study Area**

##### **4.17.4 Cumulative Impacts**

###### **4.17.4.1 Social/Economic Resources**

The Applicant claims “...the proposed Ice Center falls into an acceptable development category with Maryland Heights’ land use development plan.

The AIA and several environmental groups have denounced these plans to develop in the Howard Bend floodplain.

See the AIA document, attached.

###### **4.17.4.2 Farmland**

###### **4.17.4.3 Transportation**

###### **4.17.4.4 Land Use**

###### **4.17.4.5 Water Resources and Floodplains**

## **5.0 CONSULTATION, AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

### **5.1 Public Coordination**

The Applicant claims that the January 25, 2017 meeting “was hosted by the City of Maryland Heights and St. Louis County Department of Planning. The meeting was held to satisfy zoning requirements in the City of Maryland Heights.”

This is not true.

This public meeting was mandated by the DNR to satisfy the requirement for public information about the project.

Few St. Louis County citizens were aware of this project, as it was skated through the St. Louis County Parks and St. Louis County Council just weeks before the fiscal end of the 2016, four days before Christmas. Realizing no public meeting was held, an emergency “informational” meeting was called.

At the meeting, the site selection of Creve Coeur Park was explained; no mention of its perceived contribution to the park was made.

Instead, it was stated that the proposed facility would not be economically viable without the public underwriting of the cost of the land.

To further illustrate the financial incentive for using Creve Coeur Park, below is a piece of an interview with Legacy Ice Foundation representative, Patrick Quinn on Fox’s talk radio 590 The Fan on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“You need to find ground. Otherwise, to get 40 acres of ground centrally-located near traffic support systems, you’re talking about needing 5 to 7 million dollars just for the dirt. Well, the County said, Look, we’ve got this great opportunity right here in a park; it’s centrally-located to the region, alright so that anybody can get to this facility. 141 runs all the way south nowadays; you’ve got the page avenue extension; you’ve got 70, 270, 40 just down the road. This is about the most central place that you could be for an ice arena for our entire region and for out-of-towners to come in and it would cost us, you know, 5 plus million dollars to go and buy that. Well, that’s not financially possible.”

### **5.2 Agency Coordination**

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**\*\*\*\*PUBLIC HEARING ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUESTED\*\*\*\***

Dear Ms. Wilding:

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Ségolène Renaze lives at 12369 Shoreridge Court, Maryland Heights, MO 63043. She lives near Creve Coeur Park and uses it frequently. She enjoys it because of its natural state and is opposed to the proposed hockey rinks, parking lot, restaurant, and other commercial activities.

Megan Martin lives at 12235 Spring Place Court, Maryland Heights, MO 64043. She moved to this location in order to be close to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and spends a great deal of time in it with her two young sons, who enjoy playing outdoors.

As stated above, we request a public hearing on the Environmental Assessment.

## Introduction

The Department of Interior (“DOI”), acting through the National Park Service (“NPS”), should not approve the proposed St. Louis Ice Center project (“SLIC” or “proposed project”), which will convert 40 acres of public outdoor recreation land into indoor recreation, commercial, office, restaurant and other non-recreational uses under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (“LWCFA” or “the Act”). Submitted with these comments are a number of documents that are referenced herein or that otherwise support the following comments (“Record”). We request that these documents become part of the administrative record for DOI/ NPS’s decision-making process for the proposed project.

### **I. The Proposed Project Violates the LWCFA Because It Will Convert Section 6(f) Land Away From Public Outdoor Recreation Without the Assurance of Substitute Land and Is Not in Accord with Missouri’s State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan**

The Draft Environmental Assessment (“EA”) appropriately recognizes that under the LWCFA, Section 6(f) lands must be maintained for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity and that any conversion of Section 6(f) lands must receive approval of the DOI/NPS.<sup>1</sup> However, the EA fails to discuss that a conversion of Section 6(f) land requires the DOI/NPS to approve only those conversions (1) that are in accord with the then exiting comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and (2) that assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.<sup>2</sup> The EA contains an implied statement that the proposed project does not constitute a conversion of Section 6(f) land and makes an erroneous leap in logic by stating that “a proposal to construct a public facility, such as an indoor pool building or recreation center, does not constitute a conversion to non-outdoor recreational use in all instances.”<sup>3</sup> The EA provides no explanation for why the proposal to convert 40 acres of public outdoor recreation land to a public/private indoor ice facility does not constitute a prohibited conversion under LWCFA or how it is compatible with Missouri’s State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (“SCORP”).<sup>4</sup> This faulty initial premise and absence of analysis taints the remainder of the environmental review under the National

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<sup>1</sup> See EA, Section 1.1, Page 1-1.

<sup>2</sup> The LWCFA states that: “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. *The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.* 16 U.S.C. 46011-4(f)(3). See also 36 C.F.R. §59.3.

<sup>3</sup> See EA, Section 1.1, Page 1-1.

<sup>4</sup> Noticeably, the applicant did not file an appropriate Step 4C analysis in its Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (“PD/ESF”), but instead submitted its application under Step 3C for a public facility. See EA, Appendix A, PD/ESF, and the SCORP, Record, Part Q.

Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), and the contents of the EA demonstrate the various flaws with the DOI/NPS approval it presumes.

NPS Regulations implementing the LWCF Act state that “Section 6(f)(3) of the L&WCF Act is the cornerstone of Federal compliance efforts to ensure that the Federal investments in L&WCF assistance are being maintained in public outdoor recreation use. This section of the Act assures that once an area has been funded with L&WCF assistance, it is continually maintained in public recreation use unless NPS approves substitution property of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location and of at least equal fair market value.”<sup>5</sup>

The LWCF State Assistance Program Manual provides Guidelines (“LCWF Guidelines”) for whether a proposal constitutes a conversion and states that “[s]ituations that may not trigger a conversion if NPS determines that certain criteria are met include... [p]roposals to build sheltered facilities or to shelter existing facilities within a Section 6(f)(3) protected area provided *they do not change the overall public outdoor recreation characteristics and otherwise meet the sheltering criteria in Chapter 3.*”<sup>6</sup> (emphasis added). Thus, for a sheltered facility not to constitute a conversion under the LWCF Guidelines, the facility: (1) must not change the overall public outdoor recreation characteristics of the 6(f) land and (2) otherwise meet the sheltering criteria in Chapter 3 of the LWCF Guidelines.

The EA contains no analysis of these two factors and is therefore deficient and cannot provide the basis for an approval by DOI/NPS. In fact, the proposed project blatantly and significantly changes the overall public outdoor recreation characteristics of the 6(f) land in the park on which the project will be constructed. The EA states that the area contains open field and a disc golf course.<sup>7</sup> The EA tries to obscure the outdoor recreational use of the land by stating that a majority of the project site “does not exhibit active recreational use” and that the disc golf course will be relocated due to the McKelvey Woods Trail.<sup>8</sup> However, in the same breath, the EA then states that the park offers a “variety of recreational activities and diversity of land uses” including “passive areas,” “natural areas,” and “biking and pedestrian trails.”<sup>9</sup> Converting this 6(f) land to a giant metal structure with massive parking lots for indoor hockey in a park that currently does not contain any outdoor hockey recreation clearly changes the public outdoor recreation characteristics of the 6(f) land and removes passive areas and natural areas. This area was already slated for enhanced outdoor recreational activities along the McKelvey Woods Trail, which will be substantially diminished by the construction of the proposed project from visual impacts, traffic, noise, and parking congestion.

Furthermore, the proposed project constitutes a conversion under the LWCF Act because it fails to meet the sheltering criteria in Chapter 3 of the LWCF Guidelines as discussed below. Because the proposed project constitutes a conversion, the DOI/NPS cannot approve the project

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<sup>5</sup> 39 C.F.R § 59.3(a).

<sup>6</sup> LWCF State Assistance Program Manual, Chapter 8.E.2.d. (Effective 10/01/08)

<sup>7</sup> See EA, Section 3.2, Page 3-4

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at Page 3-3 to 3-4.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at Page 3-3.



unless and until the applicant provides an assurance of substitute land in accordance with the LWCFA and NPS Regulations.<sup>10</sup>

Regardless, the proposed project cannot be approved because it is not in accord with the SCORP. Nowhere in the SCORP is there a suggestion that a massive indoor hockey arena is consistent with the LWCFA, nor even that it would constitute “outdoor recreation.” The terms “hockey” and “arena” are not even found in the SCORP. Moreover, the SCORP states that LWCF funded projects “are taken under perpetuity by the National Park Service and must be used only for outdoor recreational purposes.” The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (“MDNR”), the state agency responsible for administering the LWCFA within Missouri in coordination with DOI/NPS, previously told the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department (“the County”) in 2015 that the ice complex would not comply with LWCFA. In response, the County decided to add an outdoor rink component to the project in hopes of making the project comply with the Act. Outdoor skating has never been a primary purpose of the project. The outdoor rink will take up only a small percentage of the project area (6.9%);<sup>11</sup> the outdoor rink will be open to the public only 300 hours per year for “public skating”; and there is no need for an outdoor rink in this location because Creve Coeur has an operating functional quality rink less than six miles away.<sup>12</sup>

## **II. The LWCFA, the Act’s Legislative History, and the LWCF Guidelines Prohibit the Conversion of Section 6(f) Land From Outdoor Recreation to a Sheltered Ice Facility Based on Heat, Humidity, or Rain**

The EA assumes that the Department of Interior has decided that the proposal to construct an indoor shelter complies with the requirements of the LWCFA and guidelines promulgated thereunder. However, the LWCFA, its Legislative History, and LWCF Guidelines for Sheltered Facilities do not support this conclusion and the DOI/NPS must not approve the proposed project.

The EA states that “[s]kating rinks are considered public facilities under the LWCF program...”<sup>13</sup> However, this inaccurate statement fails to address the issue of whether the sheltered facility proposed by the project complies with the statutory text of the LWCFA, which states that:

[N]o assistance shall be available under this part to enclose or shelter facilities normally used for outdoor recreation activities, but the Secretary may permit local funding, and after September 28, 1976, not to exceed 10 per centum of the total amount allocated to a State in any one year to be used for *sheltered facilities* for swimming pools and *ice skating rinks* in areas where the Secretary determines

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<sup>10</sup> 36 C.F.R § 59.3.

<sup>11</sup> See Record, Part Y, Pages 40 and 45. The total project area is estimated at 389,700 sq.ft. whereas the outdoor rink (“Rink 4”) is only estimated 27,000 sq. ft.

<sup>12</sup> See Record, Part A, Pages 2-4; Part D, Page 20, and Part F, Page 6.

<sup>13</sup> See EA Section 1.5, Page 1-3.

that the *severity of climatic conditions* and the increased public use thereby made possible justifies the construction of such facilities.”<sup>14</sup>

The issue becomes whether the “severity of climatic conditions” in St. Louis justifies the construction of a sheltered facility to convert an otherwise outdoor public activity into an indoor ice skating rink. The EA states that the need for the project is, in part, “due to the climate in St. Louis” and therefore “covered rinks are necessary in order to maintain the ice to support ice-related recreation”<sup>15</sup> The EA further states that “[t]he public facility will offer year-round ice sport use, especially during inclement weather and during *the area’s challenging summer temperatures and humidity.*”<sup>16</sup> (emphasis added). Additionally, The EA states that St. Louis’s “winter rains will not support outdoor rinks...”<sup>17</sup> The gist of the proposal is that St. Louis is too warm to permit outdoor ice skating and therefore an indoor facility is needed to support these otherwise outdoor recreation activities. However, the LWCF and its legislative history do not support this interpretation or approval of the project because “severity of climatic conditions” refers to an area being too cold to support an otherwise outdoor activity such as ice hockey.

The legislative history behind various amendments to the LWCF demonstrates that outdoor activities may be sheltered under the LWCF for cold weather conditions only. Initially, the Act did not permit any indoor activities.<sup>18</sup> However, amendments to the LWCF created two limited exceptions that allowed for the sheltering of swimming pools and ice skating rinks due to the “severity of climatic conditions.”<sup>19</sup> In adding the “severity of climatic conditions” language, Congress had in mind States that have very long winters and an abundance of snow and cold weather that creates problems in providing outdoor recreation.<sup>20</sup>

Noticeably, this interpretation from the legislative history is in harmony with the LWCF Guidelines for eligible sheltered facilities and which states that “ice skating rinks located in areas which meet the cold climatic criteria described below, shelters of permanent construction may partially or completely enclose these facilities to protect them against cold weather conditions and thereby significantly increase the recreation opportunities provided.”<sup>21</sup> The cold climatic criteria is described in the Guidelines and states that “[s]heltered ice skating rinks may be developed in communities where the mean annual total snowfall is at least 24 inches or the

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<sup>14</sup> 16 U.S.C. 46011-4(e)(2).

<sup>15</sup> See EA, Section Page 1-4.

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*, Appendix A, PD/ESF, Step 3C, Page 2.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*, Page 3.

<sup>18</sup> Public Law 88-578 § 5(f), 78 Stat. 897.

<sup>19</sup> *To Amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and to Amend the Historic Preservation Act of 1966: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Nat’l Parks & Recreation of the H. Comm. on Interior & Insular Affairs*, 94 Cong. 1 (1975) (statement of Allan T. Howe).

<sup>20</sup> *Id.* Furthermore, the May 1975 Senate Report on the amendment of the LWCA restricted indoor shelters to be used for the primary purposes of swimming and ice skating. S. Rep. No. 94-145, at 2 (1975). And during the summer months “when temperatures are warm and interest in skating is lower, the rink area is kept dry for the court games and other activities.” *Id.*

<sup>21</sup> LWCF Guidelines, Chapter 3.C.7, Page 3-16.

normal daily mean temperature for the coldest winter month is 30 degrees or less...[t]he official references for making these determinations are the average temperature and the snowfall tables found in Comparative Climatic Data for the United States published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.”<sup>22</sup> According to NOAA’s Comparative Climatic Data, St. Louis has average annual snowfall of 19.2 inches<sup>23</sup> and the mean temperature for the coldest month of the year is 31.8 (January).<sup>24</sup> Therefore, the approval of a sheltered ice skating rink violates the LWCF Guidelines and thus the LWCFCA. This conclusion under the LWCF Guidelines is consistent with the statutory text and legislative history of the LWCFCA that “severity of climatic conditions” refers to an area being too cold to support the outdoor activity, not too hot.<sup>25</sup>

### **III. The Proposed Project Exceeds the Scope of the LWCFCA’s Exception for Sheltered Ice Skating Rink and Several Features Constitute Partial Conversions That Require Substitute Land**

As discussed above, the LWCFCA makes two limited exceptions to its mandate that 6(f) land be used only for outdoor recreation by permitting sheltered swimming pools and ice skating rinks where the severity of climatic conditions prevents such activity from occurring outdoors. Although an “ice skating rink” appears in the text of the LWCFCA, a four-rink skating complex with various additional features is not a permitted exception under the LWCFCA. The proposed project involves far more than a sheltered ice skating rink. Figure 1.2 of the EA shows that the facility will involve a “performance rehabilitation center” and a “training center.”<sup>26</sup> A medical facility for professional hockey players and a gym for professional hockey players do not constitute outdoor recreation facilities. Noticeably, the EA itself makes no mention of these two features. However, the PD/ESF attached as an appendix to the EA indicates that the facility will include: “a restaurant area that overlooks two of the ice sheets serving as a community gathering space, locker rooms, a pro shop, training facilities, injury rehabilitation facilities, public restrooms, concession areas, mechanical/storage rooms, a kitchen, a hospitality room and office space for facility management.”<sup>27</sup> Several of these features do not constitute permissible features of a sheltered facility and therefore constitute at least partial conversions that require assurances of substitute land under NPS regulations.<sup>28</sup>

The LWCF Guidelines set forth standards for valid support facilities incident to sheltered or outdoor recreation and also prohibit certain auxiliary components to a project defined as “indoor facilities,” including restaurants, kitchens, meeting rooms, and equipment sales areas (i.e.

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<sup>22</sup> *Id.*, Section 7.d., Page 3-18.

<sup>23</sup> <https://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/ccd-data/avgsnfl15.dat> (Entry 13994).

<sup>24</sup> <https://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/ccd-data/nrmavg.txt> (Entry 13994).

<sup>25</sup> The Guidelines further support this interpretation by setting a limit on the sheltering of swimming pools, an outdoor activity, by only allowing such construction when the climate is too cold in the summer.

<sup>26</sup> See EA, Figure 1.2, Page 1-7.

<sup>27</sup> See EA, Appendix A, PD/ESF, Step 3C, Page 1. See also, Record, Part W.

<sup>28</sup> See 39 C.F.R. §59.3.

pro-shops).<sup>29</sup> Clearly, several of these features are by definition indoor facilities that are not considered incident to sheltered outdoor recreation and constitute partial conversions which require assurances of substitute land. In the application for a tax exempt bond for SLIC filed with the Industrial Development Authority of St. Louis County, the applicant, St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (“SLIF”), states that the project emphasizes the “athletic training facilities, athletic rehabilitation facilities/programming and ice sport skill development facilities/programming.” Furthermore, SLIF discloses that there will be in this complex a 3,000 square foot retail store and 1,570 square foot family zone that will sell SLIC stakeholder apparel and other items including but not limited to St. Louis Blues, USHL, university and the foundation and serve various concession items.<sup>30</sup> These 4,570 square feet of retail space were not disclosed in the EA, EA Appendices, or Patrick Quinn’s remarks as shown by his outline.<sup>31</sup> Retail stores are clearly not permissible purposes in LWCF land. The Complex is a conversion and DOI/NPS must not approve the project as proposed.

#### **IV. The Proposal Violates NEPA in Several Ways**

##### **a. The Need for the Proposal is Artificially Inflated and the Purpose for the Project is Impermissibly Limited, Which Results in an Inadequate Alternatives Analysis**

The EA arbitrarily sets a goal for St. Louis to achieve 12,000 hockey players by the year 2020 without any supporting statistics, models, or projections about youth hockey in St. Louis.<sup>32</sup> This overly ambitious goal would require the population of the youth engaged in the sport to nearly double in four years. This goal is randomly based on a comparison to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.<sup>33</sup> However, this northeastern city is significantly more north than St. Louis (40.4 degrees latitude versus St. Louis 38.6 degrees latitude), where ice sports are more popular given colder temperatures and more snowfall. In fact, NOAA’s Comparative Climate Data demonstrates that Pittsburgh receives over double the amount of snowfall (43.6 inches versus 19.2 inches)<sup>34</sup> and its average annual temperature is 51.3 compared to 57.<sup>35</sup> For a proper comparison of the need for more ice sheets, the EA must consider other mid-latitude, midwestern cities such as Indianapolis, Kansas City, and Nashville. St. Louis is not a northern city where ice hockey has a longstanding outdoor history. The EA also relies on the closure of the Hardee’s Iceplex as justification for the need for the project.<sup>36</sup> Perhaps the closure of this facility demonstrates the unsustainable aspirations of the proposed project and the simultaneously unattainable and inflated goals for St. Louis hockey boasted in the EA. Regardless, the EA is devoid of any true metrics for identifying a need for the project as robust as the proposal

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<sup>29</sup> LWCF Guidelines, Chapter 3.C., Sections 5a and 5b, Pages 3-13 and 3-14.

<sup>30</sup> See Record, Part A, Pages 14, 23.

<sup>31</sup> See Record, Part H, Page. 39.

<sup>32</sup> See EA, Section 1.5, Page 1-4.

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> See *supra*, Note 23 Entries 13994 and 94823.

<sup>35</sup> See *supra*, Note 24 Entries 13994 and 94823.

<sup>36</sup> See EA, Section 1.5, Page 1-4.

suggests, and the attempt to have the county park system and taxpayers shoulder a project that will inure mostly to the benefit of private hockey and skating organizations belies the need it seeks to address.

The need for the project is further obscured in the EA when it states that the National Parks and Recreation Association sets a standard that “there is a need for one indoor ice facility for every 100,000 in population” without any citation to literature demonstrating how such standard was developed or whether it would be applicable to a metropolitan area like St. Louis.<sup>37</sup> Further, the EA states that the St. Louis metropolitan area has 2.8 million people and only 18 ice sheets without defining the boundaries for the population count or without any record of which facilities it is including in its tally.<sup>38</sup> Thus, the EA relies on both a standard and data sets that contains no supporting documentation in the EA to arrive at a conclusion that the project is desperately needed.

By artificially inflating the need for the project, the EA sets forth a limited purpose (a four sheet ice complex), which impermissibly limits the alternatives considered for the project. For example, by not considering the feasibility of a complex that has less than four ice sheets, the EA restricts consideration of alternatives to sites over 40 acres only. Similarly, by artificially inflating the public benefit aspect of a project that will mostly inure to the benefit of private hockey organizations, the EA limits consideration of alternatives by only considering projects that are in or adjacent to public parks.

**b. The Premise That There Is No Conversion Requiring Substitute Land Renders the Alternatives Analysis and Economic Impact Analysis in the EA Inadequate**

As stated above, the EA fails to consider an adequate range of alternative sites because it presumes that the project must take place in or adjacent to a public park and that such land must be free by ignoring the fact that the project constitutes a conversion requiring assurances of substitute land. Similarly, the economic impact analysis in the EA only focuses on potentially positive impacts from the project such as construction job, operational jobs, and tax revenue.<sup>39</sup> The EA completely ignores the fact that the public will be losing the use of park land and that a conversion has taken place. Without consideration of the fair market value of purchasing substitute land for such conversion or the cost of doing the project on private land to avoid such a conversion, the economic impact analysis of the EA is inadequate.

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<sup>37</sup> *Id.*

<sup>38</sup> *Id.*

<sup>39</sup> *See* EA, Section 4.1.2.2, Page 4-1 to 4-2.

**c. The Applicant Failed to Comply with the Notice Requirements for the EA in the LWCF Guidelines**

In terms of providing notice to the public regarding the availability of the EA for public comment, the LWCF Guidelines state that opportunity for public review and comment requires that:

At a minimum, States are required to ensure the interested and affected public has had an opportunity to review and provide written comments on completed environmental assessments for LWCF proposals. This public comment period shall be no less than 30 days. The notice an EA is available for review *shall be published in the local newspapers and community notices, posted on the sponsoring agency's web site, and made broadly known to the public in such a way that the interested and affected public has ample notice of the public comment period.* The State/project sponsor is responsible for reviewing the public comments. These comments and the responses that address all substantive comments are to be included in the proposal's submission to NPS.<sup>40</sup> (emphasis added).

Notice of the EA was never placed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in contravention of the LWCF Guidelines. While the EA was placed on the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership ("SLEDP") website, the SLEDP cannot constitute a sponsoring agency under the LWCF Guidelines, which states that: "[p]roposed projects may be sponsored by a state agency or a public agency of a subordinate unit of government. All eligible project sponsors, including those that have other than public outdoor recreation purposes, must be able to commit its resources to the perpetual stewardship of the Fund-assisted public outdoor recreation area pursuant to Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act."<sup>41</sup> Clearly, SLEDP cannot meet this requirement because it is not a government agency, but exists and is organized as a non-profit with the Missouri Secretary of State. Noticeably, the public notice of this proposed project was not placed on MDNR's website, nor was it placed on the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation website generally or the Creve Coeur Park page specifically.<sup>42</sup> Therefore, only placing the EA on SLEDP's website violates the LWCF Guidelines. Furthermore, the EA itself states that the only "Individuals and Organizations" that received the EA were St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation, St. Louis County Department of Planning, and City of Maryland Heights.<sup>43</sup> This clearly does not meet the LWCF Guideline's mandate that the EA is made broadly known to the public to provide ample notice.

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<sup>40</sup> LWCF Guidelines, Chapter 4.B.6.b(2).

<sup>41</sup> *Id.* at Chapter 3.A.2.

<sup>42</sup> *See* Record, Part AA, Pages 1-9. Note that both MDNR's website and the County's website contains opportunities for the public to comment on various projects, but not the proposed project.

<sup>43</sup> *See* EA, Section 7.4, Page 7-1.

This failure to provide adequate public notice to a broad sector of the public creates a situation in which only those groups represented at public meetings and commenting on the EA are proponents of the project (i.e. the admittedly less than 10,000 people in St. Louis who play ice hockey as stated in the EA) and those groups who pay close attention to park and open space issues and discovered this project on their own. Thus, the Public Participation section of the EA does not represent a necessary wider breadth of public opinion and instead pits ice enthusiasts and the local government who will clearly benefit from the project against open space advocates who will clearly be most impacted by the project.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> See EA, Section 5.1, Page 5-1.

<sup>45</sup> See EA, Appendix A, PD/ESF, Section 21, Page 19.

<sup>46</sup> See EA, Section 3.4. See also, EA, Appendix B.

utilize the field and wetlands as hunting areas for insects. The older field habitat of the project area represents a habitat that is not very common in the 2,100 acre park”<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> See EA, Appendix A, PD/ESF, Section 12, Page 15.

<sup>48</sup> See Record, Part S, Master Plan, Page 4.

<sup>49</sup> *Id.* at Page 7.

<sup>50</sup> *Id.* at Page 8.



In violation of this Plan, the County actively courted a sports complex that is not at all dependent on the wetland and natural values of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Residents who spoke in favor of this complex did not state that their enjoyment of hockey is dependent on the rinks, restaurant, offices and kitchen being located in this natural environment.

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#### **Conclusion**

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<sup>51</sup> See Record, Part T, Page 11.

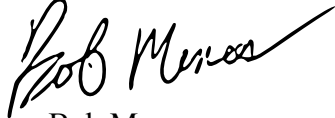
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Please call our organization if you have any questions about these comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Bob Menees  
Kathleen Henry

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#### Irretrievable Loss of Resources

The SLIC development would represent an irretrievable dedication of resources. The building, parking lot and retention ponds will significantly alter the site and landscape. Using the area instead for open air recreation such as a sports field, restored prairie, picnic area etc. would all represent less intensive use and retrievable use of resources.

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Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your comments and interest in Creve Coeur Park

Sent from my iPhone

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To Whom It May Concern:

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With over 1 million users annually, Creve Coeur Park is a precious gem for our region and is a beloved fixture of the community. Attached please find a copy of a public petition opposing the development that started at the beginning of July. To date, the petition has 7,940 signatures <<https://www.change.org/p/indoor-ice-recreation-facility-planned-for-40-acres-of-parkland>>. The first portion includes comments, names, and location. The second portion includes all of the exported petitioners as of this morning, detailing their name, city, state and zip code. The petition states:

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All my best,

Katherine Dockery  
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Other negative impacts on park use will be increased noise, air pollution, light pollution, visual dissonance.

The EA has failed in its evaluation of visual impacts (3-23 through 3-27) largely because the EA fails to appreciate the value of open space and a feeling of openness that is one of the appreciated attributes of a park or wild environment.

The EA refers to the US Forest Service scenic management system as a guide to analysis. However, USFS concepts within that system, such as distance zones and visual absorption capability, appear not to have been adequately considered.

The park is not a just forest or grassland, it is varied limited green space in a growing suburban environment. The exceptional visual experience in the park is a view of naturalness and open space. The park has limited ability to absorb discordant elements and retain its character.

A park provides a sense of openness that is lacking in our city or suburban environments. The 40 acres in question is currently primarily an open field with some woods and wetlands. The area currently contributes to the open nature of the park and supports a trail. Replacing these acres with a large building and concrete parking expanse will create a closed-in atmosphere. The proposed building will be the highest structure in the park. Landscaping does not change these impacts. The project will break the scenic integrity of the park.

The EA claim that lighting will not be disruptive is not backed up with evidence, especially in light of the poor appreciation of visual impacts in chapter 3. The EA says that lighting will be absorbed and not disruptive at middle ground or background distances. Again, the EA fails to appreciate the closed in, loss of open space that this lighted building and grounds will create. Given the many options of improved outdoor lighting that diminishes spill and sky pollution it is disappointing that the EA dedicated only 3 very short paragraphs to this topic. The EA mentions minimizing light "spill" but provides no details in the EA or reference to any information in appendix. Artificial lighting on this scale will be a new and disruptive impact in the park.

The EA does not directly evaluate impacts of air pollution from increased vehicle traffic. The EA needs to consider idling vehicles as people are picked up and dropped off from the site. And traffic impacts from buses or vans bringing people or equipment etc. to the sites should be noted. The greater ST Louis area

continues to have problems meeting air pollution attainment goals. The EA, pages 3-9 through 3-11, explains basic air pollution criteria for the area which is in non-attainment while stating that local Maryland Hts. monitor did not exceed 8 hour ozone standard. But the EA does not explain to what degree anticipated increased traffic might influence air quality at the park site. This section of the EA totally fails to provide evaluation required.

Noise will also be an impact from SLIC due to noise from traffic, people, and machinery. The EA explains at 4-11 that noise from the condensers will impact one of the most popular shelters (Traymayne) at level 62.3dBA, which at page 3-12 is considered commercial level noise. This is not acceptable.

#### Irretrievable Loss of Resources

The SLIC development would represent an irretrievable dedication of resources. The building, parking lot and retention ponds will significantly alter the site and landscape. Using the area instead for open air recreation such as a sports field, restored prairie, picnic area etc. would all represent less intensive use and retrievable use of resources.

The EA frequently mentions that the proposed site is now just a mowed field with a few trees and small wetland area (outside project area). Thus, the EA claims the area has no visual interest and makes little contribution to the park. At this writing, the proposed site has been bulldozed, leveled and part of it raised 5 feet.

This area has potential for many uses. The trail through the area will connect with trail from Maryland Hts. Consider one option of restoring the area to prairie and wetlands which would add to that trail experience and make a net contribution to reducing flood risk. It would support the role the park already provides a recognized important bird area. This is just one example of a resource option that will be lost if SLIC is developed at this site.

As mentioned earlier the scope of this project is a 25year lease. Appendix A pages 4-5 indicates that the lease agreement is not yet complete. How can the public judge this project without more details on the lease language? The Appendix states that the facility will be promoted as publically owned in advertising and literature. But the public will have limited options on management and input based on terms of the lease, not yet public. County citizens are being asked to take this financial risk and this dedication of limited open space without knowing key information of operation.

The forty acres required for SLIC project were purchased under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This law provides federal funds for the purchase of land in cases like this to be used for outdoor recreation. The proposed SLIC project is clearly focused on indoor activities. It is an unauthorized use of LWCF. The EA on page 2-9 describes background criteria used to develop alternatives. One of criterion is conforming with surrounding land uses. Unfortunately, compliance with LWCF land use requirements was not included.

Project promoters have appealed for relief from LWCF requirements, but a more responsible approach would have been to seek land that was not so dedicated in the first place.

In summary, the EA fails to adequately assess the environmental, recreational and financial impacts of the proposed project. Promoting a public ice hockey facility is a laudable goal aimed at enhancing

recreational opportunities for county residents. The preferred site for this project is not an acceptable location for completion of that goal.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

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Re: Comments on St. Louis Ice Center Project, Draft Environmental Assessment;

Dear Ms. Wilding:

On behalf of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE), the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic at Washington University School of Law submits these comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the St. Louis Ice Center Project to be located in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

**I. CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED ICE COMPLEX WOULD VIOLATE SECTION 6(F) OF THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT.**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (“LWCF Act”)<sup>1</sup> authorizes the National Park Service (“NPS”) to award monies to state agencies to be used for public outdoor recreation within the state’s borders.<sup>2</sup> Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park was developed with the aid of LWCF monies, as described on page 1-3 of the St. Louis Ice Center Project, Draft Environmental Assessment (“EA”). The land on which St. Louis County proposes to develop the St. Louis Ice Center (“Ice Complex”), as the EA acknowledges, is part of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and is subject to LWCF Act restrictions.<sup>3</sup>

The LWCF Act was designed to make sure that land acquired or developed for outdoor public recreation with the assistance of federal LWCF dollars continue to be used for that purpose even after the initial grant. Thus, section 6(f)(3) requires the NPS to ensure that once an area has been funded with LWCF assistance, it is “continually maintained in public recreation

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<sup>1</sup> Currently codified at 54 U.S.C. §§ 200301– 200310. The LWCF Act was previously codified at 16 U.S.C. § 460-*l*-1.

<sup>2</sup> 54 U.S.C. §200305(a).

<sup>3</sup> St. Louis Ice Center Project, Draft Environmental Assessment, at 1-3 (June 2017) (“EA”).

use unless NPS approves a substitute property of equal value, usefulness, and location.”<sup>4</sup> Thus, the construction of an indoor recreation facility on section 6(f) land would be considered a conversion and require NPS approval and replacement with an equivalent outdoor recreational tract that will be used by the public.

Neither the LWCF statute nor the regulations specifically allow for the construction of indoor recreational opportunities on section 6(f) land.<sup>5</sup> However, NPS has issued guidance in the form of the LWCF State Assistance Program Federal Financial Assistance Manual (“Manual”). According to the Manual, the LWCF shall not be used for “[a]cquisition of areas to be used mainly for the construction of indoor facilities ...”<sup>6</sup> However, the Manual allows for the construction of a “public facility” which can include an indoor recreation component, as long as there is a “gain or increased benefit” to public outdoor recreational opportunities within the park.<sup>7</sup> The Manual then supplies a list of eight criteria which must be met in order to fall within this exception to the requirements of section 6(f)(3), including preparation of the EA on which these comments are made.<sup>8</sup>

If the criteria for construction of a public facility are met, section 6(f) land may be used for the construction of an enclosed recreational use without being considered a conversion and without the need for the replacement of the land. The sponsor claims that the Ice Complex falls within this narrow exception. MCE strongly disagrees.

**A. The EA Does Not Adequately Consider Alternative Locations and Rejects Alternatives for Unsound Reasons.**

The Ice Complex proposal does not satisfy the design and location alternatives requirements of the Manual. In order for the NPS to consider a request to construct a public facility on section 6(f) land, all design and location alternatives must be “adequately considered, documented, and rejected on a sound basis.”<sup>9</sup> Five alternative sites were considered for the Ice Complex, including four within or near Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park in Maryland Heights’ Maryland Park Lake District (“MPLD”) and one in Queeny Park in unincorporated St. Louis County. Given that St. Louis County encompasses approximately 523 square miles, it strains credibility that there are no viable locations for the Ice Complex anywhere outside the MPLD except in Queeny Park. Further, even if one accepts at face value the EA’s premise that almost all viable locations are in the MPLD, it is evident that the sponsor overlooked or purposefully

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<sup>4</sup> 36 C.F.R. § 59.3(a) (describing 54 U.S.C. §200305(f)(3).)

<sup>5</sup> 54 U.S.C. § 200305 (f)(3); 36 C.F.R. § 59.3.

<sup>6</sup> LWCF State Assistance Program Manual, § 3.B.9.f at 3-6 (2008) (“Manual”).

<sup>7</sup> Manual, § 8.E.2.b at 8-4.

<sup>8</sup> Manual, § 8.H. at 8-12 through 8-13.

<sup>9</sup> Manual, § 8.H.2 at 8-12.

ignored several sites in the MPLD that are much more favorable for such a development than the alternatives evaluated in the EA.<sup>10</sup>

The most favorable sites in the MPLD for development of a large indoor recreation facility like the proposed Ice Complex are those that are not on section 6(f) land (which must be preserved for outdoor recreational opportunities); are vacant or in agriculture and not currently used for other recreation facilities and/or subject to a long-term lease (which could complicate land acquisition); are not located in a special flood hazard area (“SFHA”) (where significant and potentially costly fill could be required to elevate the land above the base flood level); are not proximate to the Howard Bend levee (which might restrict subsurface activities); and that meet the sponsor’s minimum acreage requirement of 40 acres.<sup>11</sup>

None of the MPLD alternatives evaluated in the EA, including the preferred alternative (Alternative 1), possess this suite of favorable attributes. Alternatives 1 and 2 are on section 6(f) land. Alternatives 3 and 4 are currently used for other recreation facilities (a driving range and a soccer complex, respectively), one of which has a long-term (20-year) lease on the site. Alternatives 1 and 3 are almost entirely within SFHAs and would require significant fill to elevate them above the base flood level,<sup>12</sup> while Alternatives 2 and 4 are partially within SFHAs. Finally, Alternative 2 is proximate to the Howard Bend levee and, to make matters worse, bisected lengthwise by an under-seepage berm.

Yet publicly available imagery and GIS data from St. Louis County indicate that there are a number of sites in the MPLD that possess all of the attributes of a favorable site, not just a subset of them as is the case with Alternatives 1-4. These include an approximately 68-acre site at the northwest corner of Highway 141 and River Valley Drive, an approximately 74-acre site at the northeast corner of Highway 141 and River Valley Drive, an approximately 86-acre site at the southeast corner of Highway 141 and River Valley Drive, and 432 vacant acres adjacent to River Valley Drive between the Howard Bend levee and the western portion of Creve Coeur

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<sup>10</sup> MCE does not support floodplain development and opposes construction of the Ice Complex anywhere in the MPLD. These comments are intended solely to demonstrate that the sponsor did not adequately consider alternative locations and should not be construed as supporting any of the more favorable sites discussed.

<sup>11</sup> Relatively flat topography and good access to major highways are also desirable characteristics. Virtually the entire MPLD, which is in the Missouri River floodplain and is crisscrossed by highways 141 and 364, has these attributes.

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the sponsor is already in the process of adding roughly five feet to the preferred alternative even though it has not obtained approval from the NPS to build the proposed Ice Complex on the site. Jacob Barker and Bryce Gray, “Opposition grows to Creve Coeur Lake Park iceplex as St. Louis County advances project” St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Jul. 12, 2017). Available at [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/opposition-grows-to-creve-coeur-lake-park-iceplex-as-st/article\\_08446f78-81d2-5822-9384-3988aa29e23b.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/opposition-grows-to-creve-coeur-lake-park-iceplex-as-st/article_08446f78-81d2-5822-9384-3988aa29e23b.html).

Lake Memorial Park.<sup>13</sup> Adequate consideration of location alternatives in the MPLD would entail evaluation of these more favorable sites in lieu of or in addition to the alternatives evaluated in the EA.

Further, several of the MPLD alternatives evaluated in the EA were rejected for unsound reasons. Among the reasons given for rejecting Alternatives 2, 3, and/or 4 were the need for substantial fill to elevate the site out of the 100-year floodplain, the need for a significant detention basin or an underground detention system to develop the site, and the probable need for some form of soil remediation/stabilization due to the highly plastic nature of the on-site soils. However, the preferred alternative also needs substantial fill to elevate it out of the 100-year floodplain, requires a significant detention system (plans call for nearly 10 acres of basins and bioswales on the site), and it has the same highly plastic soils as the rest of the MPLD alternatives. Therefore, these are not sound reasons to reject Alternatives 2-4. In addition, Alternative 3 was rejected, in part, due the presence of a 275-foot wide utility easement on the property, which “limits building location and height on the property.” However, the easement only encompasses 11 acres (+/-) of the 53-acre site, leaving over 40 acres – the sponsor’s minimum requirement – for development. Hence, this is not a sound reason to reject Alternative 3. The easement area could be avoided and there would still be enough room to build the Ice Complex on the site.

**B. The Ice Complex Does Not Clearly Result in a Net Gain in Public Outdoor Recreation Benefits Nor Does It Enhance the Outdoor Recreation Use of the Entire Park.**

In addition, the proposed Ice Complex does not satisfy the public outdoor recreation requirements of the Manual. In order for the NPS to permit construction of a public facility, use of the facility must “be compatible with and significantly supportive of outdoor recreation resources,” and recreation use must remain the “overall primary function of the site.”<sup>14</sup> The facility itself must have a “recreation component” and must “encourage outdoor recreation use of the remaining 6(f) area.”<sup>15</sup> In addition, any proposed structure must be “compatible [with] and significantly supportive” of the outdoor recreation resources at the site, and the park’s “outdoor recreation use must continue to be greater than that expected for any indoor uses ...”<sup>16</sup> The facility must also remain available to the general public; it cannot require memberships or exclude elements of the public because of high user fees.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> A small portion of the 432 acres adjacent to River Valley Drive is proximate to the Howard Bend levee, but given the amount of land available in this area the levee could be easily avoided.

<sup>14</sup> Manual, § 8.H.1 at 8-12.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> Manual, § 8.H.3 at 8-12,13.

<sup>17</sup> Manual, § 8.H.3 at 8-13.

The EA tries to shoehorn the Ice Complex into the narrow public facility exception arguing that operation of the Ice Complex will enhance, encourage, and support the park’s outdoor recreation resources, that it will increase public outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the year, and that it will draw new visitors to the park which will in turn increase the overall amount of outdoor recreation the Park supports.<sup>18</sup> None of these claims survive close examination.

In general, indoor ice skating facilities are not eligible for LWCF grants.<sup>19</sup> As the EA explains, the Ice Complex project aims to replace the recently closed Hardee’s Iceplex, a three-sheet indoor ice facility in nearby Chesterfield, Missouri.<sup>20</sup> The Hardee’s Iceplex was the largest facility in Missouri and was able to host tournaments and other large indoor events.<sup>21</sup>

The proposed Ice Complex in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park is designed to a similar scale. The project features three ice sheets housed inside a three-to-five-story concrete building with an approximately five-acre footprint.<sup>22</sup> The indoor sheets have ample room for spectators, with a total seating capacity of 4,500.<sup>23</sup> A performance health center and a training center will also be housed indoors, according to the Site Development Plan.<sup>24</sup> Although not shown on the Site Development Plan, the sponsor also plans to include offices, a kitchen, a concession area, a restaurant area serving as a community gathering space, and a pro shop inside the building.<sup>25</sup> In sum, there is no escaping the fact that the focus of the Ice Complex is indoor recreation.

***1. The Outdoor Rink Does Not Make the Ice Complex Eligible For the Public Facility Exemption in the Manual.***

Nonetheless, the sponsor points to several activities at the Ice Complex that might allow the project to be constructed in a section 6(f) area under the public facility exemption in the LWCF Manual. First, a fourth ice sheet – the smallest of the sheets– will be located outside of the building. In the St. Louis climate, this outdoor rink will most likely be useable for skating only from mid-November to late February, less than a third of the year.<sup>26</sup> The outdoor sheet does

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<sup>18</sup> “Step 3C: Proposal for a Public Facility in a Section 6(F) Area,” in Appendix A, St. Louis Ice Center Project, Draft Environmental Assessment.

<sup>19</sup> 2017 LWCF Grant Application Guide at 2 (outdoor ice skating is eligible); at 4 (indoor recreation facilities are not).

<sup>20</sup> EA, at § 1.5 Project Need, at 1-4.

<sup>21</sup> *Id.*

<sup>22</sup> “Step 3C: Proposal for a Public Facility in a Section 6(F) Area,” in Appendix A, St. Louis Ice Center Project, Draft Environmental Assessment (describing building footprint and materials) (“Appendix A”); EA, 4-15.202 Operational Impacts, at 4-19 (describing the building as between 36 and 53 feet tall).

<sup>23</sup> EA, § 1.2 Project Description, at 1-2

<sup>24</sup> It is unclear to what extent these areas will be open to the public.

<sup>25</sup> Appendix A at 2.

<sup>26</sup> See <https://forestparkmap.org/steinberg-skating-rink> (operating from mid-November to late February); <https://www.claytonmo.gov/government/parks-recreation/shaw-park-ice-rink> (from day after Thanksgiving to the end of February). St Louis County Parks operates two indoor rinks, one at the

not offer much in the way of seating, at least according to the description and artistic rendering, so it will not be used for tournaments or other spectator events during the months it is usable as an ice rink.<sup>27</sup>

The lack of space for spectators also limits the non-ice uses to which this outdoor rink can be put during the other nine months of the year. According to the EA Appendix: “During months when the weather is too warm to support ice, the outdoor rink will be used for floor hockey, field hockey, lacrosse, in-line skating or such...”<sup>28</sup> Given the lack of spectator space, such activities would most likely not take place through a league or program since one would expect family members and others to attend and need somewhere to sit if that were the case.<sup>29</sup> Even so, the use of the outdoor ice space for these other activities is largely speculative. While the EA asserts that floor hockey, field hockey, and lacrosse are “under-served” uses and that existing facilities are insufficient to “handle current demand,” it provides no indication of how many St. Louis-area residents might be participating in or even interested in the sports or how many facilities there are per resident, in contrast to the statistics marshalled in support of indoor ice sheets.<sup>30</sup>

The Site Development Plan also depicts a “Turf Training Field” approximately the size of the outdoor ice sheet, located in the southeast corner of the site next to Marine Drive. EA, Figure 1-2, Site Development Plan, at 1-7. It seems more likely that this area would be used for outdoor non-ice sports, although the written description does not offer such an explanation. The existence of the Turf Training Field is in no way dependent on the construction of the Ice Complex and a portion of what is now an open field could be used for this purpose without the imposition of a three-to-five-story-tall concrete building and hundreds of paved parking spaces.

## **2. *The Ice Complex Will Not Enhance Existing Outdoor Activities in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.***

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Kennedy in South County, and one at Queeny Park, Those rinks are open for ice sports during the winter months. <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/RecreationComplexes/IceSkating>

<sup>27</sup> EA at 1-2 (no seating capacity described); EA at 4-20 (showing two low benches along one side of the outdoor skating surface).

<sup>28</sup> Appendix A at 16. It is unclear whether the indoor rinks would also be used for these activities. *Id.* at 2 (describing these same activities as “indoor” and “outdoor” in the same paragraph).

<sup>29</sup> The same is true of the other uses the EA anticipates. For example, although the EA states that the outdoor rink will “also host public monthly outdoor music concerts throughout the summer ...,” this seems unlikely based on the current description and drawings. Appendix A at 2, 16.

<sup>30</sup> Compare the single sentence on page 2 of Appendix A discussing these warm weather sports with the several paragraphs devoted to indoor ice activities on page 1-4 of the EA. In Missouri’s Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP), developed as a condition of the state’s participation in the LWCF program, the state lists trends in outdoor facilities and activities, anticipating which are likely to increase in demand. None of the sports mentioned in the EA, including ice-based sports, are included on these lists. Missouri’s SCORP 2013-2017 at 98-101.

The EA presents the Ice Complex as a whole as being “compatible with and supportive of” other outdoor activities that are presently taking place in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park or new recreational opportunities that it is hoped will take place in the park in the future. For example, the EA states that the “parking lot will be used for outdoor activities, including farmer’s markets and food truck events sponsored by St. Louis County Parks and a municipality.”<sup>31</sup> It is truly a stretch to deem a nearly one-thousand vehicle asphalt parking lot compatible with or supportive of “outdoor recreation” as that term is commonly understood, especially since, as noted above, the parking lot will mainly support the vehicles of persons engaged in recreation inside the building, and is neither needed nor desired to support the limited level of outdoor sports planned for the site. If paving 5 to 10 acres of meadow is deemed supportive or compatible with outdoor recreation because one can also park food trucks there, what parking surface wouldn’t qualify? At any rate, there is nothing preventing the open field from being used for hosting food truck events and farmers’ markets right now, regardless of whether the Ice Complex is built. Notably, food truck events are already held elsewhere at Creve Coeur Park.<sup>32</sup>

The EA also states that two of the four parking lots planned for the Ice Complex will be able to double as parking/trailheads for the extension of the Fee Fee Greenway Trail, thereby enhancing outdoor public recreation opportunities.<sup>33</sup> The map at Great Rivers Greenway shows the extension of the Trail cutting across the northeast portion of the Ice Complex site ending in a parking lot at 13725 Marine Drive, currently used for the Creve Coeur Park Disc Golf Course.<sup>34</sup> It is fair to question the “outdoor enhancement” value of adding a new trailhead 400 feet away from the planned trailhead which already offers easy access and parking for hikers. Nor will the Fee Fee Trail experience itself necessarily be enhanced by routing it past a stormwater detention pond and parallel to a new large parking lot in the shadow of a three- to five-story tall concrete building, as shown in Figure 1-2, instead of across an open field as is now the case.<sup>35</sup>

Finally, the EA states that the Ice Complex will attract additional visitors to the park – participants and spectators who will come for the indoor ice sports and who might not have come to the park otherwise.<sup>36</sup> It also notes that these visitors are likely to attend events in the

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<sup>31</sup> Appendix A at 16

<sup>32</sup> St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department, “Things to Do”. Available at <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ThingsToDo/FoodTruckFest>

<sup>33</sup> EA, § 1.2 Project Description at 1-2 through 1-3; Appendix A at 3, 13.

<sup>34</sup> Great Rivers Greenway, Fee Fee Greenway Master Plan. Available at <https://greatriversgreenway.org/feefee-greenway-master-plan/>.

<sup>35</sup> EA, Figure 1-2 Site Development Plan, at 1-7. Figure 1-2 also depicts a new trail, threading around and through the proposed parking lots. Even if some visitors would find pleasure in an outdoor walk that encircles a three-to-five-story-tall concrete building, the trail suffers from a lack of the scenic vistas and open natural space one traditionally associates with parkland hikes.

<sup>36</sup> EA, § 1.1 Project Overview, at 1-1.

wintertime when the park is less busy which it views as a positive.<sup>37</sup> But the Ice Center's location on the edge of the park facilitates coming and going without further outdoor exploration of any other area of the park.

The north entrance to the Ice Complex will be approximately one-tenth of a mile from the exit off of the Maryland Heights Expressway, one of the major north-south arteries of the West County area. The Maryland Heights Expressway provides quick access to the three largest east-west arteries near the park: I-64, I-70, and 364/Page Avenue. While this ease of access is a great boon to the Ice Complex itself, the proximity of the Ice Complex to the expressway exit allows for the ability to visit the Ice Complex without entering the rest of the park at all.<sup>38</sup> As the EA acknowledges, the Ice Complex's location will lead to more traffic on Marine Drive, the road leading further into Creve Coeur Park, increasing the difficulty of access for visitors wanting to use the Park's other amenities.<sup>39</sup> And because most of the ice sports visitors will attend events in the winter, they are less likely to wander outside the rinks to the parking lot trail or discover the Fee Fee Trail in the woods beyond. The Ice Complex is likely to be a destination for indoor ice sports only, and its new visitors are likely to remain inside.

### **3. *The Ice Complex Does Not Provide a Net Gain in Outdoor Recreation.***

Any enhancement to outdoor recreation that might result from the Ice Complex has to be weighed against the opportunities lost. "Any costs or detriments should be documented and a net recreation benefit must result."<sup>40</sup> While the EA acknowledges that the forty-acre project will have some negative impacts, it tends to downplay them.

The EA states that the construction of the Ice Complex will not have a negative impact on the overall park experience because the land currently contains no developed amenities for recreation and because visitors do not generally make use of this large open space. But this ignores the value of unused open space itself.

Although the EA describes the current view somewhat disparagingly as "Class B-Typical to Class C-Indistinctive" and "fair to good,"<sup>41</sup> the value of the park as it is now lies less in the unique aesthetics and more in the overall sense of space and nature the park provides. Today, visitors entering the park can look to their right and view Creve Coeur Lake in the distance across a wide field, interrupted only by mature trees and a low, shed-type building.<sup>42</sup> To their left they see open space to the distant tree line. Once the Ice Complex is complete, visitors entering the park will see a windowless warehouse-type structure, as is usually found in the more

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<sup>37</sup> EA, § 1.1 Project Overview, at 1-1.

<sup>38</sup> See EA, Figure 1-1, Project Location Map.

<sup>39</sup> EA, § 3.4.2 Existing Traffic Volumes, at 3-7.

<sup>40</sup> LWCF Manual § 8.H.4, at 8-13.

<sup>41</sup> EA, § 3.15 Visual Environment, at 3-23 through 3-27.

<sup>42</sup> EA, Photo Five, at 3-26 (showing view toward Rower's Building).



industrial parts of town, a parking lot, and a detention basin.<sup>43</sup> To their right, across the street, visitors will see (if completed) a 250-space parking lot and another detention basin. The empty space that had buffered the park from the railroad tracks and expressway exit will be lost, replaced by parking features common to urban and suburban landscapes everywhere.

The courts have acknowledged the value of open unused space to the LWCF Act. Faced with a similar argument that 6(f) lands were not being actively used by the public, and that they were therefore of no value, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed, writing:

[I]n light of the policies of the Department of the Interior and the purposes of the statute, we interpret section 6(f)(3) “public outdoor recreation uses” broadly, to encompass uses not involving the public’s actual physical presence on the property. After all, Webster’s Third New International Dictionary (1971) defines “recreation” as “refreshment of the strength and spirits after toil,” *id.* at 1899; surely by exposing scenic vistas and serving as a buffer zone between [the] Park and developed areas, the easement area provides such refreshment.<sup>44</sup>

This is just as true at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The open space on the edges of the park is part of the park experience. It truly feels isolated, an oasis away from the surrounding suburbia and expressways. A large building and parking lots would destroy this.

Moreover, the need for open space and a buffer at the edge of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park will become even more important as the City of Maryland Heights proceeds with its plans to develop the floodplain surrounding the park. The City’s plans for the MPLD entail development of every square inch of floodplain behind the Howard Bend levee with a mix of mostly light industrial, office distribution, residential, and retail uses.<sup>45</sup> The EA itself describes proposals to develop “over 1,500 acres in the immediate area next to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park ... [including] residential, commercial, and light industrial.”<sup>46</sup> If the MPLD is developed as planned, the park will harbor the only remaining green space in the area besides the largely inaccessible lands on the riverward side of the levee.

In short, while it is possible that the outdoor amenities proposed to be constructed in conjunction with the Ice Complex might result in some additional outdoor recreation, those relatively small incidental benefits are outweighed by the loss of the green space and parklike atmosphere.

### **C. Construction of the Ice Complex Would Be an Unwarranted Conversion of Section 6(F) Land.**

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<sup>43</sup> Visitors will not see the front of the building as depicted in the drawing on page 4-20 of the EA, as the Site Development Plan makes clear. EA, Figure 1-2 Site Development Plan, at 1-7.

<sup>44</sup> *Friends of Shawangunk, Inc. v. Clark*, 754 F.2d 446, 449 (2d Cir. 1985).

<sup>45</sup> City of Maryland Heights, “Maryland Park Lake District Future Land Use.” Available at [http://mplakedistrict.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/MPLD\\_FutureLandUse.pdf](http://mplakedistrict.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/MPLD_FutureLandUse.pdf).

<sup>46</sup> Appendix A at 13.

The Ice Complex cannot meet the LWCF Manual requirements for construction of a public facility. Its construction would not support outdoor recreation, despite the imaginings of its sponsor, and any incidental benefit from additional visitors to the indoor rinks is outweighed by the loss of the open space.

Still, under the LWCF Act, section 6(f) lands may be used for purposes other than outdoor recreation if the conversion is in accordance with the state's comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and if the 6(f) land is replaced by "other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."<sup>47</sup> If St. Louis County is determined to build at the proposed site in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, it must show how the project fits in with the Missouri SCORP and arrange for the site's replacement with reasonably equivalent recreational land. Thus far, it has done neither.

## **II. CREVE COEUR LAKE MEMORIAL PARK IS A POOR CHOICE FOR LOCATION OF THE ICE COMPLEX.**

Because Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park is within the Missouri River floodplain, construction of the Ice Complex at that site would have a plethora of negative effects. The construction would not only detract from the park, but will also exacerbate flooding and introduce unnecessary public and environmental threats in the park.

### **A. Development In A Floodplain That Already Experiences Extensive Flooding Is A Poor Choice.**

The EA states that Creve Coeur Memorial Park is located behind the 500-year Howard Bend levee.<sup>48</sup> Despite this perceived protection, Marine Avenue, the primary access to the proposed Ice Complex site, has been subject to repeated and severe flooding. In fact, it has experienced three floods in the past 15 months, two of which overtopped the 100-year levee crest. This is not remarkable as increased total precipitation and increased frequency of extreme precipitation events has led to more flooding in the Missouri River floodplain generally.

Construction is underway on a large soccer complex in another part of the park, with 13 artificial turf fields, parking, and an extensive drainage system.<sup>49</sup> These additional, unnatural fields will not allow for precipitation to be absorbed, increasing stormwater flow off the surfaces and decreasing the ability of the park land to assimilate precipitation and pollutants. The soccer complex will increase the amount of impervious surfaces in the park, and will direct increased water flow into Creve Coeur Lake, which is already subject to flooding in heavy rain.

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<sup>47</sup> 54 U.S.C. § 200305 (f)(3). See also 36 C.F.R. § 59.3.

<sup>48</sup> EA, § 3.2 Land Use, at 3-4.

<sup>49</sup> St. Louis County Missouri – Creve Coeur Park Soccer Complex. Available at <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Sports/CreveCoeurParkSoccerComplex>.

Construction of the Ice Complex, with its large building and extensive parking lots will only serve to increase flooding in the park and in the neighboring community.

In fact, the EA acknowledges that flooding is a problem at the site as it calls for substantial fill to elevate the Ice Complex out of the 100-year floodplain, as well as nearly 10 acres of stormwater detention basins and canals. But raising the land area east of Marine Avenue to build the Ice Complex will only make what is already a serious flooding problem even worse. The stormwater from the Ice Complex drains to Creve Coeur Lake and will cause problems for boaters, such as the St. Louis Rowing Club, St. Louis University Rowing Club and Washington University Crew Club, who routinely use the lake for their sport. The substantial rise in water levels from both the soccer fields and the proposed Ice Complex may not allow the rowers to get under the bridge, limiting their ability to recreate on the lake. Flooding in other areas of the park will also increase, including Marine Avenue itself, limiting access to the recreational activities there.

**B. Increased Stormwater Flow From Increased Impervious Surface Will Also Contribute Additional Pollutants To An Already Impaired Water Of The State.**

In addition to the increase volume of water that the Ice Complex will create, runoff from the parking surfaces, the complex itself, and additional facilities on the proposed project site will also increase pollution in Creve Coeur Creek and Creve Coeur Lake. Creve Coeur Creek has experienced extensive losses of wetlands, riparian habitat, stream channelization, filling and piping of intermittent and ephemeral streams and other adverse impacts in the past and through continued urbanization pressures. It is already classified as “impaired” by the State of Missouri under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act for E. Coli, Chloride, and Low Dissolved Oxygen on the 2014 303(d) list, and as a “Metropolitan No-Discharge” stream under 10 CSR 20-7.031(7) & (Table F). According to the EA, the Ice Complex will drain through a basin, two canals, and piping into Creve Coeur Creek. The Creek flows into the Creve Coeur Lake approximately a thousand feet downstream from the point where the Ice Complex runoff will apparently enter it. Construction of the Ice Complex will add to the pollution of an already impaired stream and will also add to the pollution of a lake extensively used for recreation. This, too, counsel in favor of location the Ice Complex elsewhere.

**C. Ice Hockey Rinks Have Specific Infrastructure That Poses Threats To Human And Environmental Health.**

Finally, the ice rink infrastructure itself poses substantial threats to safety and the environment during inundation. Ice rink facilities employ a refrigerant system to maintain large ice sheets year round. Refrigeration chiller equipment systems contain elaborate mechanical chillers, chemicals, and piping. These systems increase the risk of water infiltration and power

outages due to flooding, enhancing dangers to people on the site and to the natural space in the surrounding park. Saturated land under the structure will also pose challenges to maintaining the system. Constructing the proposed project in Creve Coeur Lake Park would introduce safety concerns and hazards due to potential refrigerant system and equipment failures, flooding, or loss of electricity to the system. To date, the type of refrigerant proposed for the system has not been disclosed.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-935-8760, or Ken Miller at 314-935-6368.

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Missouri Coalition for the Environment (via email)





NEG	7/7/2017 17:13:18	Mark	Strahm	Mark	Strahm	My concerns are twofold. 1. The proponents of the project say they will raise the area to prevent flooding. Didn't we learn before that when you remove areas from the flood plain you cause flooding elsewhere. If we got rid of the levees and allowed the river to flood the flood plain the overall flooding would be reduced. We have got to stop building in flood plains and modifying the terrain fit our current project. 2. The park is wonderful as it is and taking 40 acres of a PUBLIC PARK for a private use is unconscionable in its action. I am a St. Louis County resident and I do not think Creve Coeur is a suitable place to build this ice rink. This is a fantastic park for outdoor activities, one of the best in the St. Louis region and I believe an ice rink at this park would be detrimental to it's value for outdoor recreation. There are plenty of other more central places to build it. And what about the closed and currently empty ice rink in Chesterfield along I-64/40 near Boone's Crossing? Seems like a better choice for a location.	1. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. 2. Comment noted.
NEG	7/7/2017 17:28:44	Paul	Kirchhofer	Paul	Kirchhofer	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal for building an ice rink within Creve Coeur Lake Park and would ask that you carefully consider the goals for that location. I frequent the park and would like to see the natural environment protected for future outdoor recreation such as walking/running/hiking, biking, water sports, as well as preserving habitat for native species. There are few areas in our city as natural, beautiful, and vast as Creve Coeur Lake Park. On a personal note, I am opposed to the construction due to the opposition to will bring to the current ambience of the park. With the previous soccer fields and certainly the new ones, the light emitted causes enough light pollution to effect the viewing of sunset and the evening constellations. With each development surrounding and within the park, the peaceful and relaxing respite from the suburban landscape is slowly being destroyed. Rather than skating, a refuge from our busy lifestyles seems to be what we are most lacking in our suburban community and which will bring the most benefit to our citizens - physically and mentally. On a practical note, I am interested to know more about the "immediate need for ice skating facilities within St. Louis County and the surrounding area" Is data available to the public on this issue? There are many ice rinks within St. Louis County, including Ice Zone and Creve Coeur Ice Arena that are within 10 minute drive of all residents of Maryland Heights. In addition, Chesterfield residents have both a temporary ice location as well as a proposed Sports Complex to replace the Hardens complex. With this in mind, who is the target market for such a venture? I enjoy ice skating and am a supporter of the Blues, however, I am opposed to the proposed location. Assuming that there is a "need" for ice skating, is there a more suitable location for such a complex within Maryland Heights? According to FEMA's mapping, the proposed site is within a regulatory floodway. From a business and environmental perspective, this brings many seemingly unnecessary complications. Also, unlike Creve Coeur Lake, Riverport or Westport seem to be areas in Maryland Heights already geared toward the entertainment industry. Have these locations been considered for an ice complex? Surely there are other locations within Maryland Heights that can be pursued outside of our cherished park system. As a concerned member of the community, I ask that you would carefully consider the current proposal and seek a more appropriate location for this economic endeavor. Thank you.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/7/2017 18:35:37	Lauren	Amick	Lauren	Amick	There are other places an ice rink can go. Why not consider the expense that once was Northwest Plaza (right next to my middle school)? We have enough recreation facilities and we have enough unused places that could be turned into something else. We also already have a landfill encroaching on the environment. Please don't take away one of the few and beautiful pieces of nature that we still have left.	The proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). Noise and light modeling conducted during the environmental assessment indicated that the operational and traffic-related noise would attenuate to minor levels. Additionally, the proposed site lighting is not anticipated to create visual discord at midrange and background distances as the topography and vegetation of the surrounding areas provide screening.
NEG	7/7/2017 18:37:34	Paula	Knox	Paula	Knox	My family uses the walking trails around the lake. It is a beautiful area to exercise and relax after stressful job in medical field. Repurpose Mills Mall and Chesterfield Mall for the ice complex instead of a nature jewel of the county.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/7/2017 20:21:11	Joseph	Pallardy	Joseph	Pallardy	There are plenty of other areas to build this complex, please do not disturb one of the best green spaces left in St. Louis county.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/7/2017 20:53:13	Wueterberg	Wueterberg	Wueterberg	Wueterberg	Do not use any more Creve Coeur Memorial Park land for building anything. I use the park to walk frequently.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/7/2017 21:29:58	Elaine	Bueta	Elaine	Bueta	use Creve Coeur Park frequently for walking the trails and kayaking on the lake. I know about the flooding issues in the area, and don't feel there should be additional commercial development there as it would likely have issues during flood season, and it would impact the park in general.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/7/2017 21:30:37	John	Peiffer	John	Peiffer	NOT on park property. If proceeds precious outdoor recreation space will be gone forever. Thousands of people enjoy the park currently and they will lose more space for a much smaller number of skaters. Why not Chesterfield Valley? Why not Earth City? St. Louis Mills area	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/7/2017 22:34:56	Diane	Ritter	Diane	Ritter	My family uses the walking trails around the lake. It is a beautiful area to exercise and relax after stressful job in medical field. Repurpose Mills Mall and Chesterfield Mall for the ice complex instead of a nature jewel of the county.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/7/2017 23:19:56	Cathy	Schwetzer	Cathy	Schwetzer	This would be a travesty. The park is for public use not a private development firm.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 0:37:32	Kimberlee	Maloy	Kimberlee	Maloy	Keep the Park a Park, natural and beautiful. I have fond memories growing up there and visit when I return.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 1:07:26	Paul	Stappsch	Paul	Stappsch	Instead of putting more park land under concrete why not a old shopping mall and put your money on ice rink there? Maybe Jamestown Mall	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/8/2017 1:29:03	Eric	Ben	Eric	Ben	The ice rink should be built in the park. Hockey and other sports are good for the youth of today. These sports keeps kids active, and gives them a good family oriented sport to participate in. What better place to build this rink then in a park!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 6:00:10	Judy	Speck	Judy	Speck	PLEASE, do not move forward with destroying yet another piece of Creve Coeur Park for the sole use of those wanting to skate. There are fewer and fewer natural areas in the St. Louis County area for people of all ages to "get away" from the noise and exhaust etc. Kids especially need to spend time in nature. Do not "give parades and put up parking lot and a massive building!" (Note, comment posted twice)	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). Noise and light modeling conducted during the environmental assessment indicated that the operational and traffic-related noise would attenuate to minor levels. Additionally, the proposed site lighting is not anticipated to create visual discord at midrange and background distances as the topography and vegetation of the surrounding areas provide screening.
NEG	7/8/2017 6:05:32	Judy	Speck	Judy	Speck	Why not build this on an abandoned shopping mall?	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/8/2017 6:52:50	Taunya	Dillow	Taunya	Dillow	This, awesome, and park at Creve Coeur lake. It is a beautiful area to enjoy nature at many levels, whether a short stroll around the lake, or a deeper dive into the woods. It is safe and accessible to the public as public lands should be but often are not. America is a beautiful country because of its accessibility and variety of natural spaces, flora and fauna. It is our responsibility to keep as much of this as possible.	The proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). The 40 acre site is not being sold, and will still be owned by St. Louis County Parks. The site will be leased to the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation.
NEG	7/8/2017 7:12:27	Michelle	Swatke	Michelle	Swatke	PLEASE build this complex elsewhere, not taking parkland. And, there is no public transportation to this complex, presenting a hurdle for those who chose not to own a car, and those who cannot afford a car. I hardly think that is being inclusive. A public facility without public access does not feel like public facility accommodations.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Public access to the facility will be consistent with public access to the park itself.
NEG	7/8/2017 7:19:03	John	Ottmann	John	Ottmann	I am against building the ice rink in Creve Coeur. This is a beautiful natural park that has been set aside for people to enjoy and shouldn't be ruined by a huge building and parking lots. People come to the park to enjoy nature and this will greatly diminish that. It will also add to the congestion of cars coming through the park which will also add the inability of people to enjoy this natural setting. This site, I would imagine, is also part of the flood plain and not a very good or smart place to build such a structure. If business interests need an ice rink, then they should purchase private land and build on it. The Ice Center would be a fine idea if it were on private land, but the current proposal violates the whole point of county parkland. As a 50-year resident of St. Louis County, I am keenly aware of the land-use changes in our region over decades - the spread of residential and commercial areas and the loss of more-or-less natural open space. Along with thousands of other County citizens, I feel strongly about the value of preserving parkland for all of us. Using 40 acres of Creve Coeur Park for the proposed Center will diminish the quality of life for most of us, not add to it. Parks are supposed to be oases for recreation and enjoyment of the outdoors. That is the main reason why the fine County Parks we were established - and even those who are not enough for a county of our size.	A site location study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically when park visitation is lower. Based on the traffic modeling and current traffic patterns, most visitors to the ice center are anticipated to enter and exit the site to the north (Highway 141 to Marine Drive). A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/8/2017 7:23:36	William	Rowe	William	Rowe	Leasing this land, rather than selling it or giving it away, may seem to soften the blow of its loss, but not really, not in practice. It becomes another piece of infrastructure, another layer of concrete, and it foreshadows the loss of more acreage as more people think up more ways to use public land for "good development ideas" instead of leaving it open for everyone. This kind of use was never the intention of those who advocated acquiring the land, or the federal programs that helped fund it. It is never the point of a County Park. And, realistically, it can never revert to being open space again. This plan is short-sighted, and I am strongly opposed to it. William C. Rowe Shrewsbury	The applicant is following the provisions of NEPA and Section 6(f) in evaluating the use of the park land for the proposed development. The proposed development represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park (or 1.9 percent of Creve Coeur Park). In addition, the proposed development is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quency park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
NEG	7/8/2017 7:26:44	Jeanne	Gearin	Jeanne	Gearin	Please protect our parks. Find another property that is not vital to wildlife.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Although the proposed SCLCR would remove existing habitat for other wildlife, the project site represents only 1.9 percent of the entire Park area with most of this being a mowed field with just a few trees. The existing habitat at the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the Park that will support wildlife effort by the SCLC. Within a 5-mile radius, there is a relatively large amount of deciduous forest of equal or better quality than the habitats being removed. Therefore, due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota.
NEG	7/8/2017 8:35:16	Deborah	DeCarl	Deborah	DeCarl	Use the park for running and biking, and a big old sports arena will really take away from the charm and peacefulness of the place.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 8:08:53	Kim	DeCarl	Kim	DeCarl	Leave the park alone.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 9:10:32	Susan	Leahy	Susan	Leahy	Creve Coeur Park is an important habitat area for birds and other wildlife. Please do not destroy it for a professional sports complex.	Although the proposed SCLCR will remove existing habitat for other wildlife, the project site represents only 1.9 percent of the entire Park area with most of this being a mowed field with just a few trees. The existing habitat at the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the Park that will support wildlife effort by the SCLC. Within a 5-mile radius, there is a relatively large amount of deciduous forest of equal or better quality than the habitats being removed. Therefore, due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota. The proposed development will be a public facility, not a professional sports complex. The Blues will use one rink of the facility for approximately 2 percent of the ice time.
NEG	7/8/2017 9:17:54	Brian	Hall	Brian	Hall	While I support the development of an ice skating facility in the St. Louis area, I'm opposed to this location. First, Creve Coeur Park provides an opportunity for outdoor recreation in a natural setting, and adding a large building and parking lot would negatively impact that experience. Second, adding that much pavement in a floodplain only adds to the risk of severe flooding and is completely counter to MSD's multi-million dollar efforts to limit stormwater runoff.	Regarding the comment about outdoor recreation, this project site represents only 1.9 percent of the entire Park area. Regarding the comment about adding pavement in the floodplain, a flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development to manage the rate of stormwater runoff. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/8/2017 9:32:47	Margaret	Dowdy	Margaret	Dowdy	Finally, parks are for the public and should be managed accordingly, not leased to private organizations. Please reconsider this idea before it's too late. Find another location for the ice center, and keep Creve Coeur Park as a natural recreational area managed for the general public. Thank you for your consideration, Brian E. Hall	Regarding the comment about the project being leased to a private organization, the proposed project site (and proposed ice center) would be owned by St. Louis County. The proposed development would be a public facility, not a commercial development. As part of the proposal, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (SDCPR) would retain ownership of the land and lease it to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (Foundation). A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/8/2017 9:32:47	Margaret	Dowdy	Margaret	Dowdy	Please consider another location for the ice rink, for example near or at St. Louis Outlet Mall on I-70. Please save our beautiful park at Creve Coeur Lake for current and future generations of people and wildlife.	The comment about the location is noted. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141).
NEG	7/8/2017 9:38:16	Carrie	Piper	Carrie	Piper	There is plenty of property in the county which can be redeveloped for the sports complex. Putting the complex where we have precious, public green space would be a crime. It is particularly questionable decision making given the propensity of the lake to flood and the inability to change road access without irreparable damage to the park. Especially concerning is the increase in traffic where many families spend much of their time. The proposal is entirely unacceptable.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. Run off would be directed to bio swales and the detention basin. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. Parking space numbers commensurate with the development will be provided. While the proposed project is to build an ice center, it represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park. In addition, the proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141).
NEG	7/8/2017 10:08:54	Catherine	Edwards	Catherine	Edwards	Creve Coeur Park is an oasis in a busy city. The last thing that needs to happen is traffic and construction in that peaceful setting. I'm not averse to the project just the location. Please DO NOT disturb the peace and quiet of the park.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically when park visitation is lower. The location of the project is in an area that is not actively used for recreation in the Park.
NEG	7/8/2017 10:17:11	Katrina	Heckman	Katrina	Heckman	YES to Creve Coeur Park and NO to the proposal to convert 40 acres of public parkland to an indoor sports complex.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 10:23:26	Rich	Williams	Rich	Williams	May, NO, to the 40 acres going to the ice rink. We need the Park to be a PARK.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 10:55:41	Jacqueline	Stickney	Jacqueline	Stickney	Everyone should vote to save the Park. There are plenty of other site locations available.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 11:02:06	Jeff	Banning	Jeff	Banning	Don't do it!!!!!! I have been enjoying this PARK for 50 years!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/8/2017 12:19:39	Calvin	Heend	Calvin	Heend	Which is a better investment than building a whole new building. The beauty of Mills Mall is a little bit funny, I bet it could easily be redeveloped and have support for its popular hockey arena, both for Blue practice sessions, and a sport state park. There is a perfectly good ice rink in Creve Coeur Mills Mall, it could be redeveloped from a dead mall into a hockey skate walk here a ice with my family and I always enjoy coming to experience the beauty of natural world. I would hate for it to be taken away for HOCKEY, a sport that really isn't popular among many it seems like in St. Louis. There is a perfectly good ice rink in Creve Coeur Mills Mall, it could be redeveloped from a dead mall into a hockey skate walk here a ice with my family and I always enjoy coming to experience the beauty of natural world. I would hate for it to be taken away for HOCKEY, a sport that really isn't popular among many it seems like in St. Louis. 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NEG	7/11/2017 12:22:34	Kalen	Ponche	Kalen	Ponche	Although I am a hockey fan, I find it not the best location for a private facility. According to the environmental impact study, this area is a beneficial wildlife habitat for common species of wildlife, including federally and state-endangered bats. In addition, this change further reduces the amount of green area for wildlife and people to enjoy. There is such a demand for hockey facilities in this area, someone in the private sector will develop it. There is already an ice arena in Creve Coeur which provides many of the benefits that this would provide.	Although the proposed SLC will remove existing habitat for other wildlife, the project site represents only 1.9 percent of the entire Park area with most of this being a mowed field with just a few trees. The existing habitat at the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the Park that will support wildlife off the SLC. Within a 5-mile radius, there is a relatively large amount of deciduous forest of equal or better quality than the habitats being removed. Therefore, due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forest and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/11/2017 12:29:28	Paul	Winter	Paul	Winter	I am in general opposed to converting any park land into this type of development without first answering the question of why does this piece of land need to be used, as opposed to some other property in the general area. Driving along the Maryland Heights Parkway out there, there are other open areas that are not developed and that are not part of Creve Coeur park. There are reason those sites are not being considered?	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/11/2017 12:34:07	Brian	McGowen	Brian	McGowen	The park should remain in its current state as it was intended when it was first developed. There are many acres of undeveloped property within the same area that the St. Louis Ice Center can be located on. No need to place the facility on park property, and no need to set a precedent.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/11/2017 12:34:17	Lois	Singemeier	Lois	Singemeier	Please reconsider using this land as an ice complex. We have one in Chesterfield, and someone should try to make the Mills Mall what it was once meant to be. I'm tired of the county always going what they want and never listening to the citizens. Creve Coeur park is a beautiful place that does not need the noise and traffic this rink will create. Obviously you haven't been there when it has flooded. You may want to think about putting the building on stilts. I have known what lake and the Missouri river is capable of that area during flooding. I say NO to the rink!!!!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/11/2017 12:36:50	Lois	Singemeier	Lois	Singemeier	I use this park every weekend. I walk with my dog, watch the peaceful sunsets, picnic there with my husband on Sundays, and rent the kayaks. Please do not destroy this beautiful park for an ice rink that is not needed.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 13:00:43	Rick	Newberry	Rick	Newberry	This ice rink development should not take park land. Instead you should work with the owners of the land west of Maryland Heights Expressway and construct this development there. I am a frequent visitor of Creve Coeur Park, Saint Louis County resident, and am strongly opposed to this project. This park has been a treasure because it affords visitors the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in a beautiful, natural park with plenty of trees and wildlife. Already it can be a crowded enough destination with the outdoor recreation offers. This ice center will bring in more traffic and be another blemish to the park and a disruption to wildlife.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/11/2017 13:01:28	Matthew	Wittmann	Matthew	Wittmann	There are plenty of other places to build an ice rink. Creve Coeur Park and the nearby wetlands are not the place for it. Our sons play hockey for the Rockets. It would greatly help the area to have a nice ice complex. The closest rink is St. Peters. We frequently go out of town tournaments and there are tons of kids from all over the country and Canada. It would be great to bring this to St. Louis.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 13:12:39	Karlah	Dorn	Karlah	Dorn	Regardless of hotels, even just the snack shop or grill at the complex should do quite well from normal practice. During the winter when both boys had practices, we'd spend a good \$20 on food at the Webster rink each week. I've visited Creve Coeur lake for several runs and events. The area seems quiet under utilized. I think the addition of the ice complex would actually increase use of the lake.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 13:24:56	Scott	Davis	Scott	Davis	This is not the appropriate site for this facility. Let's not pave over nature to add another couple sheets of ice. The LWCF was setup specifically to thwart this kind of activity. Find a better place, or better yet, let private entities that want to make money off this venture find their own, non park, non public land to build on.	The National Park Service (NPS) may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
NEG	7/11/2017 13:30:13	Sarah	evans	Sarah	evans	I am a currently Maryland Heights resident that uses the park very frequently. I am also a hockey fan. That being said I feel that this would hinder the park overall. There are not many places in the area like creve coeur park. It is a nice getaway to go enjoy the outdoors. There is already a highway going over it and a soccer complex, why take away more of its beauty. More and more people are using the park without this building. Just because the Mills mall and hardies center failed shouldn't mean we have to take away part of the park. There are plenty of other locations.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 13:53:25	Joan	Gray	Joan	Gray	A definition of a Park "a large area of land in its natural state or public recreational use." This project should not be put in Creve Coeur lake Memorial Park. It is contrary to the definition of a Park. There are so many empty or partially empty retail properties that are paved for parking, please consider these and stop destroying the habitat for the birds, insects, animals and the people who like to be outside in these natural areas. I am a frequent and year round user of this Park and I am ashamed of St. Louis County posting bonds for this project. Please build it somewhere else.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 13:59:26	Mary Lou Pandorf	Pandorf	Mary Lou Pandorf	Pandorf	Creve Coeur Lake Park is mine and the property of all of those who pay taxes to support it. If any changes are proposed for County Park lands, citizens should be asked to vote on these proposals. This particular park is an environmental jewel [which has already been infringed upon with the Page Avenue Extension] and should be maintained as such as long as it exists. It is an oasis of beauty and solitude for all human and animal. On the other hand, an ice rink complex could be placed in any number of areas in the St. Louis metropolitan area much more suitable for its purpose which would not have the possibility of flooding problems. Let's put a stop to paving over any more park and farm land. Some things in this world have intrinsic value just as they are. Humanity needs them for spiritual and physical sustenance. Let those who are seeking a place for a commercial investment venture look to areas more suited to that purpose.	The proposed project is not required to go to a vote of the people. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Based on the Environmental Assessment finding, the proposed site is not considered Prime Farmland. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/11/2017 14:09:51	Judith	VanderWater	Judith	VanderWater	I like and walk in Creve Coeur park many times during the year. The paths are always crowded with strollers, runners and bikers. Creve Coeur Lake is the only place in St. Louis County with a public lake of this size. Seeing the water and the wild life is a big draw. This park is a success. I pay taxes to support open spaces and park land, not for profit enterprises. Please be stewards of the land and make the developers put this industrial size rink elsewhere outside the park. There is plenty of farm land nearby. What about using a site near the casino?	The proposed development will be considered a public facility, not a commercial development. As part of the proposal, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (SLCDPR) would retain ownership of the land and lease it to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (Foundation), which has been formed to oversee construction and the operation of the project. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 14:35:47	Brian	Russell	Brian	Russell	We must preserve parks as places of peace and tranquility and open sky. If you say yes to this ice rink in a flood plain, and cover the ground with concrete and asphalt, how many generations will it take to reclaim the land for people and nature?	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 14:54:24	Jeff	Giles	Jeff	Giles	This ice arena is a terrible idea. The entire aesthetic of the park would change negatively with so much traffic and light pollution. I have no problem with a new ice arena, I recognize that the sport of hockey is popular here. My problem is with this particular location. With so many other possible locations for this (Jamestown Mall, The Mills, other abandoned malls) why do we not to pave over empty space for a hockey arena? I live in Maryland Heights and use that park every weekend. This ice arena is going to seriously damage the natural beauty and joy of that park.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 14:55:47	Monica	Irgens	Monica	Irgens	We are in dire need of more sheets of ice and a great community center that will provide recreational activities for thousands of area residents. This facility would be a big win for the STL community.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 15:11:31	Steven	Sieber	Steven	Sieber	The building would be construction on wet land and ice skating does not require to be close to a lake. The area around the lake is limited in parking space, access roads and should be used mainly for water sports and enjoyment.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 15:13:29	Jessica	Clark	Jessica	Clark	Please don't build the hockey complex in Creve Coeur Park. I support youth hockey, but not the plan to place a park to do it. The park floods as well, so it's likely that the complex will flood. Find a better place that doesn't require destroying a chunk of Creve Coeur Park.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 15:19:06	Lorie Anne	Faulkner	Lorie Anne	Faulkner	My family is definitely a hockey family. My husband plays for NHL, my oldest daughter will start her journey into hockey later this year. This rink is so desperately needed for this area, not only to fulfill the need of current teams, but to help develop future talent and to continue to keep St. Louis in the spotlight of up and coming talent. Without this new facility, I fear that all forms of hockey will suffer. Also with a new facility like this, the potential for large tournaments and economic growth for our area. My husband's hockey team recently competed in a tournament in Toronto that had over 50 teams. Can you imagine the revenue boost that their economy saw that weekend? Imagine that for St. Louis and the surrounding areas!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 15:21:06	Lorie Anne	Faulkner	Lorie Anne	Faulkner	I am concerned about this ice skating Complex going in my neighborhood. My friends, family and I use this park to walk and enjoy nature year round. It is one of the most peaceful places in our area. I also know many people who do not live in Missouri at all who use this park for the same reasons I do. I do not think this complex would be appropriate for Creve Coeur for many reasons. 1) It is expensive. Maryland Heights just got the new Community Center, and we do not need to spend more money on indoor entertainment? 2) The park's main purpose is to encourage people to get active and be outdoors. This ice Complex encourages people to be inside more. 3) There are many parks nearby that call this park the lake home. We already have the Page Extension, but why do we need to build another rink? I am aware that there has been an Environmental Impact Study, but we can't always know what will happen in the future. 4) This place floods yearly. How are you planning on keeping the complex safe without costing more money? 5) Why do we feel the need to continue to build on a flood plain? It is called a flood plain? It is called a flood plain, because it is plain that it floods. Building this could attract more and more business to the area, and it could start to look like the Chesterfield Valley. Crowded, busy and dangerous. The revenue would be great, but it's unsafe. 6) Speaking of Chesterfield, they are building an ice complex, too. That is so close. Why do we need two so close together? 7) Why can't the Blues stay in the Mills? It is because it is for all intents and purposes abandoned? Whose fault is that? They don't get me wrong, I would be cool to take my children to see them practice, but I would be much more excited if it were a private baseball field. I would be there every single day. I love Creve Coeur Memorial Park. It is an integral part of my life and has helped me live a more fulfilling existence. It is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the great views we are so blessed to have. Please don't ruin it in the name of revenue.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 17:15:45	Catherine	Beal	Catherine	Beal	I am opposed to the loss of park land for the ice rink development. The project should be a place for nature, not financial gain through development. Furthermore, this is a FLOOD PLAIN and should be left as such.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 17:19:39	Duane	Weschke	Duane	Weschke	There is too much flood plain development in St. Louis County as it is now. Instead of ruining the natural environment any more, I recommend reducing the height of current levees and opening up the flood plain to do what nature intended. Providing for habitat for more wildlife and reducing the risk of increased flooding down stream is a greater economic benefit than wasting a huge amount of tax dollars on a project that is not needed.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 16:18:47	Chris	Duggan	Chris	Duggan	I oppose this plan and would give any park land for ice rink for profit interests. The park, all by itself, draws visitors to the area because of its natural beauty. Anyone who has spent any time there knows it is a popular spot for the entire region for a whole range of outdoor activities. Adding this building would dramatically impact the bucolic charm and beauty of the park, and I urge you to reconsider it.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 16:50:20	Patrice	McNeil	Patrice	McNeil	While I appreciate the interest in a new public ice rink in our area, I am strongly opposed to its proposed location on our beautiful Creve Coeur Lake Park. Find some private or public land that is NOT a much desired natural area. Thank you.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 16:55:59	Elizabeth	Harth	Elizabeth	Harth	I lived in St. Louis County for 56 years - this is ABSOLUTELY SHAMEFUL. You are taking land that was donated and dedicated for public use and allowing it to be used for private gain. Why don't you put this on the property that Mr. Knoke bought? This is disgraceful and you should all be ashamed of yourselves!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 17:08:05	Patrick	culbert	Patrick	culbert	Our area is in need of an ice sports athletic center. Currently we have youth ice hockey clubs that are going to have to refuse registration of players this season due to there being a shortage of ice available. Please consider allowing this facility to move forward.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 17:10:23	Tom	Barnes	Tom	Barnes	The St. Louis hockey and skating facility to attract both local skaters and regional tournaments. The location identified is ideal - will only bring more citizens (especially in the winter) to the park to exercise and get fit. Just do it!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 17:15:45	Chagne	O'Brien	Chagne	O'Brien	I support this ice development. My daughter is a figure skater, and we do not have a lot of ice availability, particularly to support and grow synchronized skating teams.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 17:40:10	Robert	O'Brien	Robert	O'Brien	This is a totally inappropriate use of relatively undeveloped parkland, which should remain devoted to outdoor recreation. The principal rationale for this seems to be the long-discredited belief that parks are "green land" to be used for any purpose that cannot otherwise justify the cost of land to build it. The article notes that nearby rinks in Chesterfield, already notorious for flood damage, are closing. Why should taxpayers subsidize a move by the Blues from their present practice facility? If there is indeed a need for this facility, I suggest a more appropriate location would be adjacent to the present facility in the area of the otherwise defunct St. Louis Mills. Please do not permit another rink on the limited St. Louis area parkland!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 17:54:45	Maria	O'Rourke	Maria	O'Rourke	Please halt this work on Creve Coeur Park! Find another site for the hockey rink. The flooding will be awful. And the park has endured enough with the Page extension.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 18:11:35	Patricia	Dunn	Patricia	Dunn	Please do not give away our park land for this ice rink. I have been walking for exercise at the park for over 25 years. I have already seen acres of trees knocked down and removed due to expansion of soccer fields. It has gotten SO crowded at the park you often have to illegally park b/c there are no more spaces in the lots. I am walking 3-5 miles daily at the park 350+ days a year. I feel this is a unique privilege to have a park like this. I would like to see any new building in our green spaces.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 18:26:12	Chris	Roseman	Chris	Roseman	Fully support the St. Louis Ice Center as the complex will greatly enhance our region through many different avenues. Constituents will be able to use the complex which will remove the community to stay/ice fit and healthily decreasing the region's reputation as an unfit populace. In addition, the complex will generate economic impact attract many visitors to events the region will now be able to host such as the NCAA Women's Frozen Four, US Speed Skating events, US Figure Skating events, roller hockey events, etc.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 18:29:05	Robert	Dodson	Robert	Dodson	Support the hockey rinks - will make a nice addition to park!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 18:40:06	April	Rowland	April	Rowland	I am very opposed to the building of the St. Louis Ice Center in Creve Coeur Park. This is not an outdoor recreation facility and would increase the traffic through the park which would make it more difficult for other visitors to enjoy the park as they do now. The land that I designated for the St. Louis Ice Center should be used in a way that all residents will be able to enjoy it.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 18:53:30	Ralph	Groom, Jr.	Ralph	Groom, Jr.	This region does NOT need an ice rink in both Chesterfield and Creve Coeur Park. Public funds should go towards maintaining infrastructure of the STL County Park system, such as Queeny Park, etc. Therefore, I am opposed to this project	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 19:11:30	Wendy	Luchesi	Wendy	Luchesi	I believe it is wrong to develop public land without public consent. This is wrong for the park, it visitors and many wildlife inhabitants	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 19:32:47	Gary	Parker	Gary	Parker	Support this facility for community.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 19:58:02	Rebecca	Kastmann	Rebecca	Kastmann	No to ice plan. Save the natural beauty of the park and protect the homes of wildlife etc.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 20:36:35	Sharon	Burberry	Sharon	Burberry	Please find somewhere else to build this facility. It would greatly change the character of this beautiful park. I've been coming to Creve Coeur park for over 50 years and I don't think this development would be beneficial.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 20:48:47	Chuck	Watt	Chuck	Watt	Strongly in favor of new building. I have been coming to this park and will enjoy it being put to a good use.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 20:47:00	Andrea	Krem	Andrea	Krem	For myself, and my friends, this is taking away the nature of the largest natural lake in Missouri. It's a large portion of the park to disappear, and no one even knew of this plan, will hidden. How sad this is happening, there has to be other places in the St. Louis City or County with land in abundance for this project besides the Creve Coeur Park land. This is the WORST project ever, so far if this happens!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 21:10:29	Michael	Smock	Michael	Smock	This proposed indoor facility is inappropriate for Creve Coeur Lake Park. I value this park for its outdoor amenities and natural environment. While our community can utilize an additional youth ice sports facility, there are numerous locations available for such a venture that would not require the destruction of so much outdoor recreation land. This proposed project will be completely counterproductive to the express purpose of the funds originally received through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 21:20:37	Viva	Bondu	Viva	Bondu	Same Louis needs these rinks. This will help grow youth sports not just hockey.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 21:25:36	Kara	Zones	Kara	Zones	Please allow this skating facility open at the Creve Coeur location that they are proposing. It will add to our community and wildlife will be minimally affected.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 22:00:25	Mark	Luchesi	Mark	Luchesi	WRONG for the park, just wrong on so many levels. This facility will destroy the park and its beauty, both flora and fauna. Build it in Chesterfield Valley. This location was flooded twice in the last 18 months. Blues won't stay there anyway—they will eventually move to a newer facility as they have done several times already.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 22:15:08	Jeffrey	Williams	Jeffrey	Williams	This should be a private business on private land. They should not use park land that houses many species of animals that have made this their home. Those of us who enjoy seeing native wildlife in its native environment suffer greatly from this loss as well.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 22:23:30	Denise	Damon	Denise	Damon	I use Creve Coeur Lake park 2-3 times per week for canoeing & kayaking, walking, biking. I also see other stand up paddle boarders, rowers, sailors, and fishermen out on the lake. Runners rollerbladers and mountain bikers also use the trails. I go there for the quiet natural environment, not to look at the outside of some huge ugly building. Surely there are better locations for this facility that will not impact the enjoyment of the thousands who use the park every week. I oppose the placement of this facility, particularly this lake. The Page Extension was enough of an intrusion. Please don't do this.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 22:28:30	Joe	Ravanelli	Joe	Ravanelli	It is astounding that intelligent individuals can come together to keep pressing for major development not only in a county park that is utilized not just by humans, but the fact that it is in a flood plain. They had to stop development early on in the grading of the lot because of high water. How do these idiots still have decision making privileges.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 22:38:51	Robyn	Merschen	Robyn	Merschen	Please DO NOT build this on park land!!!! Please STOP RUINING this park! How many acres are we going to give away???? This land is paid for by the public through the taxes we pay! It is NOT ok to keep giving the land away for private enterprise! Why should we subsidize a multi-million dollar professional sports team's practice facility???? Let them purchase their own land and leave the public park land alone! I have already warned the Blues organization and cannot believe the attitudes of their greed and absolute disregard for the environment by backing this project. This developer to purchase their own land, not taxpayer owned green space enjoyed by over 1 million visitors every year!!!! Shame on the public officials who let their power again & again to destroy natural habitat!!!! This is wrong in more ways than can be said!!!!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
NEG	7/11/2017 23:14:13	Kelly	Lutz	Kelly	Lutz	My husband and I use Creve Coeur lake to kayak and escape the city without going too far. I believe that a complex like this would be great for a struggling county like Ferguson or north city but to ruin the oasis that is this park would be a big mistake	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 23:24:31	Paul	Kniez	Paul	Kniez	Please make this happen. Having recently returned from a hockey tournament in Toronto, I had a chance to visit some extremely nice facilities. This proposed complex is as nice as if not nicer than the Canadian facilities. This project will help St. Louis attract tourists, other events and the dollars that come with them. The demand is there.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 23:34:06	Emily	Heymann	Emily	Heymann	I frequently walk and ride my bike at Creve Coeur Lake.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 23:38:17	Terry	Weston	Terry	Weston	This is best idea for majority. Please, use NO to complex.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 23:47:07	Mahina	Nightgale	Mahina	Nightgale	I am opposed to the plan to build an indoor ice rink in Creve Coeur Park. I have used the park since it was a young woman and it is an important place for outdoor recreation in St. Louis County, that draws people from the city of St. Louis as well. Further, portions of the park were established using money from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the rules require that the land is exclusively for outdoor recreation. This rink would ruin views and feel of the park, and would increase traffic congestion. It would create light pollution and be disruptive for animals in the surrounding area. I read the change request against the Rink on CCLMFP. It states, "We love the park because it is a quiet space to enjoy the water, birds, trees, and natural environment. We use it for biking, birding, running, and boating." And it claims that converting 40 acres of the park to an indoor facility will inhibit those endeavors. Considering that CCLMFP is listed as being 2,145 acres large, dedicating a mere 1.8% of the park to a hockey facility will not have much of an effect on the many activities to enjoy in the park.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 23:59:32	Karen	Kime	Karen	Kime	The park against the hockey facility also label the proposed location as a flood plain, and believe this project will lead to increased flooding in certain areas of the park. However, the Legacy Ice Foundation says, "we are actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes," in order to mitigate flood risk.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. Jurisdictional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development.
POS	7/11/2017 23:54:44	Clayton	Bury	Clayton	Bury	Most importantly, let's take a step back and think about what hockey means to St. Louis - especially now that we no longer house an NFL team. Think about how many former Blues players still call St. Louis home because they love the city and its support of them and their game. Think about how those players have given back to the community by coaching our youth not just to love the game and become better hockey players, but also how to be supportive teammates, how to set goals, work hard to achieve them, and how to be successful (just last year, five St. Louis amateur players were drafted 40th round of the NHL draft - also the first time any St. Louis player has been drafted in the first round).	Comment noted.
NEG	7/11/2017 23:54:44	Clayton	Bury	Clayton	Bury	Hockey is not just a game; it is also a great vehicle for teaching many great life lessons to kids as they grow and develop into contributing members of society - confidence, teamwork work - confidence, teamwork work - confidence, teamwork work - dedication, etc. I am a local high school coach and success coach, and I have witnessed the positive influence hockey has on numerous players. The parents of one of the beginner teenage girls I coach tells me that hockey has not only instilled	

NEG	7/12/2017 3:31:31	Tania	Pappas	Tania	Pappas	Just 9 miles from Creve Coeur Lake, in Chesterfield Valley a World Class Ice Rink is being built, completion estimated 2018!! World class Ice Rink - Chesterfield Sports Complex!!!! "This will be a regional and national facility that will attract all kinds of tournaments," he says. "It will also bring new opportunities with figure skating groups and site hockey group." "They already have agreements with the Chesterfield Falcons and AAA Blues and 10-year deals to sell the ice." Kaiman hopes the facility can open by June 2018, about a year after the Ice Plex closes. Metro Rose Holdings president Tom Kaiman tells KMOC the 130,000 square foot facility at Olive and Chesterfield Airport Road will be world-class. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Chesterfield+Sports+Complex/">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Chesterfield+Sports+Complex/</a> LOCK IT UP! <a href="http://www.missourihokey.com/news/chesterfield-sports-complex/">http://www.missourihokey.com/news/chesterfield-sports-complex/</a>	Duplicate comment of the one above.
NEG	7/12/2017 6:19:09	Daniel	Peatt	Daniel	Peatt	The Mills Mall should be the ONLY consideration for this facility. It is in need of redevelopment and already has the supporting infrastructure to support such a plan. I am a resident of St. Louis County. I am writing to indicate my strong support of the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation's project for the new St. Louis Ice Center at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. I am a referee for the Missouri Ice Hockey Officials Association and currently serve as the Development and Education coordinator for the association. The Missouri Ice Hockey Officials Association is an affiliate member of Missouri Hockey, Inc. and is the organizing body responsible for the training, certification, supervision, scheduling and continued education of ice hockey officials in the St. Louis metro area. The Missouri Ice Hockey Officials Association includes more than 300 amateur ice hockey officials, the majority of whom live and work in St. Louis County. Our officials are assigned to approximately 8,000 games per year. This includes recreational and competitive youth hockey, high school hockey, college club hockey and adult hockey. As the sport of ice hockey continues to grow in St. Louis, the need for more qualified officials will grow as well. Our efforts in the recruitment, retention and development of local officials is robust. We currently conduct open house recruiting events to try to attract more people to officiating. We have also created a comprehensive Development and Education program to help improve officials at all levels and to retain our members, especially those in the 16-30 year old age group. In order to accomplish these goals, we require significant ice time and classroom space each year to train and certify our officials and to provide advanced development opportunities and continuing education. With the inevitable decrease in available ice time supply in the near future, we will be facing challenges with ice arena facilities being able to satisfy our needs. The St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation's project would be a major step forward in fulfilling our association's needs. It would provide the significant ice time and classroom space we require and will be centrally and conveniently located to serve the large majority of our members. To summarize, it will be extremely challenging for the Missouri Ice Hockey Officials Association to accommodate the current and future need for more qualified ice hockey officials without proper facilities.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/12/2017 6:25:35	Andy	Hudson	Andy	Hudson	St. Louis has a rich hockey east - a healthy and vibrant present, and an amazing and exciting future. I enthusiastically support this project and I trust that our local, county, regional and state leaders will demonstrate their support as well. My family and I are frequent users of Creve Coeur Park and participate in youth hockey. There is no question that this new facility will in any way hamper the beauty or use of this park. We believe it will only improve the area and attract new people to enjoy the park!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 6:31:56	Lisa	Boland	Lisa	Boland	St. Louis has a rich hockey east - a healthy and vibrant present, and an amazing and exciting future. I enthusiastically support this project and I trust that our local, county, regional and state leaders will demonstrate their support as well. My family and I are frequent users of Creve Coeur Park and participate in youth hockey. There is no question that this new facility will in any way hamper the beauty or use of this park. We believe it will only improve the area and attract new people to enjoy the park!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 6:50:07	Lori	Cohen	Lori	Cohen	As interesting as your proposal may be to the sports community, it does NOT belong in Creve Coeur Park. I am a daily user and local resident to the park and the unsightly buildings, and increased traffic on Marine as well as loss of more of our protected green spaces is unwanted. For once, could a decision be made on what's right instead of what's profitable? There are so many empty commercial structures that could be revitalized to accommodate these "underserved" activities without building a new structure and taking public park land. Just say NO people!!	A specific integrity around the project site ranges from moderate to low and has already been lowered by human alteration such as the mowed field, the electric transmission lines, paved roads including a four-lane divided highway, traffic signals, a parking lot and its lighting, electric traffic signals and a railroad.
POS	7/12/2017 7:09:27	Frank	Karls	Frank	Karls	Please build this facility. Ice rinks and nature can and do coexist in County Parks. The land is currently under utilized and the rink will not detract from the current state of Creve Coeur Lake Park. Help build community and build the facility. Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 8:00:26	Gary	Mobley	Gary	Mobley	Commercial development without use of public money seems to be cut and dry. There's an abundance of vacant farmland in MO, but there's a shortage of economic growth. Move forward with the project	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 8:04:57	John	Feldmann	John	Feldmann	I am opposed to the use of the county park land for an ice rink complex. This is a land grab that should not be allowed. I question the economics of this ice rink along with the other rinks in the area. This land has been flooded in the past as well. The land should continue in it's present state as part of the park.	The proposed development would be a public facility, not a commercial development. As part of the proposal, St. Louis County would retain ownership of the land and the facility and lease the facility to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation
NEG	7/12/2017 8:06:54	Robert	Hanson	Robert	Hanson	A real concern immediately is the construction going on now and the reason the CEO of Economic Development Sheila Sweeney give for this construction is a absolute lie. The area they are grading doesn't flooto start with. This is a good example of Government Over Reach using Public Land to benefit Commercial development. I am totally against this project and we need to see that Sweeney and changes in the County Government that are ramming this project through are stopped by the Federal Park Service	Regarding the flooding comment, a flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. The National Park Service (NPS) may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quentz park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
NEG	7/12/2017 8:07:51	Pamela	Hancock	Pamela	Hancock	I walk in this park every day, as do hundreds of walkers and bike riders. The construction and changes are a travesty to a beautiful green space. How will our children and grandchildren ever be able to experience nature! Facilities for hockey could easily be built in many of the vacant strip malls and other vacant blactop areas in all of ou communities. Government leaders should be ashamed of themselves. Lakes and treelands were meant for nature, not indoor sports	The mission of the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (SLEDP) is to be the key facilitator for St. Louis County and St. Louis City for regional economic growth in all forms. The SLEDP provides a broad range of services boosting innovation and entrepreneurship, attracting and retaining companies, increasing the regional international connections and improving neighborhoods through targeted real estate redevelopment.
POS	7/12/2017 8:10:17	Brian S	Skranka	Dr Brian S	Skranka	St. Louis has a professional hockey team. We are a hockey city with robust developmental programs in our high schools and in our communities. Adult hockey programs are very active here, too. Competitive figure skating is also very strong in St. Louis. Compared to other cities where I have lived (Dallas, Minneapolis, etc), there is a paucity of ice time available in the metro area. With the closing of the Chesterfield complex, the need now is stronger than ever. I enthusiastically support the development of the St. Louis Ice Center at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Our family and friends will definitely use this facility. The proposed St. Louis Ice Center is a desperately-needed addition to the supply of ice in the metro area. Thousands of youth and adult hockey players, figure skaters, speed skaters, curlers, etc., will happily benefit from this facility. As a hockey player for most of my life, and more recently a youth hockey coach for the past six years, I can attest to the tremendous impact that the sport has on the character and work ethic of the youngsters that play.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 8:55:13	Mike	Mitchell	Mike	Mitchell	We are blessed in St. Louis County with a myriad of options for parks, lakes, greenways, trails, and forest. We are fortunate in certain parks to also have access to ice (Queeny, Kennedy). The availability of ice drives traffic to the park playgrounds, picnic areas and walking trails; in some cases, it introduces these park areas to those who may not have found them otherwise. I wholeheartedly support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center and will eagerly for further progress toward its development.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 8:55:15	Brad	Walkenhorst	Brad	Walkenhorst	Kind regards, Mike Mitchell I enthusiastically support for the proposed ice rink at Creve Coeur Park. As a parent of two sons who are blessed with the opportunity to play for St. Louis Blues Special Hockey, words cannot express how much the Blues contribute to youth hockey and the community. I love Creve Coeur park, but I also believe that this proposal will enhance and not detract from the park. It really amazes me that if it is a commercial endeavor or highway expansion there is very little opposition, but propose a facility to support local professional teams and youth sports there is strong push back.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 9:05:24	Shelby	Pertridge	Shelby	Pertridge	I use this park for rowing, running, and ball eagle watching. This is a nature park for nature lovers and the proposed facility does not belong. Having a degree in Earth Sciences. There is no significant environmental impact to building on this site. I like ice. St. Louis and Mo for all of our green space. This being said, an ice complex will put us on the map. There is nothing around even close to this proposed project. We are a world class city and we desperately need more reasons for people to visit. Hockey, figure skating, summer B, this is the right location at the right time.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:14:07	Dan	Palaola	Dan	Palaola	This facility will be a great resource to the people of St. Louis and the surrounding areas. I am in full support, and hope we move forward with it	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:19:10	John	Kruszka	John	Kruszka	I am in support of the ice arena project moving forward. As a user of Creve Coeur park for other activities I think this will only enhance the overall experience as well as drive new visitors to the park both from our area as well as from outside the St. Louis metro. The park is for all to enjoy for a variety of purposes and this improvement will add value and an additional reason to visit Creve Coeur park as well as the surrounding communities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:33:14	Bryan	Boys	Bryan	Boys	St Louis is starting to fall behind on its ice facilities and the hockey community is in desperate need of this project. --no matter where something tries to get built, people will have opposition and get upset... we don't need studies and polls... we need to get shovels in the ground and start building this for the kids and families!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 9:39:48	Janet	Fortus	Janet	Fortus	Have you considered the changes in flooding and in traffic along Creve Coeur Mill Road? In the past 52 years we have watched the water levels rise each time a condo complex or other building complex has been added to the area. While 141 has finally been completed (after that many years on the drawing board) I will not bear the burden of traffic that this arena will bring.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
NEG	7/12/2017 9:40:55	Steven	Shear	Steven	Shear	Do not build in the flood plane. This is not needed and park land is there are to many places to build this if you have to but if you build in the flood plane and a person is hurt you should be charged with murder and jailed	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
POS	7/12/2017 9:45:08	Rebecca	Donnelly	Rebecca	Donnelly	I think this project would be great for Maryland Heights and the greater Metropolitan area. We need more ice rinks in St Louis especially with the Hardee's Ice Rink closing	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:45:18	Chris	Danforth	Chris	Danforth	This project will allow thousands of kids and adults from all over the region to participate in recreational activities. It will be a place where the female athlete, the disabled athlete, and the developmentally challenged athlete will feel welcomed knowing it was specifically designed for them. This is a tremendous first of its kind facility that the whole community will benefit from for generations to come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:45:35	Kristin	Lapin	Kristin	Lapin	I'm excited to have a writer use for the park. With this ice rink, it will be a great place to recreate all year long! It will also help with the need for more ice sheets in St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:51:32	Matthew	Hwabes	Matthew	Hwabes	The families in St. Louis County are depending on this facility to come to fruition to satisfy the communities enjoyment of hockey both indoors and outdoors. What better place to locate a facility that can accommodate all these families than in a beautiful Park like Creve Coeur. We cannot wait to use it and frequent the Park often.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:51:49	Karen	Hart	Karen	Hart	I'm excited at the idea of an ice rink we all can use. I look forward to watching others play. Hockey and basketball are the two sports I just love here in St. Louis. I love going to the park and using outdoor facilities but it's wonderful to have some indoor options also. I appreciate the fact that the ice rink will use ground that isn't being used and will actually bring improvements to the park. My kids and grandkids are thrilled at this new addition to St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:52:23	William	Mead	William	Mead	This is great for hockey in St. Louis and for the youth and adults in the area to stay active. Seems like a no-brainer to me.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 9:52:51	Nancy	Soldner	Nancy	Soldner	We use parks for nothing, identifying it as a great alternative to walking. My family and I SUPPORT the proposed St. Louis Ice Center which is to be built at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. I have a 1 year old son who will be teaching to ice skate in the very near future. He will play ice hockey. With the loss of the Chesterfield Ice Complex we have renewed hope for my son's hockey future in the proposed St. Louis Ice Center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:53:31	David	Winzen	David	Winzen	I have read the information provided by the Creve Coeur Park Coalition and found their organization to be yet another example of small minded people with too much time on their hands worried about the wrong issue. If you build it, we will come!!! Thank you. David W. Winzen	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 9:54:36	Brian	Gordon	Brian	Gordon	I do not think this is a very good use of public resources. Please keep the park as it is.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 9:57:29	Mark	Biondolino	Mark	Biondolino	Hope this goes through! Great addition to the area.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 10:02:59	Cynthia	Lampe	Cynthia	Lampe	This is inappropriate use for public park land. There is ample acreage available right across the 141/Maryland Heights Expressway. These parcels would have better access and would not drive thousands of cars through a public park that is known for its natural state. This facility will also duplicate the facility now in development in the Chesterfield Valley. Demand for ice tends to be cyclical thing. In my lifetime have seen the rise and fall of my ice rinks. Shouldn't we see if there is enough demand to keep it open profitable before we destroy precious park land to build for 20 years?	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis metro area. A demand study was conducted that determined that there is a need for more ice sheets in the St. Louis metro area.
POS	7/12/2017 10:03:34	Brian	barsha	brian	barsha	I am in support of this project at it's current proposed location. The St. Louis area needs this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:03:46	Rebecca	Carapella	Rebecca	Carapella	This is a wonderful plan and community facility that we are trying to build. And benefit to great people who will be around for the ages. The youth in our future	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:04:19	Ryan	McGahan	Ryan	McGahan	This development is essential for youth hockey and ice skating sports as the Chesterfield Ice Complex is no longer of use. This will put a strain on ice times and availability.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:05:45	Sean	Concagh	Sean	Concagh	Please support this project that, despite media reports, has an environmental impact benefit!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:11:15	Lisa	McAtee	Lisa	McAtee	Yes to ice rinks, I support!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:11:03	Nathan	Davis	Nathan	Davis	I think the ice rink will be a welcomed addition to the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:14:12	Michael	Pisacek	Michael	Pisacek	It is about the environment, as in an ecosystem, or as in the way people think of the park and its milieu? If you're not a rink rat, get it. It's different. It's maybe not your thing. But don't claim environment. 5 additional acres of water habitat, mitigated flood risk and a negligible overall environmental impact. Huge opportunity for all the families and folks who would absolutely flourish in and appreciate this new facility, not to mention the economic and goodwill opportunities that come with all that it would host.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:15:20	Pam	Hardester	Pam	Hardester	While I can understand the concerns, the truth is the youth sports community NEEDS this facility, and needs it badly. The location is central for the region, and will create revenue that will benefit the community for years to come. Jobs will be created, youth sports will have a home, and it's the right thing to do.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:15:43	Sheila	Sheehan	Sheila	Sheehan	St. Louis has a long and storied history as a great sporting town. Facilities such as this help to preserve and build on that legacy so we can ensure future generations and up and coming talent have the facilities they need to get a head start.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:16:33	Michael	Fischer	Michael	Fischer	I am for the facility. It will benefit the community by providing an indoor facility for winter activities: hockey, figure skating, and recreational skating will add a positive impact on the park as a whole.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:17:30	Mike	McGrath	Mike	McGrath	I have had the pleasure to travel around the Midwest to see other Cities Recreation (and ice hockey specific) options and we here in the St. Louis Region are far behind the likes of Louisville, Nashville, Chicago to name a few. This proposed complex will be a reason to come to St. Louis for those in a 5 hour radius to play a continual growing sport in our area. With five first round selections in last years NHL draft and a great Blues Alumni organization here, St. Louis is gaining a reputation for producing some next level talent. Please don't squander the next generation's dreams to follow in the footsteps.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 10:17:43	Christine	Trudell	Christine	Trudell	I am opposed to more development in Creve Coeur park. It will displace our wildlife and migrating birds, and increase traffic through the park- creating jams. It's Flooded 3 times in 2 years. It will flood again. I use this Park often and enjoy the chance to see wildlife. Private business should develop in areas that need to be redeveloped, such as the City of St Louis. Public parks should remain parks, for the use of the public. All of us taxpayers; not for the use of a select group. No.	1) Wildlife impacts were assessed in the EA. Although some trees and grassland within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota. While the proposed project would result in alteration of habitats and displacement of resident wildlife species, these effects are not expected to result in notable alteration or destabilization of any species. Therefore, although there would be impacts to wildlife resulting from the development and operation of the proposed project, those impacts would be negligible to minor. 2) A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. 3) A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
POS	7/12/2017 10:17:49	Paul	Ohendorf	Paul	Ohendorf	Very cool project and apparently much needed. HOWEVER, you are placing it in the wrong location for many reasons which I am sure you are aware of. You are doing an irreparable transformation of this park this haven for outdoor activities in a natural setting. Please reconsider this location.	4) The proposed development would be a public facility, not a commercial development or private building. As part of the proposal, St. Louis County would retain ownership of the land and the facility and lease the facility to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation.
POS	7/12/2017 10:18:58	Chris	Sander	Chris	Sander	This development is vital to the area economics and the survival of youth hockey in the St. Louis area for years to come. This project will not only promote hockey in the area, but it does nothing to damage the environment. The majority of the public works this project and we must stop bending over backwards to claims of minor environmentalists at the cost of local economics. Some of the objections that have been made is that birds will hit the windows in the facility and die. This is just stupid. Birds fly into all kinds of things. The environmentalists act as if thousands of birds each day will end their life by flying into glass windows. When a window is installed, we never hear about animals that are displaced or birds that are killed by the spinning blades. I pray that you will use common sense and keep this project on track	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:19:49	Conrad	Deneault	Conrad	Deneault	Good morning. I wish to offer my comments wholeheartedly supporting the proposed St. Louis Ice Center project. Built responsibly as currently planned, the proposed ice complex will be a wonderful addition to the public park system in St. Louis, MO. The sports-related reasoning is obvious. St. Louis, MO has a void of quality ice sport facilities, at the very time when the popularity of ice sports (hockey, figure skating, speed skating) is at an all-time high. Youth hockey alone is tremendously popular in the region, and continues to grow. The non-sports reasoning is equally important. Ice rinks draw people for recreational skating all year long. Parents bring their children, and kids go with their friends to enjoy recreational skating. When a quality facility sits within a larger park area, these same individuals also spend more time at the park. Even within a sports context, the larger park complex sees greater utilization. Countless parents drop their children off for practice, while they themselves enjoy a walk or jog in the park. Families picnic or bike ride before, during and after a practice. I submit that overall park utilization will increase with the construction of a quality ice facility. Finally, there is tremendous economic benefit from such a facility. Visitors travel from all over the country to attend sporting tournaments, such as ice hockey and figure skating. This leads to hotel dollars, dining dollars, shopping dollars, etc. Again, built responsibly, the proposed ice complex will be a wonderful addition to the St. Louis parks and recreation offerings, and it is a project for which I hope the National Parks Service grants its approval. Thank you for your consideration. Conrad Deneault, St. Louis MO.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:22:10	Rich	Lamberty	Rich	Lamberty	The new rink will be a great asset to the St. Louis community and will help grow our youth hockey programs.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:28:30	Gary	Tittel	Gary	Tittel	I love the plan to make a great portion of the park. That currently isn't even utilized, an attraction for more of the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:39:03	Dan	Doane	Dan	Doane	As someone who uses this park frequently I don't see a problem with the proposed site. There's already soccer fields there so it already gets a lot of traffic so this would keep it all in one spot. I think you could design the building and possible outdoor rink to blend into the surroundings. Make it look like it belongs there. Maybe make it look little rustic or something that looks like it belongs there. Along with landscaping and trees to help it blend in. I'm more worried about the bicyclists who recklessly ride around the paths than in ice rink. The park service needs to fix that problem first.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:41:00	Linda	Larrigan	Linda	Larrigan	This new facility will not only double the economic development of the area surrounding it and will become an anchor of the community as it will showcase many national and international events. There are thousands of children in the St. Louis area (my 3 boys included) that play hockey, and this facility is greatly needed. We are very excited about the St. Louis Ice Center!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 10:43:36	Lisa	S	Lisa	S	How many ice arena facilities does this region need? The Chesterfield Hockey Association wants to build a \$22.6 million facility in the Chesterfield Valley and is seeking about \$7 million in assistance from a special taxing district already collecting sales tax in the area. The Hardee's complex in Chesterfield closed its three rinks earlier this year... WHY did the complex close? ... because it was not generating enough revenue? Which is EXACTLY what will happen when you destroy Creve Coeur Park and build more buildings!! Then eventually you will have vacant buildings where a beautiful PARK used to stand!! ADDITIONALLY, the BLUES have an ice facility less than 10 miles away in Hazelwood? Why abandon that ice facility to TEAR DOWN A PARK and build another ice facility???? IT IS JUST FOR GREED!! WE DO NOT WANT THAT!!! I live next to the PARK and there is already too much congestion on ALL SIDES OF THE PARK! QUITE BEING GREEDY bas...!! LEAVE THE PARK ALONE!! There are already soccer fields there that are NOT utilized enough to warrant them even being built!!!!	A plan to consider a new ice center in Chesterfield has been proposed by other interests. The plan has not been approved by city officials in Chesterfield and would require a public vote because it proposes to develop a TOD (Transportation Development District) and use funds from sales taxes imposed by the TOD. At this point, it is not a definite project and does not reflect a change in the need of the proposed SLC.
POS	7/12/2017 10:36:49	Cory	H	Cory	H	St. Louis (City and County) needs continuing improvement (and not to mention added places for youth development and after school leisure activities). Why stymie a plan to update a park that would give the area much needed activity space that would only take away a fraction of a percentage of the park area. If something like this doesn't pass it's the reason St. Louis (city and county) cannot keep up with other nearby metro city areas (KC, Nashville, etc) in growth toward a prestigious and desirable area to move, live, raise a family, etc.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:40:55	Joe	nicpon	Joe	nicpon	What a great project in a great area. With such minimal impact to the area and such an incredible economic and social benefit to the community, this must go forward	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 10:41:49	Michelle	Zignago	Michelle	Zignago	Please reconsider this project at another location that makes sense to have this at Creve Coeur Lake Park. That land should be left to nature. This ice Center would work better in another part of Earth City or maybe up at the old Northwest Plaza site. Do not build this at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park!!!	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis metro area. A demand study was conducted that determined that there is a need for more ice sheets in the St. Louis metro area.
POS	7/12/2017 10:43:51	Jason	Reynolds	Jason	Reynolds	As a life long St. Louis resident, sports fan, and father of four, I think this ice complex needs to happen. Our kids need the proper facilities to continue to exercise and grow their athletic aspirations. I cannot think of a better use of land and funds than for our parks and recreation. That is never, and will never, be a bad decision. From what I can see, this project has been thoroughly analyzed to ensure the least environmental impact occurs and the most benefit for our community materializes.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:45:54	Dan	Doane	Dan	Doane	As I say I stand in this along the lines of maybe what the zoo might do. Make the building a little unique to help it stand out and it's surroundings and I think that that appose it would be more exciting plus it wouldn't be just another bland building especially in a park setting. Give it some life!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:48:13	Andrew	Schert	Andrew	Schert	Great idea and will be great for the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:48:55	Peter	Schepis	Peter	Schepis	I fully support this project! It would be great to promote youth hockey and active in and around the St. Louis area. It would also get more people visiting the park	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:52:00	Ralph	Wuebker	Ralph	Wuebker	I am in complete support of this project. In fact, I am at a loss why there is even a question or any opposition?? Do the people opposing want to build another fast food restaurant so our kids can get fatter???? Cmon, this is the definition of well used tax dollars. Makes our community more enjoyable and more healthy! Thank you Ralph Wuebker, MD	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:54:47	Melanie	Fricke	Melanie	Fricke	Our kids need access to local ice rinks. This location is central and benefits the public, while adding enhancements to the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:57:09	Amy	Wilson	Amy	Wilson	I think that this hockey rink is just what our growing hockey community needs. I feel like the isolated location, close to 141 does not detract from the serenity of the rest of Park. Since hockey season peaks in the winter when the park is less utilized, visitors may never even notice a difference in traffic/patronage	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 10:59:03	Kimber	Diao	Kimber	Diao	Youth hockey has been an integral part of my and my siblings' childhoods. I fully support the growth of the sport as well as the growth of resources for the community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 11:01:30	Ken	Wilson	Ken	Wilson	Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park is a excellent and well used park. There is no need to add a profit oriented hockey facility. Funds off Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 11:04:25	Thomas	Zygmunt	Thomas	Zygmunt	Aside from the economic benefits of this facility, it will bring together the community of St. Louis through various ice and non ice sports that are experiencing a historic boom in popularity and demand. This is a win for the parks department and St. Louis metro area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 11:08:47	Timothy	Haves	Timothy	Haves	Please build the new ice arena - it will help hundreds of local children learn and grow together on hockey and skating teams. The environmental impact appears to be mitigated by the two detention lakes and its ice rink - not a coal mine. The societal impact alone is worth building this facility and I'd be more than happy to contribute my 10 dollars.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 11:09:14	Alan	Gerrard	Alan	Gerrard	Thousands of local area athletes and countless athletes from multi states will be drawn a skating facility to play their sport be it hockey, figure skating, curling, sled and disabled hockey and public use of this facility. To lose this facility would be major loss to the St. Louis community. Thanks,	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 11:09:15	Anthony	Hasek	Anthony	Hasek	I am in complete and total support of this important project for St. Louis. I grew up and lived my entire childhood in the Creve Coeur Lake area. I would have loved to have had a facility like this in my vicinity when I was a kid. My family today does not visit the amenities offered by Creve Coeur Lake for many reasons, but a facility like this would definitely be a reason for us to visit the park.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 11:15:23	Barbara	Brozek	Barbara	Brozek	I am strongly opposed to the proposed building of the ice Center within Creve Coeur Park for many reasons. First of all, this continued build-out of the park land within the flood plain will exacerbate the increasing incidents of MAJOR flooding in the Creve Coeur Lake area. Within the last several years alone, there have been SEVERAL occurrences of MAJOR flooding which closed the park and restricted use and access of this public land for weeks at a time. Continuing to construct hard-surface structures and raising/grading the last for those structure ALONE, will make this problem much more worse. Secondly, there are numerous sites OUTSIDE the flood plain that could and should be a more appropriate site for the facility. Lastly, I strongly oppose this use of public park land for commercial/for-profit enterprises such as this one.	1) A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will





POS	7/12/2017 23:31:06	Scott	Bullinger	Scott	Bullinger	There is no reason this shouldn't be built. There's no trails or trees or anything in this area but open, unused land. If anything the addition of the building and enhanced green space will only make the area better.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:31:08	Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	I think this would be a great addition to both the hockey and fitness community. Our hockey players and children need another facility of this magnitude! Please make it happen!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:34:08	Julie	Fontanetta	Julie	Fontanetta	It would be good for the community. We need to replace the whole that Harde's ice rink left.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:34:19	Peggy	Dohke	Peggy	Dohke	Ice hockey is exploding in our area. Even though we live in Illinois, we travel all over the St. Louis and metro east to enjoy a sport we love. More rinks are needed in this region to encourage and nurture the growth of this sport.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:34:35	Sean	Callison	Sean	Callison	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:38:25	Ian	Winlof	Ian	Winlof	My family strongly supports construction of the St. Louis Ice Center. It will encourage healthy, active lifestyles and bring much needed ice to the area. My son plays hockey and my younger daughter is just beginning to learn to skate. Access to these and other activities the facility will create should result in skills that we can all enjoy for a lifetime!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:44:05	Kevin	Leonard	Kevin	Leonard	I fully support building the Ice Center at Creve Coeur Lake. I have utilized the park for years and have watched it grow in popularity. Bike riding, hiking, rowing, zip line, disc golf, picnics, rentals and sports fields. Adding a much needed ice rink to the St. Louis area is a natural fit. A facility of this size and quality will bring teams to St. Louis instead of us having to travel to other states for hockey tournaments.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:45:59	Brian	Peterson	Brian	Peterson	As a recent visitor to the proposed area of construction, I am strongly in favor of the proposed ice complex. The area clearly needs development, it is clearly under utilized, and I believe the ice complex will be an outstanding addition for the community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/12/2017 22:46:16	Barbara	Martin	Barbara	Martin	Creve Coeur Park is such a great area for walking and biking. This proposed hockey facility would have such a negative environmental impact on what is a beautiful place. I am a hockey enthusiast but also know there are plenty of places in the county this could be built without imposing such a negative footprint. Hopefully it won't be one more green space gone the way of green 6655.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:50:59	Emily	Becker	Emily	Becker	"They greed paradise and put up a parking lot!"	While the proposed project is to build an ice center, it represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park. In addition, the proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and it is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141).
POS	7/12/2017 22:52:20	Joe	Gahn	Joe	Gahn	This project would finally give a home to the many hockey club. This club has made a huge impact on my daughters love for the sport and has grown her self esteem tremendously.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:52:40	Megan	Broadway	Megan	Broadway	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 22:53:14	Kevin	Hug	Kevin	Hug	Very much in favor. It will encourage growth in our community, stimulate our economy and create a positive presence for our state visitors.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:00:32	Brenda	Maire	Brenda	Maire	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:14:35	Colleen	Wells	Colleen	Wells	PLEASE make more ice rinks for the St. Louis region. My 10-year-old son has proved to me how fun the sport of hockey is. Kids love it! Also, ice skating, figure skating, and so many other sports! Kids need activities! And it will stimulate more traffic in the area, which would be excellent for our area. Please inform the public of all the positives there are so many!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:14:35	Mike	Piasecki	Mike	Piasecki	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:15:03	Lisa	Schrader	Lisa	Schrader	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:25:37	Alex	Robinson	Alex	Robinson	STL needs more ice for the high schools, club teams and youth hockey, not to mention college and junior hockey, along with the ice skating and dancers! It is a family facility. It keeps our young kids off the streets. Keeps them involved in a team experience which will help them in the future. This would be such an asset to STL!	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:29:59	Lisa	Robinson	Lisa	Robinson	Hockey has been a very big part of my life and I have loved it the whole time. I have made many friends and it has been amazing playing for so long. Adding this ice can provide our youth with this opportunity. With Harde's ice flex being torn down it is creating a lack of space for everyone and building this complex can build our already growing hockey community and give other kids the opportunity for the thrill I have with hockey.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:39:37	Chris	Desio	Chris	Desio	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:46:03	John	Dempsey	John	Dempsey	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 23:53:25	Crystal	Espy	Crystal	Espy	As an adult rec league player, it very beneficial to have access to many different ice venues. I look forward to playing in Creve Coeur Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 0:11:25	David	Meresak	David	Meresak	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/12/2017 0:25:29	Bena	Efhim	Bena	Efhim	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 1:03:34	Teri	Schaeffer	Terri	Schaeffer	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 1:02:01	Jeff	Sengheiser	Jeff	Sengheiser	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 2:38:14	Martha	Bellew-Smith	Martha	Bellew-Smith	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 4:42:21	John	Brucek	John	Brucek	Creve Coeur Park is the only place left in the urban metro area that offers the serenity of nature. I walk, read, meditate, do yoga and sail in the park to control my blood pressure. The last thing I need for some sports venue to be built that will attract loud, behavior disordered kids and young adults. There needs to be someone left for civilized people.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 4:45:02	Brucek	Rolley	Brucek	Rolley	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region. It will also increase income to businesses in the surrounding area and provide an opportunity for hockey to flourish in St. Louis. The life lessons learned from hockey will make the kids of today our leaders of tomorrow. This facility offers that opportunity. WE NEED that rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 5:31:46	Donna	Lawton	Donna	Lawton	With Harde's ice flex closed, we lost 3 sheets of ice in St. Louis and that impacts all rinks, all families and all hockey players. We need this new rink complex and it offers other great benefits to the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 5:38:12	Kim	Oliwer	Kim	Oliwer	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:15:40	Rob	Kiem	Rob	Kiem	My daughter has been playing hockey since she was five years old. She loves playing hockey and her team competes at the National level. St. Louis needs more ice for players of all ages and abilities.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/13/2017 6:17:55	Scott	Marquart	Scott	Marquart	We need this amenity as it would be great for the area and region. Youth hockey is so important now to our region, and the partnership with professional hockey is awesome. Additionally, I play senior hockey, and with the loss of the Chesterfield ice, this project is really needed. This project would be a great improvement!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:19:37	Larry	Parish	Larry	Parish	Please preserve park land for outdoor activities. Build the ice rink and parking lots in a commercial district not in the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:20:51	Tom	Hanak	Tom	Hanak	I read the "reasons" the usual anti-development suspects had in today's P/D and disagree with all of them. This is a public park to be enjoyed by everyone that decides to go there. 99% of the visitors will not have their enjoyment damaged because, on the horizon, they can see the casino or a hockey facility. It is a stretch to even imagine how this recreation opportunity will compromise being, sitting, teams doing. Traffic will not cause people to go elsewhere. The outdoor music venue nearby does not. They imply that the facility would not be used by the "general" public which is not true. Hockey is an indoor use not related to the lake. How is soccer "related" to the lake? The scatter shot also included the old saw, "the floodplain" argument. The pastoral park land has already been set aside for numerous soccer fields, none of which are "compatible" with the lake. The soccer fields are also not "for general" use. Only for those that play soccer on them. Build it! It offers another dimension for recreation for citizens of St. Louis county.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:27:43	Kevin	Pfing	Kevin	Pfing	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:30:35	Nathan	Pfing	Nathan	Pfing	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:30:56	John	Stroh	John	Stroh	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 6:41:46	Jeanine	Whitaker	Jeanine	Whitaker	Adding the ice rink would enhance the features that the park already offers. We need more ice facilities in the St. Louis area and this would be a great addition to the area. Small impact on the overall park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:05:24	Kelley	Keller	Kelley	Keller	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:08:00	Aaron	Finley	Aaron	Finley	This will be a great enhancement to the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:14:11	Joe	Ambrose	Joe	Ambrose	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:20:17	Tim	Loughman	Tim	Loughman	I see our public parks as a community gathering place supported by all county taxpayers. By building the ice rink on an otherwise unused part of Creve Coeur Park, a broader range of people will be able to enjoy the park and in full support of the Ice Center. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:23:51	Dan	Boswell	Dan	Boswell	The Ice Center will actually be adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:26:09	Kelly	Whitener	Kelly	Whitener	It's a win - win for everyone.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:26:14	Steve	Brickman	Steve	Brickman	Youth hockey players in this area desperately need more ice. This is a wonderful plan!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:26:21	Mike	Summers	Mike	Summers	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:30:31	Rose	Watt	Rose	Watt	There is a huge need for additional ice rinks in this area. This facility will not only help to grow youth hockey but also provide a place for all ice sports for participants of all ages. Also, a facility such as STL Ice Center will attract both regional and national events, which will have a positive impact on the local economy by bringing hospital and entertainment revenue!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:32:55	Jim	Hamilton	Jim	Hamilton	This rink would be a huge boost to the area. My children play hockey and I fully understand the massive number of out of town dollars that come to the region as a result. Last season our team alone hosted 1 tournament and brought in 10 teams with 18 players per team for 3 days. That is 540 hotel nights, and over 3000 meals factoring in parent (which is usually 2), and countless other local dollars spent. I am a director for a business in Westport Plaza and can say that the business owners are extremely excited for the opportunity to gain this much weekend business. I cannot imagine why St. Louis county parks wouldn't take a useless corner of Creve Coeur park and add a beautiful facility of this nature. They have historically done this with Kennedy, Quency, Eagle Springs, and others.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:33:11	Matt	Sander	Matt	Sander	Mike Summers RVP - McKesson 55 Westport Plaza Drive, Suite 300 St. Louis, MO 63146	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:33:44	Ron	Burgess	Ron	Burgess	I support the ice rink in Maryland Heights.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:36:24	Jason	Drezek	Jason	Drezek	This project is something the St. Louis youth hockey community needs with the loss of 4 sheets of ice in Chesterfield it will take away from the development of these kids. Those that are against these types of projects don't realize that they continue to add to the stigma that the St. Louis area is an old decaying community that rarely is receptive to change or for that matter growth. There are so many positives that could come out of this and to be proud of as a community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/13/2017 7:36:32	Tom	Anzman	Tom	Anzman	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:38:05	Tom	Burnham	Tom	Burnham	Support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact, while bringing many new families and positive recreational outdoor activity to Creve Coeur Park!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:40:27	Michael	lowenbaum	Michael	lowenbaum	New ice in a beautiful setting will draw skaters from the greater Metro area and from outside the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:45:50	Matt	Hussey	Matt	Hussey	More ice rinks in the area are vital to the growth of hockey in our area. Kids all over the area do not have enough ice to support their love for this great game. The ice rink will bring a positive economic effect on our area as well.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:45:57	Mike	Nutzbach	Mike	Nutzbach	I am strongly against the ice rink. A natural setting like Creve Coeur Park is not a place for an ice rink. Additionally, I oppose public funds being used for this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:45:13	James	Feuerbacher	James	Feuerbacher	The ice rink would be a welcome and smart investment in the community bringing extra people & therefore dollars to the area.	Comment noted.
NA/A	7/13/2017 7:46:49	Deek	Deek	Deek	Deek	I think this is another great way to bring healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. 5 St. Louisians were drafted in the first round of the NFL draft and we need more ice to keep this trend going! I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. This is another way in which we can support our youth, our park and our Blues.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:51:55	Bob	Gerchen	Bob	Gerchen	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. Without this facility, youth hockey will struggle to continue to grow.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:56:17	Julie	Brinker	Julie	Brinker	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:56:23	Jennifer	Gunn	Jennifer	Gunn	This complex would take up less than 2% of park acreage in an area that is not currently used for any recreational purpose. The complex itself will be a recreation destination for thousands every year. Ice rinks are great additions to any park, as we have seen in Kirkwood and multiple St. Louis County parks already.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 7:59:27	John	Cott	John	Cott	Note to the tree hugging passives trying to shut this project down: get fucked ya twat ass bitches. Go sit your nose asshole right on a tree motherfucker. You got that?!!!!?????	Disagreed Comment. Not valid.
POS	7/13/2017 8:01:13	Andy	Strickland	Andy	Strickland	Due to terrific development, STL hockey is now on the international map (5 first round referees NHL 2016). Most of that advanced development took place at the Chesterfield rinks, which are now closed. This proposal aims to bring in not only greater youth development but also a place for kids to continue development after minor hockey (USHL team). It's a great vision - something our region has been sorely lacking for years. Let's keep going!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:01:15	John	Ross	John	Ross	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is low.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:04:54	Jessica	Liss	Jessica	Liss	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 1.5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Park. There will be detention basins and basins designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Park). The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Park. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:10:08	Kim	Egan	Kim	Egan	Wildlife impacts were assessed in the EA. Although some trees and grassland within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced birds. While the proposed project would result in alteration of habitats and displacement of resident wildlife species, these effects are not expected to result in measurable alteration or destabilization of any species. Therefore, although there would be impacts to wildlife resulting from the development and operation of the proposed project, those impacts would be negligible to minor.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:10:17	Sandra	hackman	Sandra	hackman	Ice hockey brings so many young kids channel their focus on a sport that encourages teamwork and builds lifelong friendships. I encourage all that can get behind the building of these sheets of ice to help grow the sport in it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:10:20	David	Bennet	David	Bennet	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:14:10	M	Brisnerd	M	Brisnerd	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:15:33	Alex	Sprigg	Alex	Sprigg	The project will be positively impactful to youth sports, have a positive impact on the regions image as a result of national and regional events and will create meaningful economic activity in both jobs and taxes. One of the great things about this project is the fact it is a private/public partnership that unifies multiple public bodies goals while meeting the communities needs.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:16:21	Ted	Zimmerman	Ted	Zimmerman	As a devoted hockey mom, my family fully supports the project. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:18:40	Lawry	Carmody	Lawry	Carmody	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:19:10	Thomas	Leibard	Thomas	Leibard	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:20:09	Adrienne	LeGrand	Adrienne	LeGrand	My family fully supports the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact. Lets do the right thing for our kids and our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:20:44	Clayton	Mayer	Clayton	Mayer	We need this rink, we can't destroy the hopes and dreams of kids wanting to play this sport. Using 2% of CC lake, damaging no wildlife and putting it where an abandon metal warehouse is... makes sense. Help the community grow and kids pursue dreams. If you build it they will come!!!! And lots of them!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:21:58	Christy	Sommer	Christy	Sommer	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:21:20	Jacob	Palazzolo	Jacob	Palazzolo	I'm SUPER excited for the Ice Center! My 15 year old plays hockey and we were without a rink for a while all together, so the promise of something new is a gift! Our entire family is excited.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:22:18	Tim	McGuire	Tim	McGuire	This project would provide a bit of opportunity for youth hockey, it is currently an empty field and wouldn't be interfering with the beauty of the park. The project is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes. Bring on the hockey.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:22:57	Craig	Schaeffer	Craig	Schaeffer	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:23:04	John	Kahle	John	Kahle	Bringing a new rink to the St. Louis area would be great for our kids. There are such limited ice options, especially in our area, that we need more options like this in St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:23:15	Mike	Gibbons	Mike	Gibbons	Bringing youth hockey to the Creve Coeur Park area is a great way to utilize a space that is otherwise being wasted on a big open field, and a metal shed. It will bring tremendous growth to the area and to the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:24:23	Steve	Kaufmann	Steve	Kaufmann	This type of facility is needed here in STL. We drive all over the Midwest to facilities like these and spend a lot of money for local tournaments. Also, there is a huge shortage of ICE for this growing sport here in STL. This project is a positive for everyone!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:25:51	Laura	Murphy	Laura	Murphy	Please consider the ice rink facility. I believe that this will give more people different ways of enjoying the park. The plans include an area of the park not really being utilized currently and I do not believe that this will take away from the experience of other throughout the rest of the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:26:11	Liamie	Estes	Liamie	Estes	It is vital that we build the new ice center in Maryland Heights Creve Coeur Park because hockey is a growing sport among our younger generation as well as adults. It's also a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:26:24	Andi	Seigel	Andi	Seigel	I support the project. The area needs the facility area to do not feet the location will be anything away from the experience of the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:27:00	Robert	Huss	Robert	Huss	My family lives close and utilizes Creve Coeur Park. I was hesitant when first reading about the rink, but after reviewing the location and amount of acreage it will actually take up, I believe that this will be a great project. St. Louis definitely needs more rinks and this is such a central location. Hockey is growing rapidly in St. Louis and a facility like this will help drive tournaments, which are good for the surrounding area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:27:56	Emily	Huss	Emily	Huss	Hockey continues to be a growing sport in St. Louis, and more and more children are becoming involved. More ice is necessary in the community, and this would be a great use of park land that is currently only offering an eyesore with an empty field and metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:28:30	Dan	Delvecchio	Dan	Delvecchio	There is a huge need for additional ice skating capacity in St. Louis. The St. Louis area is a hub for youth hockey, and there's an accompanying growth of adult hockey as more and more parents are getting exposed to the game through participation by their children.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:28:39	James	Barron	James	Barron	This will be a great way to keep kids healthy, bring more visitors to the area which will be a local business.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:29:49	Mark	Rumack	Mark	Rumack	I support youth hockey in Creve Coeur park. My son played youth hockey and it is an outstanding way to build youth leadership and character. Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:30:03	Thomas	LeGrand	Thomas	LeGrand	I think bringing the Ice Center to Creve Coeur will be a great way to promote community involvement, youth activity levels and interest in sport, and make use of land which is currently going unused. I would love to see this land be put to good use for St. Louis area families, and for it to be a good source of interest and activities for both resident and visitors alike.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:30:15	Tracy	Ashley	Tracy	Ashley	Let's move forward not back. This ice rink would be a major benefit to the area and is something the St. Louis area needs! Get it done!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:30:15	Tracy	Ashley	Tracy	Ashley	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.

POS	7/13/2017 8:45:32	Hank	Bellina	Hank	Bellina	Dear St. Louis Legacy Ice: First I would like to say that my family and I appreciate your efforts to enhance the Creve Coeur Park and certainly this complex would be a better option than leaving this park an empty field. The region needs more complex like this as facilities for hockey are few and far between and I believe this will become an attraction/destination for visitors and revenue to the City of Maryland HTS. These type of amenities are certainly additions to a community and it would be a "backwards mentality" not to allow them when the St. Louis Legacy Ice group has chosen this site and community to invest what are large dollars. These type of opportunities don't come along very often.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:50:27	Jodi	Rooney	Jodi	Rooney	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. As a hockey dad and rink owner this project is vital to our community. The goal is to provide our youth venues to learn skills and play at all levels. The location just outside the Park allows Park users access to something they will enjoy	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:51:24	John	Komlos	John	Komlos	We strongly support this endeavor and this is what our community needs. lets off the legacy ice. Pat Quinn, and the entire team.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:51:52	Patrick	Kennon	Patrick	Kennon	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. We travel several times every year to the St Louis Area from Central Missouri and stay in your hotels; eat in your restaurants and shop in your stores. Additionally a facility like SLIC would be a mature destination that could bring in larger ice events that draw people from across the U.S. Canada and beyond. I also support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:52:05	JAMILA	SAMIRA	TDPON	TDPON	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:52:24	Samantha	Samantha	Parks	Parks	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:52:40	Matthew	Gossett	Matthew	Gossett	We need this to be built for the youth hockey in the area. Almost all of the rinks I grew up playing on are gone now	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 8:52:19	Patricia	Hagen	Patricia	Hagen	This facility would be great for youth sports and the area, as it would be able to host several tournaments bringing money to the area. I see no negative impacts to the park	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:05:15	Kathleen	Strode	Kathleen	Strode	The kids need more places to play hockey. Lets keep hockey alive here in St. Louis	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:03:52	Jason	Price	Jason	Price	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:04:00	Daniel	Larson	Daniel	Larson	I'd love to see a new, modern ice complex available to the public in St. Louis. I recently traveled to Florida and was surprised by the number and quality of facilities that I saw from the interstate. The central location of Creve Coeur Park will make this facility accessible to residents from all parts of St. Louis and St. Charles County and beyond.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:04:42	Austin	Moore	Austin	Moore	With the closure of the ice rink in Chesterfield there is a void that this center will fill. In addition this type of center will be able to host tournaments and other events that will bring commerce to other area businesses. It is being built on farm ground and will not affect the amenities offered at Creve Coeur Park. I see no significant downside to this complex being built, but see tremendous upside to commerce in the surrounding areas.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:05:20	Geoffrey	Froelich	Geoffrey	Froelich	I am fully in support of an ice arena being built in Creve Coeur!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:07:37	Kenna	Hudson	Kenna	Hudson	I think this would be a great addition to our community. As a parent of a youth hockey player I think this would be a great location for a new rink due to the centralized location between St. Louis and St. Charles County. This new rink would only enhance how wonderful the park is now	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:08:41	Billiee	McAuliffe	Billiee	McAuliffe	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:09:35	Julie	H	Julie	H	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:10:08	Jeff	Dorich	Jeff	Dorich	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:10:55	Dylan	Ream	Dylan	Ream	As a family with small children, we believe that the proposed facility on Creve Coeur park will provide better opportunities for our children to engage in the local youth athletics community	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:14:38	Adrienne	Kruse	Adrienne	Kruse	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact. I see this facility as a great opportunity for the community AND the park as it will bring numerous people to the area Tournaments can create a lot of down time for families, and the park will be an awesome place to sit some time whether it be a picnic and/or exploring the trails along with all the other wonderful things to do in the area	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:15:50	Nick	Caciabando	Nick	Caciabando	I realize there is some opposition due to the fact that the site is technically part of Creve Coeur Park. I grew up about a mile from Creve Coeur Park. I have used Creve Coeur Park many times and have no concern that this ice complex will negatively impact the park or its beauty. The suggested site is a vacant piece of ground with no real aesthetic appeal. Furthermore, I don't really even consider it part of Creve Coeur Park due to its location.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:18:48	Steve	L'Hommeedieu	Steve	L'Hommeedieu	I have a son who plays ice hockey for the St. Louis Rockets and would personally love to see this project completed. I think it would add to the already growing appeal of the area, and bring additional revenue to an otherwise underutilized area	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:19:01	Carol	LeGrand	Carol	LeGrand	This project will be a great addition to St. Louis and a first class facility for our kids and to attract new events to the area	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:21:17	Steve	Traub	Steve	Traub	The ice rink will provide our youth a place to be physically active, off their game systems and phones. St. Louis has developed a real talent pool of hockey players. Youth programs are growing quickly and sheets of ice can be hard to come by. The design takes into account a plan for wildlife habitat and significant park improvements including the rink. As a hockey parent, coach, and player I believe this facility is needed to help sustain the future of St. Louis hockey and other ice sports.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/13/2017 9:23:08	Jamie	Schlote	Jamie	Schlote	I love hockey, but surely there is a better location for a new indoor complex. Creve Coeur Lake is so calm and wonderful for kayaking and picnics. Traffic can already be heavy in the parking lots, so I hate the idea of another large facility butting itself into the location. I will be very disappointed if this moves forward.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is low
POS	7/13/2017 9:25:06	Jennifer	Richardson	Jennifer	Richardson	Hockey is growing and providing opportunities to build sportsmanship, work ethic, and character for our youth. The community needs more ice rinks to accommodate this growing need	The proposed project would not preclude park users from kayaking and picnics
POS	7/13/2017 9:25:43	Jason	Dunaway	Jason	Dunaway	Youth hockey in St. Louis is exploding and there is a need for more ice. I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:27:23	Ashley	Belcher	Ashley	Belcher	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:28:41	John	Auble	John	Auble	I think that this project will only enhance recreational opportunities within our community and even Creve Coeur park. I will further assist in developing younger talent, and give local hockey the ice it desperately needs. It is minimally invasive to Creve Coeur park, and aligns with the existing theme of the area - sports & recreation.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:30:31	Rob	Kerch	Rob	Kerch	Please build this rink! Not only is it a boon for the local hockey community which has seen continued growth and success in producing NHL players, but would also be a huge win for the city of St. Louis to have such a state of the art Hockey Mecca right here in the Midwest. The amount of opportunity for our own community is immense and I hop those that are being short sighted to evaluate the plus and minus to this project is the area	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:30:53	John	Wolow	John	Wolow	Hurry and get this rink built before winter!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:34:08	Ethan	Kroh	Ethan	Kroh	This is a great enhancement to the community for youth sports, hockey fans, and visitors. The project will have a great economic benefit to the area as well. I am looking forward to seeing this project during construction and once the finished product is complete	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:34:51	Cyndi	Heudt	Cyndi	Heudt	I support the St. Louis Ice Center in Creve Coeur Lake because it will bring additional rink space to the youth in the St. Louis region. The complex, if done responsibly, will allow our youth to practice at reasonable hours and bring more young people into this great sport	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:37:10	Alex	Boudi	Alex	Boudi	I fully support this addition to creve coeur park	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:39:03	Julie	Beck	Julie	Beck	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:39:43	Mark	Goink	Mark	Goink	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:40:47	Ed	Ortmann	Ed	Ortmann	The St. Louis Ice Center is a very welcome addition to the Creve Coeur Lake Area. The site and its demographic location are very appropriate for the use. The buildings will not compete in any way with the lake and its surroundings as it is located on a little used tract adjacent to the railway and on the northern edge of the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:44:28	Megan	Tocco	Megan	Tocco	We need a centrally located ice rink to continue growing the sport of youth hockey. My son has reaped the benefits of youth sports, especially hockey, and that should be available to all kids. An empty field can't put to much better use. It would be something everyone can enjoy	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:46:14	Katie	Hoehn	Katie	Hoehn	My family ice skates for fun together and with friends. I also have a daughter and son who play hockey. I have recently learned to play myself so our whole family can play together. The skating rink, while indoors, still continues the purpose of recreation by allowing physical activity for all ages. I am in support of the skating rink and believe it will be an asset to the park and community by providing additional recreational activities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:46:22	Sheri	Levy	Sheri	Levy	This new facility will be a huge asset to St. Louis. Our city is short on ice rinks and this would be a great facility for family to come together and skate as well as a great place for figure skaters and ice hockey players to practice and compete. This new facility would allow the possibility for Tournaments to come to St. Louis for all sorts of Ice Skating events. I fully support the development of this new facility!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:46:27	ellie	horgan	ellie	horgan	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:52:19	Jim	Carmody	Jim	Carmody	I am strongly in favor of the construction of the ice complex. I have followed the plan carefully from the very beginning and the impact on the Park and other activities there is being very carefully considered. It will be a fantastic addition to the other natural activities there and will in fact enhance those activities by bringing more people to the area. Many participants in the ice activities will use the surrounding natural areas for walking, running and other exercise. It is a natural fit for the existing area and a great location.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:53:21	Fawnn	Long	Fawnn	Long	I am supportive of the construction not only because of the need for more ice in the area, but also because a premier facility as proposed will promote not only ice sports but also local economic development. I am confident that any legitimate environmental concerns can be properly addressed	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:53:35	marc	abel	marc	abel	St Louis could really use more ice rinks. For the health of our kids who enjoy hockey and for the region to draw tournaments and events. a rink would enhance the park, the same way the soccer fields near it make it a great destination for the area. Let's do this. please	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:53:55	Sarah	Lipovsky	Sarah	Lipovsky	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:54:30	Sharon	Gossett	Sharon	Gossett	This would help kids who would love to play hockey. A lot of rinks have closed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 9:54:37	Kaylene	Carmody	Kaylene	Carmody	The ice center is adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated the flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:02:24	Chris	Bowe	Chris	Bowe	This project will bring more people to an already incredible park and save the entire St. Louis region. I love the redevelopment of relatively unused space in the park that will generate interest, attendance and excitement for the community. Looking forward to seeing this facility in action!	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:02:32	Jonel	imo	Jonel	imo	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:04:50	Ron	Raney	Ron	Raney	Hockey has such a huge positive impact on the youth people who learn and play the game. The proposed facility will allow our area to move our area forward without negative effect on the environment. New development is needed to make our region competitive.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:05:24	Steve	Goldman	Steve	Goldman	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land and I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:05:28	Mark	Rubenstein	Mark	Rubenstein	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land and I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:08:25	Clint	Wissler	Clint	Wissler	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land and I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:08:54	Brian	Bach	Brian	Bach	With youth hockey growing and the hockey base already in St. Louis, this rink is much needed, as the amount of available ice is not enough. The location will enhance the park, as this area is currently not being used by any park-goers. The center will bring new people to the park, allowing them to experience the park's beauty that they may not have experienced previously.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:09:07	Patrick	Maltagliati	Patrick	Maltagliati	The proposed ice center would bring much needed ice to the growing hockey habitat of St. Louis and be a major benefit to the region. The proposed location will have minimal impact on Creve Coeur park as it is proposed in a vacant area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:10:27	Ernesto	Ruiz-Huidobro	Ernesto	Ruiz-Huidobro	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:12:10	Jill	Clarkson	Jill	Clarkson	My son played ice hockey since ages 5, and he just graduated from high school. Hockey has helped him staying focus and have discipline to juggle the academics and the sports. Having another ice complex and encouraging more kids to play this sports, will help keeping the kids on the ice out of the streets.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:14:48	Dan	Birkenmeier	Dan	Birkenmeier	Youth hockey is continuing to grow in STL and this would be a great use of park land and buildings that are currently underutilized. As a hockey fan, participant in adult ice hockey leagues and parent of a youth hockey player I strongly support the new facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:20:03	Becky	Ward	Becky	Ward	I often read about the need to make St. Louis a better place to live and how to attract others to the area. I believe this facility addresses a need for more ice surfaces to meet the growing demand in the metro area. Sports and recreational activities, such as those that would take place at this facility, are a great way to encourage adoption of healthier lifestyles and build stronger bonds among members of the community. The facility will enable events attracting out of town participants, which in addition to generating incremental revenue streams for the area, help showcase the St. Louis metro area and have the potential to translate into future vacation visits generating additional incremental revenue.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:21:00	Charles	Wright	Charles	Wright	I very much appreciate the beauty of our parks and the environment. I am confident this facility will not take away or harm either one. Rather, it will help expose more people to experience and appreciate what the park has to offer.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:22:25	Kathy	Scheff	Kathy	Scheff	I believe we need more ice facilities in the St. Louis area. I know that there are many people who would use this facility. One specific group would be ice hockey players. Children on ice hockey teams are forced to practice very early in the very ice because there just isn't enough ice time available. This can sometimes make children/parents decide not to play on these teams because it is not possible to get enough sleep and stay healthy. Staying active is part of staying healthy. I believe that putting this in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park will bring more people to the park. This will allow them to see all of the other great things this park has to offer.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:22:25	Kathy	Scheff	Kathy	Scheff	The St. Louis metro area is very short on available ice. We have managed for years by stretching ice times from 5 am to midnight at times. Some of the area complexes are quite dated. This new complex would take a lot of pressure off of the current system and also help keep our kids from having to get home on school nights at 11:40 or later We really need a new ice complex. It's a great way for kids to stay active and healthy (one of the many benefits of Creve Coeur Park) and will add to what the park has had to offer to the community and with the design of the detention ponds it will also give the wildlife in the park more options of where to go. As a science teacher I do not see an negative effect by adding the complex in the vast amount of land that is available in the park facility. Please add this much needed complex.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/13/2017 10:23:48	Paulette	Zimmerman	Paulette	Zimmerman	I strongly oppose the proposed multi-story concrete and steel sports complex with over 1,000 new parking spaces in Creve Coeur Park. I'm appalled that grading has already begun although final approval has not yet been given and sickened that we are depriving other species of a safe habitat The park has been a quiet space to enjoy the water, birds, trees, and natural environment with many people using it for biking, birding, running, and boating. Converting 40 acres of Creve Coeur Lake Park to an indoor sports complex will only increase noise, light, and traffic and completely disregard the rights of those who visit the park for humanitate need for nature and the need of others in the community of life for a place to live and raise their young. Please stop this project which simply bows to the wishes of special interests and fails to honor the common good. If such a complex is to be of true value, put it in a genuinely underserved community in the city.	While the proposed project is to build an ice center, it represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park, which would still offer biking, birding, running and boating opportunities to park users. These park users would not be directly impacted by the proposed project. Wildlife impacts were assessed in the EA. Although some trees and grassland within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced birds. While the proposed project would result in alteration of habitats, and displacement of resident wildlife species, these effects are not expected to result in notable alteration or destabilization of any species. Therefore, although there would be impacts to wildlife resulting from the development and operation of the proposed project, those impacts would be negligible to minor. A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is low.
POS	7/13/2017 10:27:15	Maria	Jourden	Marie	Jourden	The St. Louis area is in need of more ice. Building a new rink in Creve Coeur park will help support youth hockey while bringing extra revenue to local businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:27:33	Todd	Stimson	Todd	Stimson	This would be a very beneficial addition to Creve Coeur Park and the surrounding business district.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:27:54	Tim	Schmidt	Tim	Schmidt	Youth hockey is growing in the Saint Louis area and this is much needed ice that will bring many visitors and more money to the area:	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:32:35	Jim	Stoneman	Jim	Stoneman	We love CC Park & would visit even more with an ice rink. would be a great addition	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:33:07	Michael	Berra	Michael	Berra	The building of this rink is integral to the continued growth of hockey in Saint Louis. Over the last 10 years, I've seen significant progress in the youth hockey community. Outside of the obvious players drafted in the NHL, I've watched players learn proper values through the game of hockey that have made them successful businessmen, coaches, Missouri Representatives, etc. This rink will help continue the growth of the area in many important ways.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:36:59	Tom	Elmo	Tom	Elmo	St Louis needs more sheets of ice to be a player in the Midwest when it comes to hockey. The loss of ice sheets recently has the potential to negatively impact the region. Please make sure this project happens	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:37:10	Tom	Mazzarese	Tom	Mazzarese	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:38:40	Mike	Mullen	Mike	Mullen	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses What a great place to keep kids active and bring more visitors to a wonderful park! We need this ice complex!! Why?	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:40:44	Rebecca	Sorensen	Rebecca	Sorensen	1)Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region. 2) Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. 3)Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. 4)Ice Skating is a great activity for all ages--even if they don't play hockey.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:45:39	Amy	Prielpig	Amy	Prielpig	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:45:44	John	Burgess	John	Burgess	I support this project. I grew up in Saint Louis and played hockey in every rink in the county. This would be beneficial for all our sports. It will help grow our community and provide a nice new rink that can be easily used by many in the area	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:46:16	Rege	Levy	Rege	Levy	We have such great developing hockey kids. They definitely need ice time and the new ice rink would be much appreciated and needed	Comment noted.
NEG	7/13/2017 10:46:34	Robee	Voetter	Leslie	Voetter	This project is about green space. Sports fields out doors are ok but not an ice complex. Don't ruin our park. We the St. Louis County residents need more green space not buildings. Redevelop a mall that has gone under like Chesterfield where it is already space used for buildings. Or the land down in Fenton where the car plants were. Or i Hazelwood at the old car plant.	While the proposed project is to build an ice center, it represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis metro area. A demand study was conducted that determined that there is a need for more ice sheets in the St. Louis metro area.
POS	7/13/2017 10:50:09	Anna	Fregin	Anna	Fregin	As a fan of ice skating and hockey I think this new ice center would be great for STL County! We need more ice time for the St. Louis County! Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:50:49	Jeff	Crenshaw	Jeff	Crenshaw	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:50:56	Nathan	Carter	Nathan	Carter	This facility would serve to anchor the growing hockey community in St. Louis. The commitment to our community that the Blues organization has shown in recent years and promises for those ahead is extraordinary, and this facility would further enhance the Blues' engagement in the community. Hockey teaches young boys and girl sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and an array of other lessons that translate into everyday life. This new facility would compensate for the loss of available ice time due to the closing of the Harder's Iceplex and enable youth hockey programs in St. Louis to continue to grow, as well as be a destination for teams from out of town to improve competition and player development. I understand the concerns over the loss of nature space if this facility is built, but having enjoyed Creve Coeur Lake and Memorial Park on many occasions, I genuinely feel that that proposed location for this facility relative to the lake and most park amenities would not significantly alter the overall natural feel of the park. This facility will undoubtedly represent a significant benefit to the St. Louis - and specifically Maryland Heights - community. Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park. Look no further than Steinberg Rink in Forest Park. I support the ice center because youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that currently offers very little opportunity for recreation. Using less than 2% of the park, the ice center is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 10:51:36	Marcia	Ambrose	Marcia	Ambrose	This would be great for the sport of hockey for youth in the area as well as those that are from other areas that enjoy playing hockey in the St. Louis area. Given that this will be in a park, it also offers families a place to explore and hang out in between games or before and after. With the increased involvement of the number of kids and families becoming involved in the sport of hockey, the park along with the facility would serve the immediate community as well as visitors from all around. I greatly support the development of this facility and look forward to my son playing in the facility as well as visiting it with my family!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/13/2017 10:58:27	Marion	Fields	Marion	Fields	Missouri has few significant natural lakes. Creve Coeur Lake is the largest. Let's leave it - and the surrounding floodplain - in mostly natural condition. Please. This project will forever destroy anything that feels "natural" about the lake	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 11:02:33	Greg	Kraop	Greg	Kraop	The ice center will bring residents and visitors alike to a little used section of the park. The ice rinks will be great family attraction to a park mostly known for kayak and cycling. I am a St. Louis County resident and I strongly support the proposed ice center in Creve Coeur Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 11:02:46	Joel	Schwartz	Joel	Schwartz	The number of kids that would be able to utilize the proposed facility is truly massive. The lifetime of cherished memories as a result of the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful sport will help build tremendous young men and women who will pay back the St. Louis community in spades	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 11:03:42	Andrea	Zimmerer Wiser	Andrea	Zimmerer Wiser	The rink in Creve Coeur has been a resource for decades. It helped solidify so many players and fans in St. Louis, part of what makes St. Louis one of the best hockey towns in America. This redevelopment would ensure the future of hockey in St. Louis and create opportunities for children and adults in the region	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 11:04:38	Paola	Cornemann	Paola	Cornemann	This is a great way to support youth hockey as well as bringing new visitors to our community and to our local businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/13/2017 11:05:26	Heath	Scott	Heath			







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	<p>Comments on 'St. Louis Ice Center Project Draft Environmental Assessment, Maryland Heights, St. Louis Co., Missouri'</p> <p>Robert E. Criss, Professor of Earth &amp; Planetary Sciences, Washington University</p> <p>First, who is the author of this document? The title page fraudulently suggests that the document was authored by the National Park Service and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, yet the contents and project advocacy strongly suggest that it was authored by a developer or biased promoter. The misleading title page will discourage public comment, and in my view is clearly illegal.</p> <p>Second, the document overlooks and/or grossly misrepresents several key aspects of the hydrologic and hydrogeologic situation. Four specific examples are:</p> <p>1) The report fails to mention that the project area will encroach on the regulatory floodway, as mapped by FEMA (2015). This designated area must therefore be kept "free of encroachment", so of itself, location in the floodway is a crucial and overriding factor.</p> <p>2) The narrative figures for the site development plan (e.g., Fig. 1-2) do not clarify the current and future plans for the area west of Marine Ave and south of the railroad. Almost all of this area resides in the floodway. If this area is not needed or part of the current plan, or an unspecified future plan, why is it even included in the project (e.g., Figs. 3.A, 3.5, 3.6 etc.)?</p> <p>3) Any encroachment of the floodway or floodplain in the proposed development area would impede the outlet of Creve Coeur Lake.</p> <p>3a. Any such encroachment would back up floodwater into much of the park, damaging facilities and lengthening the interval of inundation, thereby interfering with existing uses of the park.</p> <p>3b. Any such encroachment would increase sediment deposition in the lake, and on inundated trails, pavilions and other facilities. This will increase cleanup time while increasing the requirements for dredging, which are already considerable.</p> <p>3c. Water quality would be negatively impacted by increased floodwater inundation time. Moreover, populations of mosquitoes and other undesirable disease vectors would increase, impacting park users as well as citizens in surrounding communities.</p> <p>4) The document grossly misrepresents the flow rate of Creve Coeur Creek, claiming "According to the USGS National Water Information System, Creve Coeur Creek at the Creve Coeur gaging station had a maximum daily discharge of 46.6 cubic feet per second (cfs) in 2008." This claim is easily checked and proven to be fraudulent, as the information is widely available for the relevant gaging station, USGS 06935000: Creve Coeur Creek near Creve Coeur, MO. Specifically, on September 14, 2008 the peak flow at this station was 8,700 cfs, while the mean daily flow on that day was 2,040 cfs (USGS, 2017). These two reported, official values are more than 180x and 40x larger than the flow of 46.6 cfs claimed in the report on page 3-2.</p> <p>Finally, the dismissive comments about the rural appeal of this highly utilized area, such as "Therefore, the landscapes are not considered to have distinctive quality" prove that the unspecified author(s) of this report have no regard for either factual information or the rights of the one million citizens who annually use the park. Contrary to what is claimed, rural landscapes and broad vistas are no longer common in St. Louis County, and easy public access to such areas is even less common.</p> <p>References</p> <p>FEMA (2015) Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 2189C0170K, revised Feb. 4, 2015. <a href="https://stlpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/STL-Ice-Center-Assessment_061917.pdf">https://stlpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/STL-Ice-Center-Assessment_061917.pdf</a></p> <p>USGS (2017) National Water Information System, Creve Coeur Creek near Creve Coeur, MO. <a href="http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt/q/?site_no=06935000&amp;parameter_codes=00060+00065">http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt/q/?site_no=06935000&amp;parameter_codes=00060+00065</a></p>		<p>The preparers of the document are clearly stated in Chapter 6 of the Draft EA.</p> <p>The title page was prepared in compliance with National Park Service NEPA guidelines.</p> <p>Floodplain comments:</p> <p>1) Appendix C contains FEMA map 2189C0170K, dated 2/04/15. This map shows the location of the floodway, which is a very small portion of the northwest corner of the site at Marine Avenue and the railroad right of way. The majority of the western triangle (the portion west of Marine Avenue) is located within the floodway. The floodway line is clearly shown on the project site and grading plan (C4.0). Appendix A. There are no building structures located within the floodway, the retroconstructed drainage channel is located within the floodway as is the future parking, both of which are permitted. The Stormwater Management Facilities Report dated 3/27/17 clearly explains and provides the supporting calculations to demonstrate a net No-Rise with the proposed site improvements. In fact, there will be a decrease of .04 ft under the 100 yr / 10 yr storm event.</p> <p>2) As stated above in item 1, this area is shown to have an interconnected conveyance channel and future parking lot.</p> <p>3) This is not true, see response to item 1.</p> <p>3a, 3b, and 3c) Each of these statements are all false. The technical design information contained within the Stormwater Management System Report and the Improvement Plans, which include Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans and BMPs, address the issues raised in these comments.</p> <p>4) The text regarding the flow rate of Creve Coeur Creek has been revised to indicate that it is the maximum AVERAGE flow rate.</p>
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NEG	7/15/2017 16:56:31	Campbell McKaskill	Comment noted.
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NEG	7/16/2017 9:16:32	Johanna	Iremah	Bad idea for our very needed wetland and parkland for people and animals to coexist in nature within this growing metropolis they have already hurt the lake by putting the hiway bridge over the park and lake stop ruining our green spaces	Additional wetlands identified on the project site will be preserved and not impacted as part of the development. Although the proposed SLIC will remove existing habitat for other wildlife, the project site represents only 13 percent of the entire Park area with most of this being a mowed field with just a few trees. The existing habitat is the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the Park that will support wildlife offset by the SLIC. Within a 5-mile radius, there is a relatively large amount of deciduous forest of equal or better quality than the habitat being removed. Therefore, due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced birds.
POS	7/16/2017 9:32:06	Angela	Albert	The St. Louis Ice Center is needed in the region. The area lost 3 sheets of ice which will impact many families and ice times will be very early or late. Youth hockey in St. Louis keeps growing. Although St. Louis does host tournaments it would be amazing to have facilities that are as good as Chicago and Kansas City	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 10:54:20	Matt	McLain	As a family that is outdoors as much as possible we understand the concern for the park. Creve Coeur Park is amazing and a great location for additional youth and adult sports. Any activity kids can and will participate in is a benefit to them and the larger community whether it is indoors or outdoors. Kids need to have access to more active lifestyles!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 10:56:12	Luke	Hofmann	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
NEG	7/16/2017 11:22:00	Steve	Sarkin	The St. Louis area hockey community is strong but we need more ice! Not just for the kids but for all the old guys like myself!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 12:09:10	Neil	MacDonough	I am strongly opposed to the ice center proposal for Creve Coeur Park. Contrary to what its supporters claim, a 250,000 square foot facility with three indoor rinks, several thousand seats, and all of the accompanying support facilities is NOT an "outdoor recreation facility." Nor is building a paved 880-car parking lot a good use of public park land. A park is valuable for its open space, a piece of the park that is "unused" is still valuable and worth preserving. It is not an invitation to development.	The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the properties present usage. Very little to no recreation exists on the property, which is the site of a County Park maintenance shed and a fallow field. The proposed project would add an outdoor rink and an outdoor field to this area, and it would provide connections to GRG's Meckley Woods Trail, which is under construction. Additionally, the National Park Service (NPS) may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
POS	7/16/2017 12:12:14	Sherril	Shoe	I am fully supportive of this wonderful addition to the community. Hockey is a growing sport among youth in our country, and locally we have an opportunity to become the "Heartland of Hockey." Let's invest in our future by allowing area kids to have a top notch facility to learn a wonderful sport. There is no greater source of positive role models than the NHL and we should give our youth the chance to continue the great accomplishments NHL players have made	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 12:29:31	Roderic	Jacoby	I feel that the ice arena is a needed and overall benefit to the St. Louis area. The need for a place for our kids to be able to have the place to skate is just as important as a place to bike, play ball or any other physical activity. People complain about kids always on video games yet when it comes to adding any ability to engage in a sport top get off the electronics there is opposition. Creve Coeur Park is an optimal location to place such a venue with very little impact to the environment (there is ALWAYS impact with a project of any sort). We built a bridge over the park we can build something that will ultimately benefit the community such as the ice arena.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 14:08:07	Deserree	Lough	We need more ice. Ice hockey is a wonderful sport. Many families really need this new ice arena!! St. Louis has great players and we need more ice available for our athletes to train and play	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 14:22:29	Joshay	pyle	Please don't gobble up park lands for parking spaces.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 14:29:08	Michael	Presson	I am fully supportive of this wonderful addition to the community. Hockey is a growing sport among youth in our country, and locally we have an opportunity to become the "Heartland of Hockey." Let's invest in our future by allowing area kids to have a top notch facility to learn a wonderful sport. There is no greater source of positive role models than the NHL and we should give our youth the chance to continue the great accomplishments NHL players have made	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 14:33:33	Scott	Bante	I feel that the ice arena is a needed and overall benefit to the St. Louis area. The need for a place for our kids to be able to have the place to skate is just as important as a place to bike, play ball or any other physical activity. People complain about kids always on video games yet when it comes to adding any ability to engage in a sport top get off the electronics there is opposition. Creve Coeur Park is an optimal location to place such a venue with very little impact to the environment (there is ALWAYS impact with a project of any sort). We built a bridge over the park we can build something that will ultimately benefit the community such as the ice arena.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 15:08:47	Susan	Shelds	Please do not make any changes to Creve Coeur Park. It's beautiful! There are not other places to build a hockey arena	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area
POS	7/16/2017 15:12:48	Cori	Thoneczek	St. Louis needs more ice rinks. We just lost Heidee and I would be a terrible traveler if the youth of tomorrow do not have the opportunity to learn how to be a team player and how to stay active. Please support the ice rink in Creve Coeur Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 15:15:36	Kerry	Pretz	I am in support of this complex being built. Not only will it support more than 1000 families in various ice sports such as hockey and figure skating, but it will serve as a community facility for various entertainment events. It can also be a center piece for the further development of the Creve Coeur Park area	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 15:20:32	Amy	Sune	Because hockey is such a wonderful sport, there will be more and more people playing this sport in the future. What better way to support the growing number of hockey players than building a new rink for them?	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 15:35:49	Stephane	Goyer	Please build this rink - we need it. My daughter, Sydney, played with the Lady Blues and being with the Lady Blues was a huge development step forward for Sydney who is a freshman at Wesleyan University that fall and playing for their NCAA D1 women hockey team. The lady blues are a big part of her success, the coaching (Mark Hallinan, Joe Bovacone, Al McCombs) was excellent and the teams were very competitive even though the girls came from all over the Midwest and couldn't be together for practices all the time. The Lady Blues were very important to Sydney and girls hockey needs all the opportunities it can get to help develop these young athletes.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:02:51	Andrew	Ludwig	I fully support the complex!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:06:22	Barb	Kivvick	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:24:28	Demetri	Quinn	I am in strong support of the privately funded ice center project that is being proposed for Creve Coeur Park. I understand that this project will be using less than 2% of the park area and that environmental concerns have been respectfully and brilliantly addressed. My grandchildren, boys and girls, play ice hockey and synchronized skating. This sports play a prominent role in their personal development. The loss of several ice rinks in our area have presented several new challenges for their sport. Please consider this project as an important solution for both the youth of our area and those other youth teams who will travel here to play against them. I see positive impact in several ways for our region with this generous project. It will impact all ages offering recreational opportunities that all parks should provide. Let's go forward and make it happen! Thank you!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:30:39	Michael	Quinn	The "environmental impacts" are terribly overblown. Recognizing that this facility will achieve its highest use, when the park normally sees very little traffic, again speaks to the "best use" argument of this tract.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:39:17	Larry	Howe	A tremendous project backed by two governmental subdivisions, Saint Louis County and Maryland Heights, the need has been recognized and applauded by those agencies.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:42:20	Christopher	Durso	This Public-Private project fills a tremendous void in our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:43:48	Christoper	Durso	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:50:22	Sal	Zerilli	This ice rink is good for the St. Louis area with no negative environmental impacts	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 16:56:25	Christie	Frazier-Fussell	I'd just like to say that I grew up very active in sports and am now a 32 year old man. Without having played Baseball, Ice hockey, and track as a kid, I'm not sure I would be the ice hockey socially and mentally stable as an adult. I really feel that facilities like this one is important for kids who are growing up to have the chance to get ice time and also interaction with their teammates, to build a child's social skills and athleticism. It is all around a win-win for the community to have something nice like this that functions well for everyone	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 17:03:09	Gina	Fusco	Children and young adults who are not busy are trying to get going into trouble or hanging with the wrong crowd. In Missouri and Illinois many of our children are having a hard time. We need centers like this one for a good wholesome activity, such as hockey. We see parents need to be the voice/advocate for our children and their future.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 17:09:09	Roger	Hunt	Additionally, it has been proven that sports and regular physical activity benefits health in many ways, including helping build and maintain healthy bones, muscles, and joints; helping control weight and reduce fat, and preventing or delaying the development of high blood pressure. Exercise is one of the least expensive ways to stay healthy, with one study finding that exercise can prevent chronic diseases as effectively as medication. A comprehensive study and analysis of existing research found that leisure-time physical activity is associated with reduced risk of 13 different types of cancer, including breast, colon, liver and myeloid leukemia according to the National Institutes of Health, 2016.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 17:38:49	Steve	Guind	I am 100% for Youth Hockey in St. Louis, Mo. I also am an avid fan of the sport of Hockey and believe St. Louis would do well to support and fund ice facility for our Youth. Let me know if I can do anything else to help. It would generate and educate people of all ages for the myriad sport	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 17:40:42	Adrien	Brueck	Here we have this one time opportunity to make St. Louis Metro an Ice Hockey Mecca for amateurs both locally and a tourney venue for all over the Midwest	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 17:55:37	Haley	Brueck	Let's embrace this opportunity and be progressive and not "too" like we did with the proposed soccer venue!!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:02:19	Kelly	Eck	St. Louis should support recreational activities on county park land. Whether Park, Quarry Park, park land has long offered recreational activities for all	Comment noted.
NEG	7/16/2017 18:09:45	Genevieve	Bisson	Plain and simple, we lost three ice rinks under 1 roof and there are too many hockey players now scrambling for ice and it's going to get worse. This makes sense. This is a great for the community and no issue to the environment. It's also a multipurpose facility that will provide amazing options and service. Please approve this.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:14:41	Thomas	Bottini	This is a no brainer. We are losing ice facilities and this will not only build in Chesterfields, but provide community enhancements with other sports in the building. Hockey in St. Louis needs this facility. Please approve it	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:24:27	David	Harper	I support the construction of this ice center! Let's get the kids active and on the ice!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:27:10	Jack	Probstle	Creve Coeur Park should not be turned into a parking lot. People use and love this park. Leave it as an open Green Park. The kids need to breathe, animals and people need a place to roam. All of energy will be needed to run this huge complex. It will contribute to more global warming. The park has flooded twice in the last just year. This is a disaster. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydrolics. The applicant is following the provisions of NEPA and Section 6(f), the Environmental Assessment report has been posted for public review and comment (from June 22, 2017 through July 13, 2017).	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:34:24	Lisa	Koch	With all the negativity surrounded business development to assist our region this is a no brainer. Improve our youth interest in sports, providing an area for kids and family to come together and finally an area to bring families from other regions here to show off our community. It's needed, wanted and will enhance our region and all for the right reasons.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:36:36	Brian	Brikhaus	This multi-purpose ice facility is absolutely needed in our region. The proposal is well conceived on all aspects. Financially sound with no taxpayer funds; Meets the existing and growing interest in hockey throughout our community; Adds to the overall appeal of Creve Coeur Park in an environmentally positive fashion. The leadership of this project is responsible, capable and generously committed to enhancing our overall community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:37:10	Brian	Brikhaus	We need to develop ice hockey in our area. The kids should have an opportunity to learn the basics and a place to compete with other youth hockey teams	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 18:56:24	Lisa	Koch	This would be an awesome project that not only encourage youth participation in an awesome sport but also will benefit the area businesses by attracting out of town guests to participate in a variety of tournaments	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:37:33	Drew	Petersen	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:42:46	Julia	Baley	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:44:26	Lauren	Wendell	St. Louis is a hockey and skating town that needs more rinks to support our wonderful community	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:45:12	Sally	Owens	I live in Kirkwood and support this because it has been a big part of my family.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:45:56	Alison	Owens	As a St. Louis County resident I support this rink. It brings the community together as well as great way for our youth to develop especially through hockey.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:45:58	Ashby	Owens	I'll live in Kirkwood and have grown up around hockey. All ice sports have a huge development step forward for the community sports. I hope my players will be able to skate one day in the near future on the facility's hallowed and enviable sheets of ice. If we build it - They will come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 19:51:52	Nada	Vanaghi	I am a Kirkwood hockey mom. It's amazing how this sport gets into the souls of people who play it. My husband at 54 years old has played for 50 years. My son now lives in Denver and many of his best hockey friends live there too. They still play hockey and always will	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 20:11:45	Bob	Ohare	I would love to see this come to action. Hockey has been a huge part of my family and I hope many other people can say the same thing. Not only is this big for our community youth, this would support the City of St. Louis in many ways! I can see this having a future support for St. Louis as a hockey town and bringing home a Stanley Cup!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 20:15:56	Mark	Cook	Our family lives in Creve Coeur and we support the SLIC project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 20:40:40	Benny	Perkins	I support for our kids and our city. This is a great opportunity.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 20:48:51	Dawn	Schneider	St. Louis has a long and proud history with ice sports. This complex will serve the community, continue the region's support of ice skating/sports and add a much needed winter entertainment to Creve Coeur Park. This will do in the winter what the bike trail has done for spring, summer and fall	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 20:54:27	Donald	Schneider	We use the park 2-3 times per week, here we go again making money for a few!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:01:45	Barry	Remmer	Hockey is a great sport and the facility will be a wonderful addition to the area and will benefit local business from the increased traffic from local and out of town visitors	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:03:24	Craig	Remmer	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. St. Louis needs more venues like this to attract people to our region and stay competitive	Comment noted.
NEG	7/16/2017 21:08:13	Kika	Tuff	I am a heavy user of the park (running, boating, cycling, walking my dog), and I know that this rink (and its parking lot!) destroys both the ecology and the character of Creve Coeur Park. I am vehemently against this hockey complex, as its presence will reduce the beauty and enjoyment of Creve Coeur park. No one wants this hockey complex except the private interest groups that run it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:20:27	Steve	Chapman	One of the most impressive things about St. Louis is the passion that its residents have for sports. The Blues and the Cardinals have great fan bases, but that passion is truly seen in the local rinks, courts and fields around the area. Growing up near Boston, I have seen true passion around amateur hockey. That same type of passion exists in St. Louis and continues to grow each year. With a son that has played in the Kirkwood Youth Hockey Association, we have been nothing but impressed with the level and passion that this city has for the game. St. Louis is, without a doubt, a hockey town and is the hub of the Heartland of Hockey. The passion is there. The interest is there. We simply need more facilities. The STL Ice Center project will bring opportunities from Learn-to-Play programs, youth leagues, local collegiate programs, regional and national tournaments, Tri programs, adult pick-up... all the way to the St. Louis Blues. It will be an economic engine for Maryland Heights and the surrounding area. It will be a gem for the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:21:08	Lee	Huginbotham	I also don't agree with any comments that claim that this is public park land and was not intended for a public hockey rink. I have run the trails of Queeny Park while my son practiced in the rink located in the very middle of the designated area. We have played hockey at the Kennedy Ice Rink at Kennedy Park. The outdoor rinks at both Shaw Park and Forest Park are St. Louis citizens. The "open lands" at all these parks are positively affected by the ice rinks	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:23:34	Yes	Yes	The STL Ice Center would be a wonderful addition to the County Park system and will have great support from the hockey, ice skating and ice sport community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:28:57	Sunny	Hilliard	Hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sport families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:48:36	Robert	Goodwin	We are true hockey family. My daughter, husband and I all play hockey. We really looking forward to this new ice facility. That will definitely help the growth of this area and youth hockey. Thank you for your consideration	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 21:53:19	Robert	Goodwin	I am ecstatic to hear about this proposed ice facility. There is no area more deserving of such a commitment to youth hockey players. Both my kids grow up playing hockey in St. Louis from the Rockets, to Chesterfield, Affton and AAA Blues. Ice hockey is one of the fastest growing youth sports in America. Building a facility like the one proposed in Creve Coeur Park will enable St. Louis County to support an expansion for ice hockey in this region. More high profile tournaments and junior programs will be in St. Louis needed revenue. More importantly, our local clubs are in desperate need of ice. We are currently unable to support our local clubs and leagues with the amount of ice sheets available for skating. Further, we have an obligation to provide for the more than 4000 players seeking to develop to players we can move on to the next level. St. Louis has a rich hockey history that I would like to see continue, and I cannot think of a cause more worthy of our local support and backing. Thank you to all people involved in this project from volunteers to investors. This hockey rink is proud to call St. Louis home and I hope my players will be able to skate one day in the near future on the facility's hallowed and enviable sheets of ice. If we build it - They will come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 22:03:53	Lindsay	Leardi	The ice rinks in STL not only helped me to reach my dream of being a World level Speed Skater but through the time I spent training with inspirational coaches and fantastic teams I developed into the man I am today. New ice is important for the STL area so that others can have the same chance that I did: to grow into strong, capable and confident individuals.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 22:08:45	DONALD	GREEN	Yes, we definitely do need an ice sports complex in Creve Coeur Park as we have recently lost a major ice complex in Chesterfield. Creve Coeur Park is a perfect place for it. Already, multiple other sports have a place to play in Creve Coeur Park. An ice sports complex would be a great and much needed addition	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 22:32:10	Austin	LaPlante	This comment is in opposition to the proposed ice facility in Creve Coeur Park. This park is an outdoor focused public park that is much loved by bikers, walkers, boaters, picnickers, nature and outdoor enthusiasts. Even today access is an issue on busy weekends. Destroying outdoor space with nature trails to put a huge facility with a limited lifespan and ongoing maintenance is a terrible mistake that we will live with for decades. We will live with it until it is built in an area that floods almost annually. No one is against hockey. This is just the wrong place for a facility of this nature. Our County leaders can do better.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3.5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and biowalls designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydrolics.
POS	7/16/2017 22:41:43	Teresa	Heikkoetter	The facility will add public outdoor recreation opportunity to the community. The park will be a leading center for ice sports and recreation. It will be easily accessible and serve the entire region and beyond	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 22:42:84	William	Kane	AS A SOUTH OF THE BORDER HOCKEY FAN FROM BIRMINGHAM,ALABAMA, I WILL LEND MY LOVE AND SUPPORT TO THIS PROJECT. IT IS BY FAR ONE OF THE TOP ICE HOCKEY PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY AND WILL OPEN UP ICE HOCKEY AND OTHER ICE SPORTS TO MANY THAT WILL NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON THE ICE. I SEE THIS PROJECT OPENING UP A NEW AVENUE TO SO MANY YOUNG FANS AND GET THEM INVOLVED IN SPORTS INSTEAD OF GOING DOWN THE ROAD TO NOWHERE. WAY TO GO ST. LOUIS!	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 22:42:36	Lucy	Goodwin	The addition of this new facility would bring a greater opportunity for youth hockey players to learn the sport of hockey. It would give residents of Creve Coeur and neighboring municipalities a state of the art ice skating rink for recreational use. Additionally, it would create jobs through the maintenance, and operation of the rink. Ultimately the rink will help grow the Creve Coeur economy.	Comment noted.
POS	7/16/2017 23:18:34	Lacy	Goodwin	I ride my bike at Creve Coeur Park several times a week and was shocked and surprised to hear this proposal for a rink. So many people, including my children, grandchildren, and people of all ethnicities, use their park on a daily basis. It is beautiful and peaceful. It is a shame that people were not asked to vote on this project when historically people have treated and fought to protect this Park, as seen when the highway went in. Please do not let steel and concrete take over the natural environment of our park. We need to keep it as natural as possible and protect the deer and other animals and plants that flourish there.	The proposed project is not required to go to a vote of the people. A public meeting about the proposed development was held by St. Louis County in January 2017. Additionally, per the requirements of NEPA and Section 6(f), the Environmental Assessment report has been posted for public review and comment (from June 22, 2017 through July 13, 2017).
POS	7/16/2017 23:38:01	Tom	Probstle	Indoor recreation is important for the community as well as outdoor. Having both available in the same location is a benefit, not a detriment, to the park. Ice skating on a hot day is delightful, as is skating on a lake or snowy day when the outdoor activities aren't as easy. This facility is a great addition for the residents of Creve Coeur Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:22:59	Dustin	Nery	I support youth ice sports at Creve Coeur Park. As it is already a multi-dimensional park, including ice sports among the many other activities that are already available, this rink will be a natural fit that has the opportunity to make the park a truly 365 day destination. I grew up in Minnesota, where ice facilities are routinely in municipal parks. Nothing new in Missouri. For this site, with the proposed building being on the edge of a railroad track and highway, it is a perfect buffer to the parklands.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:22:59	Dustin	Nery	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:09	Dustin	Nery	Updating this project is especially important for the growth of the entire region around St. Louis. New companies, new business, and new jobs all require support of the family infrastructure. We need this infrastructure for growth and ice hockey. (Note: comment posted twice)	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	We need to support our young athletes, and this facility is very necessary for our amateur hockey and skaters in the St. Louis area. The Lady Cyclones Hockey Team are very much in need of ice and a facility to call home. Thanks in advance for your support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	Anything that can be done to increase interest in hockey and the Blues while also giving teenagers a safe and legal place to hang out will always get my support. Not to mention it could be used for other ice sports like skating and curling. It would be a great family friendly addition to the St. Louis area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	I support the SLIC because it will allow us to enjoy this park much more than we do currently. It would help my husband and I be more active during all the winter months. It would be wonderful to take a walk or run in the park during those times! It will also bring many more visitors to the St. Louis region and to Creve Coeur Park. Thanks for making this improvement a reality for so many.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	St. Louis truly needs another ice facility to help with the challenge that all ice sports are having right now - we can't get ice times. We need to start hosting tournaments to help our community. We all travel out of town and spend our money elsewhere.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	This new multi use ice rink will increase family oriented commerce to local businesses, encourage healthy living to kids and youth, and increase the desirability to neighborhoods around.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	St. Louis needs a world class hockey center to give our kids a chance to fulfill their dreams. Let's do this and stop being a second class community to raise our children.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	No ice rink in park if needed put in place of abandoned shopping mall.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	Bringing youth hockey a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	I am strongly opposed to the construction of the SLIC in Creve Coeur Park. Most of the land involved in the proposal was secured for outdoor recreation using federal funds and should not be used for a purpose which would lead to removing open space from public use as park land. The SLIC being very ugly and light pollution, disturb habitat for birds and other wildlife, cause traffic congestion, and diminish the public's enjoyment of the park as a natural area. When I enter the park, I'd like to continue to enjoy the view of the green corridor and canopy, and would not want to see parking lots, concrete, and buildings. As a County taxpayer, I object to an effort for ever a portion of open space designated as public park land.	The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex). A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. Noise and light modeling conducted during the environmental assessment indicated that the operation and traffic-related noise would attenuate to noise levels. Although the proposed SLIC will remove existing habitat for other wildlife, the project site represents only 13 percent of the entire Park area with most of this being a mowed field with just a few trees. The existing habitat at the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the Park that will support wildlife offset by the SLIC. Within a 5-mile radius, there is a relatively large amount of deciduous forest of equal or better quality than the habitat being removed. Therefore, due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced birds. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	Why not consider locating the SLIC in one of the empty malls in North County? Parking lots are already there, as well as other infrastructure, and such a facility could promote economic development in those areas.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	Gives Creve Coeur a competitive edge with other rinks and a new facility is always an asset. Central location to bring in more teams.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	A new facility offering healthy activities and bringing new visitors to our city? Yes please!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	I believe this would be a wonderful amenity for all the surrounding communities. Nothing like this exists in the area and I feel the programming opportunities would be a positive addition to not only indoor but in the outdoor space. Destination	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	The need for sheets of ice in the St. Louis area is at all time high while the number of sheets is dwindling. The ice complex will help bring an amenity to this state park while helping solve a need in the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 1:26:16	Dustin	Nery	The park provides a valuable arena and wellness benefit to people, wildlife, & the ecology. It revitalizes the area which you can enjoy nature	

POS	7/17/2017 9:21:03	Jenna	Fox	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. St. Louis hockey continues to put itself on the map and this has been shown the past few years with several STL natives being drafted.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:21:08	Jon	Mannaghan	This will be a great project that will benefit many people and youth sports.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:23:28	Benner	Benner	What an outstanding opportunity to serve the youth of our community! Interest in hockey is growing quickly, this project can certainly help that effort! Full support	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:25:25	Jennifer	Grammer	We are excited about St. Louis County bringing in a first-class facility to accommodate the much-needed practice area for St. Louis youth. The development team has done a great job of utilizing underdeveloped areas while also conserving and enhancing the park by adding habitats for wildlife and preserving the wetlands. This project will ultimately draw more visitors to the park and bring in revenue, which is good for us all.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:31:37	Patrick	Quinn	"Build it and they will come" - to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park to talk kayak, run, bike, hike, e-bike, disc golf, watch birds and PLAY HOCKEY. The Bank of America, for our kids, for our region, for our future	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:32:35	Chuck	Ferretti	St. Louis needs to support youth hockey and hockey families. This would be a great addition to the park	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:34:44	Angie	Killion	St. Louis ice center will allow the Midwest to have better support for youth hockey programs	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:39:47	Randy	Girisch	The St. Louis Ice Center would be a great addition to the park and give new reasons for people to visit. Ice recreation is such a great outlet for kids and families create bonds and lasting memories, as well as a healthy activity	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:48:07	Robert	Doherty	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:54:46	Baker	Baker	I am a big supporter of this project. There is a need for more ice in the City to allow kids to participate in all forms of ice sports. The facility would be a valuable addition to an already outstanding facility and compliment the soccer fields, at the south end and the various trails through the park. It would provide additional opportunities on land that not being utilized at this time. The more kids in the County that we can get active in some form of sport the better off we will all be. Build the rinks and they will come!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 9:59:19	Brian	Stater	This is a great opportunity for the park in the city. It seems like the park will benefit environmentally and financially, so it has my full support	Comment noted.
N/A	7/17/2017 9:59:46	tes	tes	This would be a massive win for the St. Louis community if the government officials support this project and see it come to fruition. I've been fortunate to play hockey in nine different states since I graduated high school and I can honestly say the St. Louis Hockey Community is second to none when it comes to supporting and helping young hockey players reach their goals. I guarantee I would not be the person I am today without the support and guidance the great people of this community showed me when I was younger. My fondest memories were of the times I spent with my teammates at the US Ice Sports Complex in Chesterfield. Now that this facility is gone, I fear many kids today will not get the chance to experience the great times and learn the valuable lessons I did when I was their age. Please do what's right and support this project to make sure this great community has the tools and facilities to allow the children of today to have the great experiences and memories I was fortunate enough to have.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:00:40	Marc	Hale	I am an adult recreational hockey player and a Creve Coeur resident who uses Creve Coeur Memorial park on a weekly basis. I love to hike, run, and walk the beautiful trails in the park, and I am beyond excited about the ability to have the opportunity to also play hockey at the park. I am very familiar with the area planned for the ice arena location, and I think it will be a great use of what is now just an empty field. I firmly believe that the ice arena project will only add to the opportunities which the park currently provides the community, and it will also give more people coming to the park to visit the area the opportunity to also discover the many wonders of Creve Coeur Memorial park. This project will be good for my community in so many ways, and I therefore support it with all my heart. Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:01:04	Diane	Metzger	As a St. Louis County resident, I am in favor of the proposed new ice and outdoor facility in Creve Coeur Park. The facility would be a great asset to our community and as I understand, Maryland Heights is in favor of the project. As far as the objections, there are already several parks in St. Louis County that currently have ice facilities, why would this be any different? Regarding wild life, there would be plenty of "green space" remaining in the park, as well as the vast amount of river wetlands nearby. I will be monitoring this situation closely. I trust our county leaders will make the correct decision for the citizens of our County. Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:02:08	David	Brandon	The St. Louis Ice Center would be tremendously valuable for children in the Greater St. Louis area as it would encourage health and wellness	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:03:48	Abbie	Lansary	Just returned from a hockey tournament in Tampa. What an amazing ice complex they have a what great opportunities it brings to the community! Can't believe STL does not have a state of the art facility similar. Even Florida has better ice facilities! Please bring a great complex to STL. It would be great for the community!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:20:13	Jamie	Lyon	Being a life time hockey player, and now raising my kids within the sport, I think this new rink is a great way to increase youth hockey in St. Louis, and offer facilities that will attract people and teams from all over the region. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity and money - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. This will continue to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. I spend a lot of time at CC park and the site that the new ice center will be, is perfect placement as it is central in the entire city of St. Louis, and the surrounding counties. The land itself, is unused at the moment, and does not hold any environmental positives (animals, agriculture, activities, etc.). Hope to be playing at this new rink soon!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:20:35	Michael	Roberts	STL needs more ice, especially for the growing youth hockey scene we have. Personally it would be great to be able to utilize and enjoy Creve Coeur Park during the winter months and this facility would attract people in the winter	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:34:25	Trig	Goodloe	Yey! St. Louis would benefit greatly. The youth hockey scene in St. Louis rivals the largest in the country - take the 2016 entry draft, for example. Have to encourage that growth. Will only help the community	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:35:21	Gary	Slay	Absolutely a must in STL I fully support the initiative and all the positive ancillary benefits the new ice center will bring to St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:35:38	Frank	Tyler	St. Louis youth and adult hockey desperately needs more ice sheets after the closure of Chesterfield. This project is an excellent use of land, and will give a needed boost to the local economy from traveling teams, tournaments, etc.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:44:24	Stephen	Douglas	Ice arena would be a great addition to the park. This would be a great place for kids interested in ice skating and ice hockey to gain exposure and better their skills	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:53:27	Karen	Milner	I do not support this complex in Creve Coeur park. Having a building this large, as well as the new roadways and parking lots to support it, would do the opposite of what a public park really is and do, which is give the community outdoor spaces to enjoy. There is plenty of land in the St. Louis area where development is needed, and I don't think the Creve Coeur park is the right place for this development.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/17/2017 10:54:55	Courtney	Kein	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 10:57:18	Trish	O'Neill	I am strongly against the proposed St. Louis Ice Complex being built at Creve Coeur Lake Park. It is a wonderful natural park which is unusual for a major metropolitan area. We should NOT be encouraging construction projects within or adjacent to it and undermining its ecosystem. There are a number of empty buildings and struggling shopping malls in the St. Louis area that are far more appropriate for this construction project.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/17/2017 11:00:46	Faizan	Syed	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:00:57	Lauren	Komadski	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:02:33	Morgan	Krogan	I strongly support the new ice center development. I have been following the proposal very closely since the beginning and the supporters of the project have very carefully considered any possible impact to the Park. I believe it will be an important addition to the Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:06:18	Camryn	James	The ice center will provide children with a state of the art facility to practice one of the fastest growing sports in our area. This facility has the potential to be the main hub of youth hockey in the area, and it would be ideal for hosting tournaments to bring in youth teams from other cities	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:07:35	Brandon	James	Can't wait to see this new facility built. I live in Atlanta and this will be the closest place to host large tournaments for all of us here in the South. Nice work on this one STL	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:13:02	Chris	McMillan	Full support this development. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:14:35	Jeff	Fellis	I also support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:14:58	Dustin	Scheller	Great facility! Will bring extra revenue.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:15:53	Jeff	Hogeman	Very excited about this complex. Visit the park at least once a week and love the idea of adding more activities	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:16:38	Tom	Dickshuber	As an NHL fan, seeing the number of high draft picks come from the St. Louis area was proof that organized hockey, from the Blues down to Pee-Wee and adult leagues, has become something of an identity for this town. Hockey is a fantastic team sport that teaches young people the discipline and commitment of teamwork with the added and shared difficulty of learning how to do all of that on ice. In short, the more boys, girls, parents and coaches that have access to a state of the art, environmentally sensitive facility, the more this identity as a hockey town will materialize.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:19:17	Tom	Dickshuber	Additionally, the center will work as an attraction for out of state travel teams and other out of towners who wish to partake in an icy treat	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:19:37	Tom	Dickshuber	This facility will bring another attraction to the area and I think will add a new development area where there was just an abandoned field. I think this is a great project	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:21:33	Tim	Wink	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:21:33	Tyler	Henke	I would love to see this project completed. St. Louis is a growing community for hockey fans & the sport in the past few years has drawn such an interest in youth and people of all ages. This would be a great addition to St. Louis and all surrounding areas as it would bring in many people from around the area to get involved and participate in ice rink related activities. Looking forward to the possibilities that this complex would provide	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:25:38	Morgan	Greenbury	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:25:38	Phil	Schneider	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:27:16	Ted	Noel	St. Louis has become a hot bed of hockey talent to the US and rest of the world (See 2016 NHL Draft) we need a new facility like this to capitalize on the momentum of youth hockey in St. Louis and make this area one of the top hockey communities in the country	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:28:45	James	Hunter	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:29:37	Tim	Hunter	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:35:09	Jeanne	Walk	• Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:35:09	Jeanne	Walk	• I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:40:47	Todd	Kaye	This is a great way to support local youth hockey and bring new visitors and activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:41:39	Scott	Voiles	St. Louis needs new and improved ice facilities and multi-use sports venues. With our history of the St. Louis Blues many of the young and upcoming ice hockey players are limited to the number of facilities that they can use to develop their skills	Comment noted.
N/A	7/17/2017 11:49:32	Mike	Bruny	With the loss of three sheets of ice at Hardee's topics, the entire STL area is in dire need of more rinks. This facility seems like a great idea as it is easily accessible from several roadways, and somewhat centrally located so that participants from all around the area can get to it quickly and easily. However, the proposed location scares me somewhat as I've never seen the area underneath during the last two winters, and I'm not sure if this would be a problem with the ice. If it does, it would be a problem with the ice. Then I'm all in for this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:52:44	Jack	Stapleton	I am a firm believer that this Saint Louis Ice Center will be a terrific addition to the county and especially Creve Coeur PARK! As a long time resident of the county and frequent visitor to the park I cannot think of any addition that could match or exceed the impact that this project WILL have! First of all it will enhance and improve facilities for all sports, not just hockey for county residents! We all know how important outdoor revenue is to the success of these facilities and I am convinced that the year round visitors competing and viewing multiple tournaments and competitions in winter sports will bring much needed \$\$\$ from visitors. I am thinking of other nights in addition to meals and other revenue generators! So my knowledge of the park is extensive... this facility will be on about a 40 acre plot of land that is not presently being used in a park that has more than 2,000 acres. We take care of a multitude of sports minded residents AND we attract visitors on many weekends that will spend here in our county... what is wrong with this picture... NOT A THING!! I highly encourage that all investors in this great project as this will enhance our collective town in many ways! Thanks so much!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:54:28	Gina	Brandt	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 11:54:29	Tiffany	Tocco	As a STL county resident who lives in Ballwin, MO, I am in support of the hockey arena.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:11:08	Carla	Gonatas	This new facility will be such an asset to the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:12:18	Jason	Brauer	The STL Ice Center will make a positive and lasting economic and environmental contribution to our community	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:13:58	Sarah	Youskevsky Kaye	I support the new ice complex. Ice hockey is growing so much and this would be a great use for the land	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:33:17	Paloma	Paloma	This complex will be an asset to the city for both skills development and enjoyment for hockey enthusiasts and economical development for the community	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:35:13	Keith	Alper	I am in full support of the St. Louis Ice Center. As a St. Louis county resident, a business owner and a supporter of St. Louis sports this project means a lot. For the community, region and even nationally. There are too many benefits to name but urge those making decisions to consider the impact this project will make, far outweighing any obstacles or opposition.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:41:42	Shelley	Woll	Negative Effect	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:45:52	Pam	Hardester	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:46:24	Jim	Gregg	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:46:48	Sharon	Stang	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:47:15	Paul	Bridges	Ice time was tight even with the Hardee's ice Plex. With this now gone it is more critical than ever to bring more ice to St. Louis to support the youth hockey movement. While this may bring more traffic to the park, that is good as well. I have never thought about this park before but now am interested in checking it out.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:48:45	Michael	Schlaman	Ice is needed to support this growing youth sport in St. Louis. Will help the whole region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:48:55	Holly	Libera	We need more ice for the kids!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:49:02	Jessica	Shatto	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:49:08	Kevin	Byrne	Additional ice space is badly needed to sustain our growing ice hockey community. The proposed venture meets this need with out putting any burden on the tax payer. To a parent of a young hockey player, the environmental concerns reported seem like just a smoke screen to scuttle the project because it would be on park property. Accept o reject the proposal on its merits and not on this environmental smoke screen	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:49:40	Mindy	West	We just lost 3 sheets in Chesterfield! Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:49:40	Ronnie	Fowlkes	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. If this is not built STL will lose out on the momentum created by our recent success in the last two NHL drafts, hockey is growing and without this rink it will slowly die out.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:50:23	Robert	Karandeff	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:50:23	Shelly	Justus	My son loves playing hockey and we have attended several camps out of state, including Wayne Gretzky's Camp. It would be nice to have those type of camps come to the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:54:54	Mary	Gale	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:54:54	Jim	Smith	As a frequent visitor to the area, with 4 sons in Spirit Hockey, I am very in favor of this proposed plan	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:54:54	Jim	Smith	St. Louis needs this ice! St. Louis hockey is having great growth and success right now and these new rinks are needed to keep the momentum going. The site right now is not used for any activities. Let's use it to help our kids and keep the spotlight on hockey in St. Louis. This will be a great tourism location so will also bring visitors and revenue to our city. A win for all!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:56:03	Tim	Kruze	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:56:45	Dan	Kruze	As a board member of a local high school team the shortage of ice in St. Louis is apparent. The addition of this rink would certainly be a step to improving the availability of ice in the region. Certainly the popularity of the hockey in St. Louis is growing and there are few other sports that demand the skill, dedication and athleticism that hockey does. All attributes that should be promoted.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 12:57:59	Matthew	Harp	I support the ice center because more sheets are sorely needed for our kids. This project is ideal and exactly what a thriving and forward thinking community does. As a region we need to stop allowing the vocal few to stop progress; this project had minimal environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:01:40	Ann	Kosuth	I am a hockey family that travels to the St. Louis area, and loves staying in Creve Coeur. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. We typically spend about \$300 to \$400 per weekend with hotels, meals, shopping and hockey fee to the rink as we are visiting. With the closure of Hardee's ice rinks, you need this ice. I've never had to schedule games in St. Louis due to a lack of ice availability. It's sharp frustrating. More ice is better	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:03:51	James	Byron	Ice hockey and figure skating travel teams and their families will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, hotels, shops, and other small businesses. I have seen first hand over the years what new ice centers can bring (Nashville, Madison, Tulsa and others in the region). Youth hockey is strong and growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of county park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:02:32	Jared	Wilson	My son has played ice hockey since he was 4 years old (now 13) and I have seen first hand the sport growing the world. St. Louis is a great need for additional ice facilities and this complex can only benefit the area. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:02:43	Kelly	Cutter	We need this ice rink with Chesterfield's rink being taken away. Ice hockey has grown in St. Louis. Let's support our youth	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:03:09	Scott	Smith	This hockey complex is a great idea. While there are other rinks in the Saint Louis Region it can be difficult to get to time. This complex will be a one-stop shop for hockey fans young and old. As a Saint Louis Blues fan and University City resident I'm looking forward to the opening of this complex. It's easily accessible and will help grow the game of hockey in the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:04:29	Lisa	Kutara	Adding a youth hockey ice center to St. Louis County would allow so many more kids to get involved in this great sport. It would be great to have a central location for St. Louis to host tournaments which is great for the neighboring restaurants and hotels as well helping to put St. Louis on the hockey map as a great hockey town.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:07:32	Craig	Herron	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact. And, youth hockey is a growing sport in STL that provides tremendous physical, emotional and mental developer opportunities for to keep our youth on the right path!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:09:46	Dan	Enke	My son (13 years old) has been playing hockey for 4 years and he loves it. We need this facility to accommodate all of the teams that come into town for tournaments. Without it, tournaments are limited yet there are so many available teams. This will also be a great way to bring visitors to St. Louis to show off the town and support the economy	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:10:24	Mark	Buckley	This rink would address a much needed concern in the hockey community, available ice. Additionally, the facility proposed will attract hockey teams from throughout the Midwest, and possibly nationally, for tournaments. They will bring both hockey players as well as family members to our region and support local restaurants, hotels and other businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:10:24	Mark	KOBOLDT	Hockey is a wonderful sport for all ages - my son is 9 and I am 53 and we both play hockey. A new rink is greatly needed and the entire facility would enhance the offering at Creve Coeur Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:11:16	Jason	Cutter	I learned to play hockey at the Webster Outdoor rink. Last forward 20 years later I am driving 25 to 40 minutes to continue to skate with my pals. This sport builds friendships that last a life time. Life lessons are learned that can't be taught in a classroom. I would hate to see the hockey momentum created here in St. Louis lost by our inability to provide the facilities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:11:25	Nate	Korda	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
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POS	7/17/2017 13:11:58	Mike	Ryan	• I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:11:58	Mike	Ryan	• Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:11:58	Mike	Ryan	• Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:11:58	Mike	Ryan	• I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:12:08	Gary	Minnell II	Youth hockey organization and discipline is far above any other youth sport. We need more quality facilities to allow more families to participate	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:12:56	Shon	Mitler	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:14:17	Katherine	Benoit	The St. Louis region is in need of developing and advancing their community park system to be inclusive of all residents sports and leisure activities. In nearby regions including Springfield, AR and Springfield, MO, they have created vibrant parks with ice rinks designed to meet the needs of all members of their community as well as showcase area of their city that also attract new residents and a positive economy. Minneapolis, MN is the nation's example of public parks system that incorporates bike trails, tennis, swimming, playing fields, open spaces, natural habitat, and ice rinks. St. Louis needs to step up and advance their park system to also be a leader in the nation as well as further encourage development and support of sports teams and visitors to our city so we may continue to grow and needed economic revenue and a positive image nationally and internationally. The proposed development has shown sound economic thought and judgment with community leaders, a contribution from private business to support the endeavor, and efficient and effective use of land that extends the community possibilities as well as encourage the retention and growth of the surrounding natural habitat. Let's. Louis be a leader showing other communities how people and nature can come together in an accessible and inclusive park system open to the needs and desires of all residents while improving our economy. Efforts like this benefit everyone! Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:16:04	Greg	Smith	This project will serve thousands of St. Louis Countians now and for generations to come. It will put us on the map nationally as a mecca for amateur ice sports and demonstrate to our community and the Country that we are once again capable of doing big things. It will make us all proud and serve an important demand for ice recreation facilities	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:16:11	Ryan	Griffith	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:16:24	Jason	Hogland	This rink is mandatory for the success of St. Louis hockey and its youth athletes. St. Louis produces professional and Olympic talent, without the proper amount of rinks we cannot foster our youth into the young men and women we aspire for them to be. These rinks do not only facilitate the growth of players, they help grow quality members c society.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:17:07	Elise	Seidl	I support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center. It would be a great addition to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. It would serve many people in our region and beyond	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:17:28	Jamie	Trader	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:19:44	Brian	Lienbrocker	St. Louis has developed a tremendous reputation nationally for youth hockey. In order to maintain and grow this community strength, it is imperative that we have a modern facility that will accommodate the tremendous regional demand for ice sheet	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:19:57	Dawn	Luzas	St. Louis is going to be world class in skating/hockey, we are in a prime time for ice sheets to encourage our youth, providing the infrastructure to continue to attract future & be recognized in the world. I also support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:21:26	Jason	Watzel	Love the plan. This town needs more sheets of ice, and I'm so glad that you have taken this by the horns and tried to solve the problem	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:21:26	John	Kutz	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:24:07	Tom	Kutz	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that will integrate with community needs	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:25:12	Kristina	Barada	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:25:35	Matt	Sellers	Sports give kids an outlet and the confidence to succeed in life. This is a great opportunity for this generation and future ones too	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:25:58	Brian	Ray	Ice sports help our youth become healthy, responsible adults. Also, the added ice will host events which brings people and money to St. Louis	Comment noted.

				As a father of three hockey players (2 girls and 1 boy) at various stages of their lives, I have seen firsthand the impact this sport has had on their character and growth. Hockey has so many life lessons that my children have taken away and applied to their lives. They know that hard work, team work and discipline are all critical to success. They know that if you "coast" or "take a shift off" it will be noticed. They know that they are only as good as their teammates. They know that there are going to be setbacks and how to overcome them.	
POS	7/17/2017 13:28:36	Jim	Anderson	One other CRITICAL point is that this game has given my daughters an opportunity to COMPETE with boys on the same ice. They have learned what it means to overcome negativity and have learned to work EXTRA hard to earn respect. My daughters KNOW that they should NEVER take a basket to ANYONE for any reason but especially because they are girls. This sport has empowered them and taught them that they can accomplish anything. Please proceed with this magnificent facility. It is desperately needed and an investment in the character of our youth. I have seen firsthand the transformative power of this great sport on my children and their many teammates through the years.	Comment noted.
				With the recent closures and the booming growth of this sport for both boys and girls, it is critically important that this project proceed. Not only will thousands and thousands of our youth benefit from the great sport of hockey, but many, many more will benefit from the overall community enhancement (public events and skating opportunities for figure skating, as a gathering/socializing spot for the community, etc.) In addition, this will become a very attractive hub of ice-centric events and tournaments that will draw in teams and spectators from all over North America. Not only will this enhance our local economy (hotels, restaurants, entertainment, airport, rental cars, etc.) but it will also offer our children the chance to enjoy their sports in their hometown.	
				I am respectfully asking that you please proceed with this critical project and investment in our community and especially the youth of the entire St. Louis region. Thank you!	
POS	7/17/2017 13:30:32	Craig	Buesterfeld	The proposed ice rink facility in Creve Coeur Lake Park in St. Louis County, Missouri would be an excellent recreational use of public park space benefiting not only St. Louis residents but throughout the Midwest.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:31:30	Dee Dede	Knapp	Youth hockey is a wonderful way to bring new families into the St. Louis area. Families will come to this beautiful rink to enjoy the rink as well as visit other amazing sites around the St. Louis area. My family and I are looking forward to this new rink in our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:35:07	Tim	Knapp	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:36:57	Brad	Ligman	This project is vital to the long term growth of the region and will fill a vital need in the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:38:36	Paul	McCool	I strongly support this project. Hockey has grown tremendously in the St. Louis area and the current infrastructure cannot support it. Not only is it important to provide youth with the opportunity to get involved in hockey but a first class complex is a plus for the community as a whole. Large regional tournaments bring money into the area for hotels, restaurants and retail.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:40:29	Carrie	Reynolds	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:40:42	Chris	Schroedrowski	My son played youth hockey and made friends that he will carry thru his adult life. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:40:55	Kimberly	Geraghty	I think it would be a wonderful addition to the park! There isn't enough ice for the kids to use around here and it would be a great central location.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:40:58	Katy	Benoit	St. Louis has frequently been selected by USA Hockey, the sport's national governing body, as a region for tournaments that bring families and visitors from Alaska, California, New York, Florida, Texas and many other areas across the U.S. Our state's largest facility, comprised of three ice rinks, was recently closed in Chesterfield. To sustain our own hockey community, it is paramount that we have a new facility. Combining it in a public setting with other community-related activities keeps St. Louis ahead as well as inclusive to all sports-minded families. We are excited that St. Louis County is leading a positive and thoughtful path to continue to include hockey as one of its sports programs, and understands the economic benefit to all in the community. Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:41:41	Jeff	Westmeyer	We need more rinks for the kids who want to play hockey and other ice sports. Ice sports are a great activity year round and a great investment in our youth.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:42:54	Thomas Jr.	Sims	This project could be a crown jewel to the area and complement the recreational activities that occur there. It could be a draw to visitors from the surrounding region which would bring revenue to support and maintain the park and increase visibility. With attention to sensitivity in design, (structure and landscape), both entities could certainly exist in harmony with one another.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:43:07	Dawn	Nagler	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:44:11	yuhanng	sun	Hockey is a great sport for kids and adults. However, to get my kids to play more games, we have to spend a lot of time and money to travel. I play in HMA. Some games are over near midnight. It is just grueling after years and years late night hockey.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:44:42	Brett	Honerkamp	I fully support new ice in STL and in the park proposed to support our ice sport community growth. Lets not let a couple of differing opinions keep that from happening. Please find a way to work it out so that all parties are happy with the solution, and we can keep a positive aspect of the STL community growing successfully.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:44:03	Lindsay	Buesterfeld	Would be a great use of this space!	Comment noted.
				Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	
				Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	
POS	7/17/2017 13:48:27	Betty	Sisco	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
				I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	
POS	7/17/2017 13:49:52	Dave	Rowowski	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:50:41	Dave	Hester	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:52:01	Dave	Hester	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:52:58	Andrew	Rogan	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:53:08	Dave	Hester	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:53:51	Christine	Heffernan	Youth hockey needs more ice available. This will be a great addition to the community. The rink is especially strong now that Chesterfield's rink has closed. Looking forward to this facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:54:26	Mike	Heffernan	St. Louis needs this ice complex. Thousands of kids for years to come will benefit.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:54:57	Michelle	Sattler	My son has been playing hockey for six years in the STL area. Losing the ice at Chesterfield has created an overflow of kids in other areas and we simply don't have enough ice to support the love of hockey our city is demonstrating. Creve Coeur is a central location for the city so would attract kids and families from all over the stl area and help u keep our kids and families active! We fully support an ice center in Creve Coeur!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:58:10	Patrick	Quinn	I feel this development will only add to the current amenities offered at Creve Coeur Lake. This is the perfect spot. No different than Queeny Park or Steinberg. I fully expect this will improve the health of many as the moms and dads, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas that drive their loved one to practice will be inclined to stay in the area and take a lap around the lake. Improving their own physical and mental well-being.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 13:58:43	Jim	Oliver	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:01:28	Mary	Goodman	I am a County resident and visit our beautiful parks all the time. I think it is a great idea to build the ice center inside Creve Coeur Park and offer yet another activity for visitors. I also think it would introduce Creve Coeur Park to those that would otherwise never visit the Park!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:06:16	Jennifer	Cioli	I support the ice center because youth hockey is growing in St. Louis, and I think this is a great use of a small portion of the park which is currently not being used effectively.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:06:26	Michael	Dubois	Hockey is exploding in the Midwest, but no town has to travel 40 minutes to the nearest rink for practice. Creve Coeur has the potential to host the next generation of Missouri hockey players.	Comment noted.
				Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	
POS	7/17/2017 14:06:15	Sandy	Sheddenbower	I also think this is a great way to bring visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
				I think this is a great use of park land that is currently unusable.	
POS	7/17/2017 14:08:34	Ellen	Smith	An ice complex will greatly benefit the region--we know from experience that hockey brings whole families into an area, benefiting all the local restaurants, hotels, etc. and also promoting positive use of the park by increasing the visitors. Please consider this idea.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:15:02	Hatice	Gochtaity	This is a great idea. We definitely need this. Especially after Chesterfield ice rink has been closed. My husband plays at least 2 times a week. I have two little girls who absolutely love playing ice hockey but it is very challenging because we do have to drive to town county and with traffic it could take almost an hour to get to any of the ice rinks that have tournaments for girls.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:15:04	Brett	Shorts	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:18:54	matthew	johnson	I completely support the new rink. The St. Louis hockey community has put decades worth of work into developing an outstanding environment to develop young hockey players. A rink such as that proposed will help to make up for ice lost elsewhere, as well as provide an excellent venue to showcase our players, programs, and civic support among the best in the Midwest.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:19:45	Chuck	Munroe	I support the ice center project because youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:21:03	Andrew	L	I support St. Louis Hockey	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:27:34	Jay	Repaso	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact. Note, comment posted twice)	Comment noted.
				I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	
POS	7/17/2017 14:28:22	Kevin	Fink	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:30:43	jeannie	Summers	This is a great use of public funds and land. It will bring money into the community and be a great place for kids to keep off the streets	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:31:55	jymms88@yahoo.com	Mike	Please make this happen. It is a wasted lot right now and could be saving a popular local sport.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:32:51	Roberta	Erion	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:37:56	Daran	Altag	I believe this ice complex would be a much needed addition to the St. Louis area and a positive for the growing Ice Hockey programs of St. Louis. It would also be a great addition for Hockey tournaments for both local teams and teams traveling to play here.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:44:32	Tom	Paaris	with what youth hockey offers STL kids and families this is a no-brainer and needs to get done as STL needs new ice surfaces and this is a great option.	Comment noted.
				Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	
				Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	
POS	7/17/2017 14:45:11	mike	wolff	We need more ice in St. Louis. We are starting to produce NHL quality players and we could produce so much more (and enhance everyone's experience) by having a high quality, multi-rink facility. Other cities (such as Chicago) have many of them. We have none. That is pathetic. We need to get in the big league.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:45:23	Jessica	Hames	Youth hockey is growing in the St. Louis area. Sports in general are great for kids. We need to support these programs to offer opportunities to our kids.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:45:27	Gary	Feder	Hockey is very important to Saint Louis and promoting youth hockey is essential. This project needs our support!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:45:32	Neil	Komadaski	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:46:18	Shannon	Lewandowski	The region and area as a desperate need of a new ice rink facility. Rinks have been very successful in local parks and we would support it 100%	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:51:03	Hollie	Barron	Youth hockey is growing in the St. Louis area. We need more ice for our kids to practice and play games on. Please support this new facility. Sports teach kids so many important life skills.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:52:36	Bryan	Lawrence	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 14:59:49	Jill	Niedbalski	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:01:24	Lam	Lam	This is my sons 2nd year playing hockey he loves it and wants to continue. this is not just fun for my son it's a chance for him to make new friends, build confidence, be apart of something and be active while growing. This keeps him off the ipads, this keeps him healthy not just now but I'm hoping for the rest of his life. I'm hoping when he's older he will give back to the community just as this community is doing now. One of the beauties with a project like this offers is not just a building but dreams for our new generations maybe NHL, Olympic figure skating, speed skating or just learning to skate. That's what you are building please remember.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:06:06	Michele	Kraemer	Bringing ice hockey to the park is a great use of land and provides healthy activity for a growing sport.	Comment noted.
				Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	
POS	7/17/2017 15:14:37	melissa	boeren	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:17:52	Alice	Lucas	I very much support the ice rink at Creve Coeur Lake. So many young children are playing ice hockey, and they all have family who have to get them to the activities. Grandparents and aunts and uncles also go to ice hockey, even if the child is 6 years old. This brings people to the parks who haven't previously visited the parks, and they will remember how wonderful it was when they plan other activities and need to rent facilities for events.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:19:32	Nick	Dragan	Please support the building of the new ice rink.	Comment noted.
				Youth hockey not only provides a great team and physical activity, it is something kids can do their entire life. I still play after starting 45 years ago.	
POS	7/17/2017 15:19:39	Will	Pinkston	Speaking as someone who frequently uses Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park for biking, walking my dogs, playing disc golf and afternoon outings with my wife and son, I cannot be more for this proposal to build an ice rink complex at the park. Hands down, Creve Coeur Lake is my family's favorite St. Louis County Park to frequent, not only because of its convenient and centrally-located (within the county) geography, but also because of the vast recreational opportunities. This ice facility only bolsters the park's offerings, and brings an added dimension for those winter months when that biting wind makes it too cold to walk and bike along the Lake's eastern shore. I'm unequivocally a "True St. Louis Blues fan, through and through--who was extremely excited to relocate to St. Louis from Kentucky, where my son can grow up in a community known as one of the United States' best youth hockey markets. An ice facility of this scope reinforces that image, already getting national attention, and helps our community become a regional destination for tournaments and recreation. Everyone should know that rink time is a gem, and this facility would make a significant dent in that problem. I implore the powers that be to strongly consider the benefits of bringing such an opportunity into our community. Thanks.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:25:22	John	Duffy	For several years my son has been visiting other midwestern cities for hockey tournaments, and it's about time to our growing reputation for youth hockey development by building a facility like those I've seen throughout Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and even Tennessee. You have my support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:26:30	Ray	Loehr	I would support an ice rink in that area. I grew up skating in Forest Park and skating has been a positive experience for me and I believe that it can be a positive experience for kids. It's a winter activity that everyone can participate in and even compete in ice sports like speed skating or hockey should they choose.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:34:00	John	Meyer	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis. Recently, we've lost many of sheets of ice. It's critical we have ample access to quality ice for all ages and levels. My entire family thinks this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed - not to mention bringing some water habitat to the area. Please make this happen!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:37:37	Kristin	Waltz	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
				We need ice in St. Louis for all these kids who love the sport!	
POS	7/17/2017 15:43:27	Rob	Bensing	It is important support all sports in the St. Louis region. The proposed ice complex for Creve Coeur park would put our region on the map for ice hockey/figure skating competitors. It would be economically important for the area who already boasts affordable hotels and restaurants. To me it's a no brainer. I sure don't remember any opposition when the now soccer park was being proposed and then built in the same area. For this region to compete for out of town business, we need ice hockey/facility, for example the proposed facility for Chesterfield which would only be used for soccer, baseball and softball. Area hockey families are being discriminated against, for choosing hockey over the traditional boring sports of this area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:43:49	Jeffrey	Ulverchio	Seriously, get this project going! Youth sports teach kids invaluable skills, keep them out of trouble, and bring the surrounding area tons of money from tournaments, games etc. It's seriously a no brainer.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 15:54:50	Missy	Boccardi	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:02:10	Kathy	Duborn	The ice rink will be used by all residents in the region. We are so excited to be able to have this addition to our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:05:59	Stacey	Lakeweg	This would be so great for the area. There are so many kids who love to play hockey, figure skating or just plain love to skate. We have lost 3 sheets of ice when Hardee's closed. This will help fill the gap so kids don't have to get up at 6 am to practice or stay up till 11 pm on school night to get in practice. This is in an area of the park that is not used and wouldn't hurt the park but enhance it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:07:57	Steve	Loeber	What a wonderful opportunity to support the hockey community in St. Louis. The kiddos need more ice time and support for our Blues team is essential to growing the city.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:09:57	Lawson	Lawson	There was already a shortage of ice surfaces in St. Louis when Hardee's shut down will make it worse. This will make it better, but still more is needed.	Comment noted.
				The ice rink appears to create another opportunity to engage the youth of the community in team bonding and physical education for a time when many parents complain about individualistic and unengaged youth. The environmental impact appears minimal over the current situation, the community wide impact appears strictly positive.	
POS	7/17/2017 16:13:35	Tom	Newman	It's about time STL gets serious about supporting our youth hockey players with a state of the art facility not only for our hometown teams, but one that we can be proud of as we host out of town teams for tournaments in the year to come. With the recent success of local youth in the NHL, the addition of this complex can only help our region talent succeed on the national stage.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:27:34	Larry	Haffner	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:29:52	jonathani	Neising	I would strongly like to encourage you to move forward with the plans for expanding the ice rink in Creve Coeur. I play hockey in a men's league, and almost after every game which my family comes to watch we go out with a group of us to a local restaurant in the immediate area too. I wish my local town was building one, but since they're not would like you to remember the economic benefits you bring to all the business owners in the area. Bars and restaurants especially not to mention the additional jobs you'll be creating.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:43:41	Max	Thomas	We love youth hockey and Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park would be a great location.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:45:27	joseph	robichaud	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. The SLIC would be a step in the right direction.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:45:58	brody	robichaud	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. The SLIC would be a step in the right direction.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:46:20	melissa	melissa	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. The SLIC would be a step in the right direction.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:52:48	Scott	Abeln	This project would be a win/win for the St. Louis region. It would give the growing sport of youth hockey 4 much needed sheets of ice, while bringing countless people to a great county park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 16:56:35	Meaghan	Goodman	I support this facility because it would provide numerous opportunities for area youth to grow physically and mentally. I would alleviate some of the stress from now finding a location to practice and play. Additionally, it would alleviate the stress for families in having very early or very late practice, game, and/o competition times. This facility has the potential to shape the next Gold medal figure skater, or perhaps the future hockey players who finally bring the Stanley Cup to St. Louis!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:00:13	Mark	Trampeter	Our family 100% supports this project. The ice center project is not only good for the St. Louis hockey community but will also give an economic boost to all businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:03:41	Carli	Trampeter	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact!	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:12:36	Ryan	Ryan	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:15:20	Lane	Lane	With the growth of youth hockey in the area and the closing of Hardee's complex there is a dire need for another ice rink for kids. Why would anyone oppose this?	Comment noted.
NEG	7/17/2017 17:17:01	Loft	Wheeler	I am opposed to building an ice facility on the land within Creve Coeur Park. I use this park for hiking and biking and do not want a large building on the lake shore as an eyesore and disrupting the existing flood plain. This is a terrible use of public park land and should be stopped.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:44:18	Robert	Schredelgerhan	I support the rink development. The rink is a public recreational facility in line with the use of the park and the potential benefits of ice out of the land, particularly in the off season, when the park is underutilized.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:54:26	Jon	Hodgins	With the recent closing of the Hardee's Plex our region is in desperate need of a new facility. The proposed facility will allow our region's youth hockey program to continue to grow and flourish. This project is vital in not only allowing our youth to continue with the great sports of hockey and figure skating but also in the significant economic benefit it will have in regard to job creation and attracting high profile ice events to our region. I urge the Park Service and local government to seriously consider the incredible benefits this new facility will have on the region and the youth of St. Louis and turn this project into a reality.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:55:33	Doug	Merrille	We need more ice. We have had some recent success with producing great hockey athletes in St. Louis. Let's keep it moving forward.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 17:59:28	Giffithus	Giffithus	Saint Louis needs more ice for youth hockey. Youth hockey is a wonderful sport and it improves our children's lives. It improves our children's lives. It improves our children's lives. It improves our children's lives.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:05:28	Mike	Sarlo	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:08:16	Gary	Waldman	In favor of the rink. 10% of thousands will be served in that space in the park. No brainer.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:10:59	Jeffrey	Wyman	Hockey is a growing sport here in St. Louis and with the Chesterfield ice rink closing we are running out of places to play and this proposed rink should help solve that.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:11:42	Scott	Moore	We need to support hockey in St. Louis. We lost Chesterfield and other rinks are also in decline.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:12:02	Gary	Solomon	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:14:56	Jennifer	Hoffelder	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors to a beautiful St. Louis County Park. I think it is a great way to provide healthy activities for our St. Louis area youth.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:15:43	Jason	Turbin	Build the Rink! Let's stop going backwards St. Louis! We need top facilities to attract top employers and grow our metropolitan area! Quality of life is one of the first things companies look at when deciding where to set their jobs.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:21:58	Golden	Peters	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/17/2017 18:24:36	Minor	Minor	An open air rink would be a nice addition to the park. However, a large building would not. Use the park routinely and it has a nice natural feel with no large structures. Please keep it that way.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:25:18	Cathy	Arnold	Placing an ice rink in this location would be a wonderful and helpful effort.	Comment noted.
POS	7/17/2017 18:27:35	Rick	DeCollo	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive	

POS	7/17/2017 18:45:25	Christina Hausmann	Bring more jobs and the community together!!	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 18:51:36	Brian Carlton	We need this ice hockey and other ice sports are exploding in popularity and we're losing 3 sheets of ice. It's been hard enough to get ice time and losing ice will make it even more difficult.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 18:52:58	Brian Krani Jr.	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
NEG	7/17/2017 18:56:04	Autumn Simons	The ice center threatens the floodplain and will only create greater problems for our communities in the future.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:01:39	Hannah Leimink	I support the ice center because it actually address 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:02:49	Brian Taylor	The St. Louis region needs more ice rinks. As a man over the age of 30 ice can be hard to come by. Would love new rinks to be added to the area. If/when I have kids, I would love for them to have the opportunity to try and play this game as well. More ice rinks give that a stronger possibility	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:09:32	Dan Leary	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:11:17	Richard Huynh	Youth hockey and special needs hockey are growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:21:59	John Paul Saracino	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:22:04	Sean Keller	I'm a big supporter of the ice center	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:23:07	Rich Oliver	I currently visit Creve Coeur Park about once a year. After the rink facility is built, I estimate visiting the park several dozens of times per year. Thanks for increasing the public usage of this park by providing a recreation venue that I and my children will enjoy for years to come	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:38:28	Luke Oliver	I am looking forward to visiting Creve Coeur Park to ice skate. Thanks for making a rink close to my home and giving me a reason to enjoy this beautiful Creve Coeur Park with its new 4-rink ice facility - currently a park I never visit - but, soon will	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:49:08	Denise DeGreff	We need more ice for the growing local hockey teams. Perfect place for it.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 19:55:41	Don Tomer	The St. Louis area could use more rinks, the demand is greater than the supply. Many of the other rinks lack adequate amenities such as adequate dressing rooms. It would be a great addition to the region	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:06:22	Ronald Denard	This would be a great addition to Creve Coeur Park. Not only would it bring people to the park during the summer, but more importantly, during the winter. The rink will bring so many benefits to the city and county including revenue and jobs	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:11:10	Susannah Danforth	I am so excited for this opportunity for St. Louis. Growing up in a hockey family in Massachusetts I was really available and hockey was the number one family and community sport. With two youth (and one adult) hockey players in our family, it has been challenging to juggle ice time/locations, and will be harder with the closing of the Chesterfield sheets and with ongoing cooling and space issues in other area ice (Webster, Brentwood, Quency). We have made it happen because 1. We love the sport. 2. We love that youth hockey enables our players to spend quality time with kids/athletes from outside their zip code/friend/group/school. 3. St. Louis is breaking out as a very strong feeder for national college hockey and beyond. Our boys are not playing beyond high school but count their time on the ice as among their most valuable. Bottom line: this proposal is an excellent use of this land and will have a priceless long-term financial and social impact on the St. Louis area. St. Louis can't let yet another growth opportunity pass it by.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:12:36	Chad Carbone	This ice complex is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. Hockey is growing in the US and St. Louis is a great location in the middle of the country to bring teams from all to participate in tournaments and showcases.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:16:26	Ron Stanley	This a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
			When this rink finally gets built we will be there. Make it happen	
			July 17, 2017	
			Subject: Opposition to the Hockey Facility at Creve Coeur Lake	
			I am opposed to the location of the proposed Legacy Ice Foundation indoor hockey facility at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park in St. Louis County, Missouri.	
			I am a neighboring St. Charles County resident, and frequent the park with my wife and our family and friends for its natural beauty and wonderful outdoor recreation. We routinely hike the trails, kayak in the lake, picnic in that pavilion, and observe the wildlife and birds. This is a perfect spot in a large metropolitan area to get out in nature and enjoy the views and outdoor physical activities. However, this is the wrong location to build a monstrous building, cover huge expanses of open land with parking lots...all in a floodplain.	
			The bike ride on the Great Rivers Greenway trail (which we do often) from the KATY State Park Trail, over the Hwy. 364 Page Extension Bridge, to and around Creve Coeur Lake is outstanding! On that entire stretch, there are no large buildings in view, just beautiful green space. Kayaking in the largest all-natural lake in Missouri is so peaceful and relaxing. The diversity of the birds through all four seasons and wildlife that we can observe along those trails and around the lake is amazing. Adding this facility to the north end of the park would be an eyesore and add additional flooding potential with all that impervious area of roofs and parking lots.	
			Adding almost 1,500 parking spaces to this area would increase congestion, which then becomes a safety hazard for all involved, especially the walkers and bicyclists. The infrastructure in the area would not support this mass of people adding concerns to all of the people attempting to perform the outdoor activities that we already enjoy in the park.	
NEG	7/17/2017 20:21:34	Aaron Jungbluth	If I were a taxpayer in St. Louis County, I would feel that this is a misuse of public park land and public taxpayer money. The expense of this project on taxpayer money is not right, with little to no revenue stream to recoup those dollars. The location of this proposed facility is wrong also, in a floodplain (in other words, a plain that floods). Use of taxpayer money to repair the facility and its parking lots when, and not if, it floods is also a misuse. If I were a taxpayer in St. Louis County, I would be demanding a vote of the public to determine proper use of this money.	Comment noted
			However, this also affects me monetarily. Money was granted to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, which are tax dollars. This fund was designated for outdoor recreation, and an indoor hockey facility is neither the proper use of undeveloped land or conservation.	
			Since grading has already occurred on this land, I propose a better use for this area that meets the Land and Water Conservation requirements. Let's work together to plant a diverse prairie habitat and continue with the proposed water retention natural wetlands. A walking trail could wind its way through this prairie and wetlands with interpretive signs about the importance of prairies and some of the plants, animals, and birds that all make the area home. Right next door in the savannah area with the large, old trees and open grass, additional native trees could be planted. Once again a trail winding through the trees identifying each one and its importance to wildlife and people could be posted. These ideas would not ruin the landscape, would be naturally aesthetically pleasing to park goers, and actually help reduce potential flooding.	
			I am not opposed to children, indoor organized sports, or St. Louis sport team pride...all very important aspects of life in the St. Louis area. However, I am opposed to the location of the proposed Legacy Ice Foundation indoor hockey facility at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park in St. Louis County, Missouri.	
			Thank you for your time and please stop this hockey facility proposal from moving forward in this location.	
			Sincerely, Aaron Jungbluth 2903 Cottage Drive July 17, 2017	
			Subject: Opposition to the Hockey Facility at Creve Coeur Lake	
			"In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create, but what we refuse to destroy." John Sawhill, past president of The Nature Conservancy	
			Much will be destroyed and become a mess if the Legacy Ice Foundation indoor hockey facility becomes a reality at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park in St. Louis County, Missouri. The ice rink is a great idea, however, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park is not the right location.	
			I am opposed to the ice rink for the following reasons:	
			1. Despite the fact that the building foundation will be raised on the proposed facility, it is still being built in a flood plain. If the levy breeches during high water on the river, an emergency evacuation plan will need to go into play. People could be put at risk.	
			2. Marine Avenue goes under water during high rain events. The proposed ice rink will not be accessible during such times as Marine Avenue is the only road into and out of the proposed facility. Couple this with item #1 above, and this spells a real disaster.	
			3. Creve Coeur Park Memorial County Park is already extremely crowded on the weekends and during special events. Parking is already an issue. Adding an ice rink facility that seats over 4,000 and building a parking lot that only accommodates 1,500 will only add to this problem.	
			4. This proposal should have gone to a vote. A growing body of people are feeling that this deal was snuck in at the last minute behind their backs.	
			5. Ice rinks usually have a 'life' of about 10 years. Once this time has passed, equipment that is used to maintain the ice must be replaced. This is an extremely costly. It is sad to think that the taxpayers will probably get stuck with this bill.	
			6. Money was granted to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. This money comes from tax dollars. This fund was designated for outdoor recreation, and an indoor hockey facility is not the proper use of undeveloped land or conservation.	
			7. I am not opposed to children, indoor organized sports, or St. Louis sport team pride...all very important aspects of life in the St. Louis area. However, I am opposed to the location of the proposed Legacy Ice Foundation indoor hockey facility at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park in St. Louis County, Missouri. There are a number of other sites that already have the infrastructure of plumbing, gas, electricity, etc. to support such a project. The following locations already have these basic necessities: *The old Chrysler Plant in Fenton would be a great location. *The Mills Mall would be another great location (The mall itself is dwindling, but the ice rink is still in use. One rink is already there - just add three more.) *Chesterfield Mall is in bankruptcy - yet another great possibility.	
			7. Since grading has already occurred on this land, I propose a better use for this area that meets the Land and Water Conservation Fund requirements. Let's work together to plant a diverse prairie habitat and continue with the proposed water retention natural wetlands. A walking trail could wind its way through this prairie and wetlands with interpretive signs about the importance of prairies and some of the plants, animals, and birds that all make the area home. Right next door in the savannah area with the large, old trees and open grass, additional native trees could be planted. Once again a trail winding through the trees identifying each one and its importance to wildlife and people could be posted. These ideas would not ruin the landscape, would be naturally aesthetically pleasing to park goers, and actually help reduce potential flooding.	
POS	7/17/2017 20:24:41	Tim Mckittrick	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:26:28	Alison Mckown	St. Louis desperately needs this ice facility for the future of youth hockey and the development of great hockey players. A must	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:28:10	Keely Abeln	I am supporting the ice rink because of the number of children this will have a positive impact on. I understand the concern for nature and wildlife, but I do feel like the two retention ponds they are planning to put in will be better for the wildlife than the current empty field	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:45:43	Bernie Sullivan	I want to support the proposed rink at Creve Coeur Park. It will be great for the park & for thousands of people. Build it. The rink will be a great addition to the park.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:47:54	Matt Mercille	Some of my best childhood memories were centered around ice hockey and the Friends I made playing the game. Live in Creve Coeur and have 2 small children that I would someday love to introduce the amazing sport of hockey to. St. Louis needs more ice! Creve Coeur Park would be an awesome venue for it	Comment noted
			This is a NO BRAINER!	
POS	7/17/2017 20:51:09	Gerard Hempstead	As someone who has played and coached hockey over the last 40 years, I know how much demand there is for good ice facilities.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:52:52	Candice Harper	What better way to use public land to support the region and continue to foster the growth of world class amateur hockey in St. Louis	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:55:07	Robert Fort	I'm in favor of the new ice center!	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 20:59:16	Kim Baker	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted
NEG	7/17/2017 21:05:46	Ji Baccabella	This would be a absolute an asset to our already incredible city. Great recreational activities for the residents!!!! Fabulous for our hotels. Great for athletes and entertainment!!!!!! All around a win win!!!!!! Also fulfills the parks master plan!!	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:11:46	Tom Hurt	It's a DISGRACE how this sorry excuse of a city, Environmental Assessment "asserts that only five sites - all in/near County parks - were viable. If this thing is really the economic engine it's sold as, then this 3500-seat USHL arena with accommodations should go in a location zoned to accommodate other businesses which would benefit from it. But, no, we get a location at the foot of Creve Coeur Lake which has had three "100-year" floods in the last 22 months. There are many, many other issues as well, but I'll save those for my letter to the National Park Service in Omaha protesting this travesty which you support lock, stock, and barrel.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. One was at Quency Park and the others were in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park or in the vicinity of it. It was determined that the selected location is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/17/2017 21:12:39	Evan Nutt	This would be great for the area and youth hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:14:42	Richard Sabo	I fully support placing a new ice rink here at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. The positive benefits reach across the entire St. Louis area, across all ages and other demographics.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:16:11	Tom Morgan	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and a new activity to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. The economic impact would be tremendous, with visiting teams attending tournaments and local teams practicing and playing league games. An easily accessed central location easily is also advantageous as the new rink is needed to replace aging rinks scattered throughout St. Louis County. As the proposed is not being used, environmental issues should not be a concern. My only reservation would be the possible difficulty of keeping the park and lake clean of trash and debris due to the increased vehicle traffic and hockey players, families, and spectators.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:17:44	Dave Rickard	This would be great for the area and youth hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:17:44	Dave Rickard	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region. I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. I support the ice center because it actually address 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted
NEG	7/17/2017 21:18:56	Donna Romero	I am against the ice rink at Creve Coeur Lake. Plenty of other places to put it that won't destroy natural areas.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. One was at Quency Park and the others were in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park or in the vicinity of it. It was determined that the selected location is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/17/2017 21:26:44	Darrell Baker	This project would be a great enhancement to the park and provide an added dimension to be enjoyed by the entire population of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:28:57	Joe Goldberg	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:37:08	Joe Antron	Reasonable ice times are becoming more invidious due to lack of ice sheets.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:40:51	Casey Ott	I get many weekends growing up with family at the numerous county parks and rinks, this only enhances the experience for the community of families. This new recreation facility is multi functional for families, encompassing a variety of activities and will serve as a conduit for hockey in the heartland	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:40:53	Lisa Moreau	I have been playing hockey since I moved here ten years ago. Started at Lindenwood and have played at almost all of St. Louis area rinks. I have been skating since I was three and 27 years later I still love to skate. It's a pure passion and I will encourage my kids to skate as they grow. Expanding St. Louis area ice arenas would be 100% beneficial. I great reason - 1	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:40:53	Lisa Moreau	We support the Blues which would not support the simple joy and love for those who don't get paid for it but rather play to do because it's FUN!! I support this and look forward to skating there in the future.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 21:41:00	Taka Yanagimoto	As a father to a young hockey player I fully support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center. We have played in every rink in St. Louis metro area and I can say that St. Louis is in desperate need of more sheets of ice. Having a state of the art ice and recreation facility will no doubt strengthen the hockey community. Hockey is alive and well in St. Louis but we need more sheets of ice to accommodate the growing demand of youth hockey.	Comment noted
NEG	7/17/2017 21:48:38	Stephanie Todd	I strongly oppose the ice hockey arena proposed by the Legacy Ice Foundation being located in Creve Coeur Park. This is one of the most used parks in the county and the proposed development would have a large negative impact on the park by altering the overall environment. The development would increase traffic and noise and bring a lot of people into the park that are not interested in the park itself, but rather a commercial entity. It is also a habitat for birds, small mammals and bats. The increase in noise, light and traffic would have a detrimental impact on wildlife, especially on endangered bats that live in the area. Since Creve Coeur Park is County Park, Section 67 of the WLCF Act mandates that any site acquired or developed, either partially or wholly, with WLCF assistance must be retained as public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. Public recreation facilities may be approved per section 67f) where the facility results in a net gain in outdoor recreational benefits or enhances outdoor recreational use of the entire park. The proposed development is not an outdoor facility and will not enhance outdoor recreational use of the park. The proposed development will become a high traffic area but has nothing to do with the park and there is no reason to build in the park. The website for the Legacy Ice Foundation brags that this facility will be the best ice hockey facility within 500 miles. A sports complex of this magnitude belongs in an area zoned commercial. There is no reason Creve Coeur Park should be named for this development. The Legacy Ice Foundation argues that more ice arenas are needed, but if this is the case then why were three ice rinks recently closed. Also, there is plenty of unused land in St. Louis County where this development could be located and the Ice Hockey Federation is disingenuous when they claim Creve Coeur Park is the only feasible location in St. Louis County. For example, the Ford plant in Hazelwood or the Chrysler plant in Fenton could be considered as well as upgrading the abandoned ice rink. Putting this development in a public park is nothing short of a corporate hand-out. St. Louis citizens voted down taxpayer funding for a new football stadium and a new soccer stadium. If citizens had the opportunity to vote on putting this development in Creve Coeur Park I am confident it would be voted down. Please do not allow this development to be built in Creve Coeur Park. This is a county park that serves thousands of people for numerous activities including walking, running, biking, picnicking and gathering. Taking away a section of the park for a non-related facility would be detrimental to the park and effect the thousands that enjoy the park. It currently is. A price cannot be put on our parks and once they are destroyed they are gone forever. Please preserve this park from greedy developers.	Although the proposed SLC will remove existing habitat for other wildlife, the project site represents only 1.9 percent of the entire Park area with most of this being a mowed field with just a few trees. The existing habitat at the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the park that will support wildlife off-set by the SLC. Within 5-miles radius, there is an existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced birds. The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the WLCF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with WLCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quency park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex). A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. One was at Quency Park and the others were in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park or in the vicinity of it. It was determined that the selected location is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The proposed development will be considered a public facility, not a commercial development. As part of the proposal, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (SDCRP) would retain ownership of the land and lease it to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (Foundation), which has been formed to oversee construction and the operation of the project.
POS	7/17/2017 22:01:38	Brian Jakubek	This facility will be used by families in our community as well as for hockey. We fully support the ice complex.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 22:15:53	Clark Sanford	One of the best ways we can evaluate our community is how we treat both the young and the old. The ice arena serves so many different Generations not only for the sport of hockey but the development of community and the fellowship that it provides never has there been a time that a community has been sorry that it has invested in its own enrichment when they just see the quality of life, community, and to neighbors interests first.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 22:14:25	Brad Cyron	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 22:32:34	Danny Solomon	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 22:38:38	Beth Hallermann	St. Louis absolutely needs this facility for our youth!	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:12:09	Jon Rishard	I fully endorse the St. Louis Ice Center in Creve Coeur. It represents the best interests of all of St. Louis residents and has a hard time understanding the current opinions to the contrary. This project has such a huge upside - not just to the youth in our community - but to the local economy, short and long term jobs, and most importantly the overall future of the St. Louis area. One of the best stories to shine the national spotlight on our city was that of the 2005 NHL Draft and the tremendous talent being produced by St. Louis youth hockey. This new facility would help continue that incredible trend.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:23:18	Michael Einspaiser	With the loss of 4 sheets at Harben's ice complex, this rink is absolutely necessary.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:49:55	Cara Barnes	We need more rinks to grow our youth hockey and host hockey tournaments.	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:50:46	Bruce Anderson	Please do not let this opportunity pass by! KC is growing, Denver is growing, Dallas is growing and we move backward. Will never be NBA or NFL in this town again. Hockey is a growing youth sport in StL and we should do everything in our power to ensure the trend and the viability of the Blues franchise	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:52:48	Eddie Trendley	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:53:55	Stacey Peters	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/17/2017 23:53:55	Stacey Peters	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 00:02:06	Linda Smith	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 01:12:45	Lynn Green	There is a severe shortage of available ice time for youth, high school and University teams. It is my understanding this building would be in an area that is out of the way and not near other facilities in the Park. Hockey in this area is a various to yet sport with children beginning to participate at age 4 and over. The lack of new rinks will put a large damper on this sport so many youngsters will no longer have the opportunity to participate	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 01:19:51	Thomas Hrabusicky	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 02:29:00	Steve Waller	Sounds like a great project for new ice and in a great location, so long as there are no environmental drawbacks the project looks great	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 02:29:00	Steve Waller	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:25:06	Laura STAGE	I THINK AN ICE RINK FOR THE KIDS IS AN AWESOME IDEA. KIDS NEED A POSITIVE PLACE TO EXPAND THEIR MINDS, BUILD CHARACTER, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, LEARN TEAM WORK, KEEP THEM IN POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE. MY SON PLAYED HOCKEY GROWING UP--- I THINK HIS SON AND GENERATIONS OF OTHER KIDS DESERVE THE SAME THING	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:26:35	Julie Avitt	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:27:56	Avitt	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:27:29	Smagala	I support the proposed ice complex. It would be a great addition to the area.	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:50:12	Connie Nuelle	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:50:01	Nuelle	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 1:50:58	Carla Smith	My vote would be to build this a DIFFERENT site, do not build it at CC Lake	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 6:23:33	Jeff Rothe	This project would be great for the region.	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 6:35:45	McKinney	The development of an ice hockey has grown tremendously in our region over the past few years and there are even more girls becoming interested in playing hockey. Legacy Ice Foundation has developed a way to help continue the growth of kids hockey with the new facility they would like to put up. Without this new facility and the closing of th Chesterfield facility, it will be much harder for our programs to help our child's development in the sport they love to play that will help them reach their dreams.	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 6:49:22	Morris Widdison	Construction of this facility would add to the recreational opportunities of children and families that live in the St. Louis region and create an economic benefit to businesses in the community as guests would travel to the area for tournaments and games	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 6:57:59	Gregory Gargan	We need to build hockey in the community. At it is one of only 2 professional sports in our town. This facility will be above and beyond for that!	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 7:05:17	Hake Mueller	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 7:37:51	Jeff Plume	St. Louis is one of the fastest growing hockey markets in North America. Last year 5 of 12 American born NHL first round draft picks were from St. Louis. This is a great opportunity support the growth of the sport in our community	Comment noted
NEG	7/18/2017 7:44:26	Robert Ficken	I am opposed to building an arena at Creve Coeur park. It will be an eyesore and ruin the purpose of a park and nature. Second we do not need to be spending tax payer money for an ice park. It is a huge burden on taxpayers for upkeep and a very very small population of people who will use. Poor use of taxpayer funds.	Comment noted
POS	7/18/2017 7:52:49	Clark	Kids with hockey sticks are better citizens than those with clubs, guns or knives	Comment noted

POS	7/18/2017 7:56:05		Stacy	Gund	The St. Louis absolutely needs this ice rink for local players. Many are run down or have now closed. Competing nationally, like my children do, we see so many wonderful youth hockey arenas and sports facilities. It is time for St. Louis to invest the same in a very strong growing local sport. Our top teams compete very well nationally, which means our kids have opportunities for national exposure which can turn into hockey scholarships or future hockey play for our local kids. The strong economic impact a top notch facility can have on our area is a major benefit as well. A top notch facility allows teams to bring in competition from many other cities, whose families will spend money on airfare, lodging, shopping and dining. This is a reality. I would like to see this can only help tourism in the Arch, Main Street, Charles, museums, etc. as well. The investment in Sportport in Creve Coeur/Maryland Heights has brought national Field Hockey to our city. Having a daughter that will now be playing D1 field hockey in college this fall, the availability to train daily on a top water turf field for years has been remarkable, not to mention the national competitors this facility has brought to our region. Field hockey, like ice hockey and lacrosse, are extremely fast growing sports in the St. Louis area. These sports provide tons of opportunities for women and men to earn college scholarships. Finally, a top notch ice facility provides families a place to ice skate together which is a passion for many. Please, please invest in our region and our children.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:05:45		Don	Danforth	This will be great for St. Louis and youth hockey! It will be a cost effective way to bring more ice to the St. Louis region. As Queeny and Kirkwood Parks have shown, this will be a great way to enhance a part of Creve Coeur Park that is not currently utilized. St. Louisians must think of other ways to enhance our region, not find reasons to stagnate. Let's make this happen for our region and for our youth.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:06:07		Deb	Hellwig	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:15:36		Scott	Graham	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:15:51		Scott	Graham	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:16:42		Drake	Drake	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:17:54		Lauren	Barthow	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:31:08		Joe	Salmro	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:35:07		Stephanie	Schneider	St. Louis Ice Center is essential for the future of youth hockey in St. Louis!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:38:34		John	Waller	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:40:41		Jim	Wollock	I consider this 100 percent support of the Ice Center. Parks are intended to serve the wants and needs of many. The preferred source of recreation and activity of for a growing segment of the population is ice - recreational, hockey, figure skating and other. The facility will be a welcomed and needed addition to the offering of the county park system. Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:42:25		Priscilla	Spivack	I am excited about the new ice project at Creve Coeur Park. What a great way to add to the park, and another reason to visit the park to new guests, particularly during the winter months.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:42:33		Shelley	Wyller	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:43:01		Lisa	Barthow	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:46:24		Ted	Fundukos	Full support for the project. This will be an incredible unique civic asset for the community enhancing the existing recreational activities in the park. Build it.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 8:51:43		Mary Jane	Fritz	Please, no more development in the flood plain.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 8:53:28		Tracy	Fennel	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:02:00		Tom	Opich	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:07:14		John	Williams	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:10:31		Steven	Wolff	Hockey families and travel teams will bring a great deal of positive activity including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants and businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:19:36		Debbie	Hayes	Since the closing of the Hardee's Ice Plex, there is a demand for ice at all levels. Youth hockey is growing rapidly in St. Louis. The local hockey families and the teams that travel from all areas of the United States will bring lots of positive activity including increased patronage to the surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:21:03		Jared	Dodd	Tournaments utilize numerous hotel accommodations bringing in teams from all over the United States and other countries. This certainly helps our economy.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:22:21		Herb	Giorgio	The St. Louis Ice Center will attract hockey families and travel teams to the Metro St. Louis area, which will bring positive economic activity. St. Louis needs - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:22:45		Brad	Aming	I strongly support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:22:55		John	Waller	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:24:02		Scott	Gartman	With the deeply negative feelings of the St. Louis fans departure behind us, the recent surge of St. Louis players being drafted from St. Louis and the hugely successful hosting of the Winter Classic, St. Louis has an opportunity to become a true national hotbed of hockey in the U.S. Right now thousands of St. Louis youth players and their families travel to other cities 3-4 times/year for hockey tournaments (often to less than desirable locations). This is our opportunity to flip that statistic in our favor and show what our city has to offer youth hockey players from all over the world. Please make this happen.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:25:43		Jack	Learn	1. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. 2. Building the complex will boost ice sports in the area and will not harm the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:30:30		Zachary	Gear	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:34:25		Richard	Kustura	With the loss of the Hardee's complex, more hockey is needed now more than ever. This complex will bring in revenue for the St. Louis region, with visitors staying at hotels, going to restaurants and visiting local attractions. Plus, the main reason is for the kid's who want to learn to play hockey. This is a great sport that teaches teamwork and sportsmanship and just having fun!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:47:35		Dana	Champaign	Hockey families as well as other sport travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:53:08		Amanda	Ignard	Many kids and organizations have lost their love with hockey at Chesterfield Park. This supporting youth athletes, especially in today's environment, is a great idea. Blues have been a strong in community activities and charities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 9:58:18		Amanda	Howler	There are baseball and soccer fields in almost every park in the area, but there are few ice rinks. Our kids need a place that they can practice and play without having to drive all over St. Louis. Why not bring visitors and tourists to the area and use land that is currently empty.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:10:25		Sheri	McGuire	After losing Chesterfield and a rink in the Metro East, the area needs more rinks and this beautiful facility will help! The rinks at Queeny don't take away the beauty of that park. Thanks for listening!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:13:17		Lisa	Green	This project has full support. Great use for the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:13:21		Bruce	Sokolik	I support this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:15:08		Regin	Dacey	I grew up playing hockey in St. Louis and the opportunity to be part of a team and learn the game has had a tremendous positive effect on my life. Fully support the project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:15:08		FRID	WHAVER	I support the ice center as proposed for Creve Coeur Park. It adds to the park by providing a place for youth ice sports, currently unused portion of the park acreage, the plan is well thought out, and it would be a plus to the community and region. Thank you for accepting input on this.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:16:33		Reemte	Janet	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. Both of my children play hockey and we do not have enough ice for all the teams and the high schools. We have ice times that are extremely late for my kids due to not enough ice for everyone. This four sheet ice complex would be a wonderful addition to the St. Louis area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:21:24		Fabio	Moraes	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:23:28		John	Harbaugh	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:27:38		Chantaviv	Wright	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:28:26		William	Peck	I think this project would be great for the area and kids. It has my support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:32:14		William	Wallace	The ice center will be a benefit for the city and the local region. I support the project 100%.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:33:51		Madelene	Kugan	I think that St. Louis absolutely needs a state of the art ice complex to support and enhance the outstanding development of recreational youth ice hockey as well as higher level development. St. Louis is a traditionally great hockey city and the development of this complex will assist that truth in a myriad of ways.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:37:16		Terina	Miller	I support this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:37:34		Mania	Kenneth	This rink would greatly enhance Creve Coeur Park and promote physical activity among youth and adults alike through the sport of hockey. Hockey is growing in popularity in the St. Louis region, while ice time becomes scarcer, but the creation of this rink will help to alleviate that problem. This is a great use of land that is not being utilize otherwise.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:39:55		Lola	Koch	I support this project. Building an ice hockey center is very much needed. Our son has been playing hockey for 13 years & he's going to be playing in college also. I believe a rink is important because it gives kids a great outlet for all their energy & a way to keep them busy so they're less likely to get into trouble. It has helped him form lasting friendships with other boys & good bonding during critical growth years. As parents, we have also formed close relationships with other parents & the boys themselves. Our family very much welcomes this hockey center in Creve Coeur as beneficial to everyone around. It would also increase patronage of restaurants & stores in the area. We whole-heartedly support this venue!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:40:48		Maggie	Gil-Schweizer	This complex will be an amazing opportunity for St. Louis youth hockey and Creve Coeur!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:41:53		Karoly	Kinnella	I support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:44:05		Josh	McCluskey	I support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:44:52		Diane	Favier	I am in total support of ice center, it will be a great facility for our hockey community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:47:26		Angela	Kinnella	I support the ice rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:47:37		Arlene	Kinnella Kelly	I support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:48:00		Lauren	Ott	I am writing today in support for the Legacy Ice Foundations Ice Center project. With the recent loss of four sheets of ice in the St. Louis area (Hardee's Ice Plex), it is clear that St. Louis needs this facility to continue the growing interest and success of hockey and other ice sports in our area. St. Louis was recently named one of the Top 5 hockey cities in the U.S. and that is something St. Louis should be proud of and be able to continue to grow to become a Top 1 hockey city. We recently lost out on hosting the World Junior Championships for hockey, something that could bring considerable profit and branding to our city. I strongly believe completion of the ice center project would put us atop that list for reconsideration in the future.  The amount of people, ranging from ages 3 through adults, that utilize the various ice facilities in the area each day is astronomical! I have several family members involved in hockey and figure skating and oftentimes, practices are cancelled or moved due to the high demand of the ice rinks and not enough ice to support the demand. This new ice center would bring four new sheets of ice for not only hockey, but figure skating, sled hockey, and other ice sports. I strongly believe this facility would be beneficial to all levels of competitors from youth, to high school, to collegiate, and even professional hockey in the St. Louis Blues.  Thank you for your consideration and continued effort to make this happen for St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:48:41		Andrew	Condie	As a parent of a young hockey player, I can see the positive impact that playing a team sport, such as hockey, has on our youth. Youth hockey is a growing sport in St. Louis, and we are in desperate need of more ice. The proposed ice rink will have a positive economic impact on the town of Creve Coeur as well as having a positive impact on the lives of our families and the children of our community. I fully support the ice center effort.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:49:37		Michael	Selitz	What an awesome project that everyone in the community can benefit from. Wish I had access to a facility half as nice as this one when I was growing up.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:50:04		Jay	Ott	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:50:16		Marie Stack	Kinnella	I more than heavily support the proposed ice complex.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:50:51		Paul	Chesterton	I fully support the St. Louis Ice Center at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. This is an outstanding public use for the area across from Creve Coeur Lake. Although technically part of the park, the proposed development site is an underutilized area (think overgrown farmland, not lush forest or wetlands) that would benefit from the proposed recreation complex. It will also be a great complement to the adjacent SportPort facility. Developed properly with supporting hotels, restaurant and entertainment amenities, the ice center would be a great step to put St. Louis on the map as a destination for national ice hockey, field hockey and lacrosse tournaments. Presently, those events and dollars are going to other cities that have made the investment to attract them. Hopefully, St. Louis will break ground and in the game.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:50:42		Adrian	Silverston	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:50:42		John	Stille	This will be great!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:53:04		Janet	Diederhahn	Being a hockey fan, I feel more places like this are needed to get young people interested in hockey and have a place to practice and play. What a great place to have when you can not do outdoor activities in the park because of changing seasons.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:54:02		Chris	Collins	I support this project, the parkland that it will sit on is currently underutilized, and will serve as a great setting for a number of kids to be healthy and active, and will be a facility that is an attraction for folks all over the country with regard to the game of hockey. Let them build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:56:43		Chris	White	I support. This is a great project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:56:47		burford	burford	I support.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 10:59:35		David	ott	I am in favor of the project we need new ice in St. Louis for our kids. Please allow it to proceed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:03:11		Chris	Barrett	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:01:45		Ben	Crowley	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:03:05		Tina	Zimmermann	I support this 100%. As a member of the board of directors at the St. Louis Sports Commission, I truly feel this will benefit so many that live in St. Louis and continue the love for ice sports for kids and adults in the St. Louis area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:04:57		Zack	Miley	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. The SIC would be a step in the right direction.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:05:48		Rachael	Meyergermer	This is a big win for families in the STL metro. Creve Coeur park is already a destination for recreational activities. Let's round it out with a great year-round facility that so many children and adults can enjoy.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:06:13		Maia	Heller	I support this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:06:39		Stephanie	Hochu	I support this project!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:07:37		Carl	Darby	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:10:06		Emma	Sorrento	Good project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:17:52		Ryan	Meats	This new facility gives St. Louis an opportunity to continue to move forward and think bigger by constructing a premier rink for amateur hockey throughout Missouri. St. Louis is in desperate need of new ice. Hockey is growing in our community and there just is not enough sheets of ice for the demand. As a player and as a soon to be father, I would love for the sport to continue to expand and thrive in St. Louis for many generations to come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:27:14		Chase	Halleemann	This facility is crucial to the growth of youth hockey players in the St. Louis area. Hockey builds character, team work, and life long friendships, but without enough rinks in the area the sport won't be able to continue to shape the lives of young athletes. I've been playing hockey for nearly 14 years now and without the game my life and the life of my family would be completely different. I can't BUILD THE AMENITY! The new ice rink will help grow the game of hockey and other ice related sports. Also our organization is heavily involved in teaching learn to play hockey for younger girls and we give back to the community whenever we can. Hockey has taught my daughter so much and it will help others develop life skills they can use when they get older. The St. Louis area needs this. Thank you!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:29:36		John	Ruticka	I fully support the development of the St. Louis Ice Center. My son started in hockey at Creve Coeur Ice rink as a 2 year old in 1991. He moved to Chesterfield when that facility was built and remained there until he began high school and club hockey. Hockey has been an integral part of his personal development including fitness, social interaction, leadership, discipline and team building. It is important that we continue to provide quality facilities that enable kids to learn the game and benefit from all it has to offer. Unfortunately, Chesterfield has closed, and other facilities like Creve Coeur are in short supply to continue to grow the sport. St. Louis needs this facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:38:59		Daniel	Fox	I support the development of the St. Louis Ice Center. My son started in hockey at Creve Coeur Ice rink as a 2 year old in 1991. He moved to Chesterfield when that facility was built and remained there until he began high school and club hockey. Hockey has been an integral part of his personal development including fitness, social interaction, leadership, discipline and team building. It is important that we continue to provide quality facilities that enable kids to learn the game and benefit from all it has to offer. Unfortunately, Chesterfield has closed, and other facilities like Creve Coeur are in short supply to continue to grow the sport. St. Louis needs this facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:39:52		Keith	Gross	facilitate the continued growth of the sport in St. Louis for generations to come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:41:24		Amy	Learn	I would love to see this rink facility at this park. I use the park for biking all the time so would love to see a facility like this.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:49:01		Sutton	Quinn	I need this rink because there is limited ice time because of Hardee's being closed. I am a Saint Louis Synrgy Synchro skater and this ice rink would help my team get more ice time to practice. I know that this rink would be built in a part of the park and would take up little space that barely is used. Please help my team and the rest of the kids in St. Louis. Thank You.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 11:57:32		Rich	Brotherton	Please stop the building of ice rink at Creve Coeur Lake. That area used to be one of the few places in West County that we had access to water. Over the years, it has become more and more commercial.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 11:57:43		Joseph	Garik	We need this ice complex after hard times for complex shutdown!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:12:08		Loni	Pugh	My children have been involved in Youth Hockey for years. It has grown tremendously in our area and brings families who to the area of the rink who would otherwise have a reason to be there. I feel it would be a great addition.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:19:15		Eney	Seymour	Both of my boys play hockey for Missouri hockey club teams. And if it were not for hockey my oldest would most likely have gone down the wrong path. He is now playing on a national travel team and working towards a college scholarship. My youngest boy started playing last season as a goalie and taken to it like a fish to water. He will be moving to play AAA in the very near future and will also pursue a college scholarship. The problem we have here in St. Louis metro area is the game of hockey is continuing to grow apace faster then the town can provide ice. When we lost the 3 sheets at Chesterfield along with the 2 sheets lost a few years ago in Fanview Heights we now have a serious deficit of ice. The kids are here the talented coaches are here and the dedicated parents to get them there are also here. We need the ice to be here or this sport will not be able to grow in the way it obviously can and will with the proper facilities. Thank you for your time and consideration.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 12:21:15		Michelle	Swatik	I object to a project in a flood plain, and I find a public/private project being developed in an area WITHOUT public transportation access unacceptable. Not one cent of public monies whether in cash dollars or in subsidy should develop any project that cannot be accessed via public transportation. I find this this oversight unacceptable.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:23:47		Bob	Schaub	I support the ice rink as we can invest in our hockey future here in St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:25:05		marigie	kesler	I am in favor of the ice rink because a new facility is needed in St. Louis, and the hope is that the center will bring more business to the area. I am an environmentalist, but it seems to me that this plan will improve and not harm the park!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:25:47		Michael	Quinn	I think St. Louis needs this rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:28:45		Lynn	Ott	Having spent countless hours in ice rinks with both of our sons I feel I know firsthand how important ice rinks are and what they provide to the area. You need grounds/park around them to meet, hang out before/after games and practices and just generally have additional things to do especially when there are tournaments going on. I know this space and it seems a no-brainer. It could definitely benefit from a facility like this and the enhancements would be a much needed improvement in my eye. Please get this approved so families can enjoy the space sooner than later!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:29:10		Michael	Quinn	I think St. Louis needs this rink. I've been playing hockey since I was 4 and I think the rink shortages needs to be fixed so I can build my game and get to the next level.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:29:13		Jack	Thomas	Please please please build this rink! I have been playing hockey for 6 years now and I love hockey! I was devastated when hardee's closed. I really want to excel hockey because I love it. so please build this rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:40:48		Peggy	Zimmermann	I think a new ice rink in Creve Coeur would be beneficial to the area's youth. Surely some money can be found in the appropriate budget to allow for this.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:41:52		Tim	Combs	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region. I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:50:42		Matt	Ahlers	Youth hockey (and hockey in general) is a sport with growing interest in St. Louis. The key issue is access to ice and ice time. The ice facilities that are currently available are insufficient to meet the demand and the proposed facility would help to meet the demand and allow youth hockey to continue to grow in St. Louis County. The economic impact will be tremendous.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:50:42		Catherine	Gilbert	The region has a large hockey playing population and needs another local ice option to accommodate the demand. Thanks!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 12:50:59		Karen	Krispin	As an active member of the Maryland Heights community I 100% support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center to be built in Creve Coeur Memorial Park. The addition of the St. Louis Ice Center would enhance an area of the park that is not currently used. It's a win/win. The economic impact on the area would be beneficial to everyone and amateur youth sports encourages sportsmanship, a healthy lifestyle and fun! It doesn't get any better!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 13:00:09		John	Capps	Build it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 13:00:58		John	Haffner	Build it, please!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 13:04:24		Angela	Dalley	BUILD IT.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 13:05:58		Stacy	Wipfler	I think that the ice rink would be a great addition to St. Louis County. As a long time resident with active children, I know that the ice rink is needed. Ice times are extremely difficult to get in the area and the new rink would allow for better access for both sporting and recreational purposes. Please allow this facility to be built!	Comment noted.
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POS	7/18/2017 14:36:17		Tim	Ryan	As a St. Louis County resident, I am staunchly in favor of building the St. Louis Ice Center in the proposed location. This region is in dire need of more facilities for youth athletic opportunities, event hosting opportunities, and regional growth. While not discounting impact on the environment, it seems to me this project would not have a large negative effect on the environment. The project seems to have a balanced scope of progressive development and respect for the environment, so it makes sense to approve this project and allow it to move forward.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 14:37:11		Rhonda	Rickermann	My family loved and breathes hockey for 25 years. We know this facility will benefit so many people in the St. Louis County. We hope to see our grandson play ice hockey in this facility one day.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 14:47:05		Biffigani	Biffigani	As a life-long hockey participant, I grew up during an explosion of ice hockey programs in the St. Louis region. During the time there were ice rinks in many municipalities. However, sadly, many of those closed over the years to a point where there is currently a severe shortage of ice in the area and once again a huge growth in ice hockey. St. Louis has experienced much success recently in supplying quality hockey players and given the comparison to cities, such as Chicago, the ratio is low. I hope to see our grandson play ice hockey in this facility one day. I am excited to see the facility built and hope to see our grandson play ice hockey in this facility one day.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 14:50:28		David	Cropps	There is a shortage of ice facilities in St. Louis, and that was before Chestfield closed. This adds a much-needed, modern facility for recreation. Get it done!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 14:54:49		Steve	Hueter	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 14:59:08		Glen	Olty	Build it! It will be wonderful for our community!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:00:23		Cathy	Saboun	Ice hockey has been a part of my family for generations. Please build the new ice center at Creve Coeur Park so future generations can enjoy! Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:18:13		Mathew	Shay	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 15:16:15		Tina	Warhaver	I strongly oppose the building of an ice rink in Creve Coeur Park. This will irrevocably change the beauty and peacefulness of the park. This land was designated as park land, for residents to enjoy the quiet beauty of nature.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:22:56		Cliff	Leav	Creve Coeur Park was never intended to house a facility of this size, and it will be ruined if this moves forward.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:25:07		Edward	Berry	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:26:08		Bart	Holtzman	Hockey is a great workout and builds teamwork and character.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:26:48		Michael	Larob	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:27:12		William	Walby	I am in favor of the complex.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 15:35:01		Linda	Kusner	I have been standing up to protect Creve Coeur Lake Park for decades, and here it is again. We MUST NOT destroy any part of this park and the environment for commercial reasons. Big money is destroying this country and the balance of nature every day. We need this space for ourselves, children, grandchildren, wildlife, trees etc. We are the residents and the law abiders. It is time you listened to our wishes. Do not let us lose this park.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 15:44:18		Sally	Duke	I oppose this and any plan that allows for an ice rink to be built on Creve Coeur Park property.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 15:46:23		Laune	Chriscio	I am fully opposing the building of a huge (40 acre) ice rink on parkland please leave Creve Coeur Park alone. This would be a very big mistake if this ice rink is built.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 15:49:03		Bobby	Chartrand	We don't need another ice rink in the area. Hardee's Complex was fine, build another in that area where there is no park access. Continue using the failed Mills Mall. Enhance the Creve Coeur Rink. Don't tear up a beautiful area where people use all year round. Plus, hockey and traditional sports are trending downward. This is a HUGE mistake.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:53:02		Emily	Hogan	I do NOT support the building of an ice rink at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial park. I think it is a bad decision for the park, city, and the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:55:02		Caroline	Ziegel	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 15:55:55		Fritz	Ziegel	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 16:11:25		Jason	Baldwood	I couldn't support this initiative more. Sports- and the venues required to provide them- galvanize communities and strengthen regions.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 16:13:58		Farkly	Farkly	I grew up near Creve Coeur Lake and spent a lot of time there with my friends. Consider the long standing popularity of the park and the lake, an ice rink would be a great addition and one that I certainly would have enjoyed!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 16:49:23		Sarah	Nevey	This would give ice time for people struggling to find some. On top of that, I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact. It would also benefit the growing youth hockey leagues.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 16:55:41		Rayna	Chervitz	We have an ice rink not too far away from Creve Coeur, how many rinks are needed? My family loves to go to the lake and a big concrete building would ruin the natural feel of the entire area.	The Purpose and Need of the project identified a shortage of ice sheets in the St. Louis area. The other rink mentioned in this comment is available to the St. Louis metropolitan region, however, the need for more ice sheets still exists based on the region population and number of currently available ice sheets.
POS	7/18/2017 17:00:11		David	Payne	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:01:06		Jonathan	Goldstein	This center will be a huge asset to St. Louis County and the region. I strongly support it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:08:20		William	Yee	I am for moving forward with this project! Understand environmentalists are opposed, there is enough undeveloped land in the state of Missouri that developing a needed/wanted space like this where the people are should not be an issue. We have no original football town and should support ice hockey and the Blues and the sport in general as well.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:14:28		Rayne	Rayne	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:22:35		Danmy	Bell	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:23:21		Foley	Foley	I support	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:23:23		Foley	Foley	I support	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:25:01		Foley	Foley	I support	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:28:38		Jayne	Foley	I support it!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 17:32:11		Austin	Austin	Such a massive facility will forever change the nature of the park. Increased traffic, noise, pollution, flooding, crime. This facility belongs in an industrial park, it does not belong in our beloved Creve Coeur Park.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 17:42:28		James	Lanningner	Leave the park alone!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:42:59		Shawn	Quinn	The ice center will provide countless opportunities to residents of all ages, genders and backgrounds. The center allows for year-round use of currently under-utilized land and does so in a manner very in line with the mission of park departments around the US. The recreation center will be able to be utilized by people from the age of 2-80+ and there are very few other projects that will be able to replicate the opportunities that the ice center will provide to the entire St. Louis community. Citizens will be able to learn the great sport, continue their careers, train to further their skill, or simply enjoy skating at a public session or catching a local youth, high school or USHL game.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:58:55		Michelle	Arndt	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 17:58:54		David	Arndt	Ice hockey rinks in the west of St. Louis. Kids carry on that tradition with the next generation while improving community. There is really no reason to oppose this measure.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:01:10		Josh	Meliane	I believe the rink will be a huge asset to the whole state of Missouri. I hope we do not miss out on another enormous opportunity to make the area even better!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:03:36		Christopher	Matsky	Fully support the ice center. This complex would be a major step for St. Louis County towards providing more young people with opportunities to participate in ice sports and after school activities that provide a positive outlet for energy. Further, it would provide residents with more opportunities for public, open skating for both recreation and health. This complex would provide an opportunity for our local colleges and universities to practice in high quality, state of the art facilities which, in turn, would increase the ability to recruit higher quality players to these teams. This would then increase the number of students and eventual residents in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Though I understand the concerns of those who are opposed to this being near Creve Coeur Lake Park and, to an extent I share some of the environmental concerns, I have faith that St. Louis County and the Legacy Ice Foundation are taking into account the environment and will do everything possible to ensure a green facility is built. Good luck!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:17:22		Pete	Ott	I would like to see this project completed as proposed. The whole region could benefit with the availability of this type of facility. I don't believe that there is a better use of this ground that would be available for year	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 18:19:02		Halcy	Anon	Enjoy biking to this park in the spring, summer, and fall and kayaking on the lake. I also love to go grab dinner at the lakeside diner after a 10 mile ride.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:28:47		Craig	Kraebel	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:49:08		Jackie	Guy	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:49:47		Molly	Quinn	Great idea!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:52:04		Heather	Krusp	This rink will not only be a step in the right direction for the hockey community but also for our community as a whole. This central location will allow everyone to utilize these amazing facilities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 18:54:47		Bill	McMahon	Build the rink	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 19:00:39		Courtney	Neisler	As an employee of the Florissant Ice Rink I know how hard it is to get ice time. Especially last minute, if need be. There are definitely not enough rinks in the area for the kids who want to play hockey. I say build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 19:01:17		Suzanne	Muefler	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 19:52:26		Aaron	Stewart	Get this done. It would be a great addition to the community. Let's kids playing the sport they love.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 19:58:23		Stephen	Gelber	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 20:03:37		Tony	Randazzo	This is a no brainer project. Hockey is alive in this town. 5 first round draft picks in the last 2 years. The Blues are one of the most winning teams over the last 5-6, even if we still can't get that elusive Cup. Not to mention, it will definitely increase the use of this park even more than it already is.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/18/2017 20:19:20		Mary	Friedman	St. Louis needs to stop getting in the way of St. Louis. We did it for football and really didn't do for our chance to enhance to soccer experience here. Let's have some fun and get a community going again.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 20:54:08		B	Challoner	I am saddened and outraged by the thought you all would consider using public parks and green spaces to build an ice rink. We need green spaces for our betterment as a people, and to protect them for future generations. What happened to them using the ice rink at the Mill Mall? Or, if that is not possible, there are several large commercial and industrial locations in St. Louis that are sitting vacant. Using those spots would make much more sense, rather than destroying existing green space to build another building.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/18/2017 21:04:01		Emily	Chasman	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity, including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:14:04		Kirk	Rafferty	Parks are for everyone and I think the community would enjoy this facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:22:29		Michelle	Laluy	The SIC would be a huge asset for the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:31:35		Rick	Syberg	Being new to the St. Louis area, I think this new development will be a great asset. I enjoy hockey and would love to watch it grow.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:37:50		William	Boudresses	Love hockey, both my boys playing for the Webster Wings, and we have several restaurants all over town, and in Maryland. So if I can do anything we are in totally.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:40:43		Chris	Narallah	What a fabulous facility this would be for our community. A place the St. Louis youth could use for more than just hockey and a venue that is long needed. I grew up playing hockey in St. Louis and have many memories and friendships that I gained through the experience that still serve me well today! St. Louis needs more positive projects like this that will support fitness, friendships and fun. If this project does not get approved it will be another blemish on St. Louis that we don't need. Let's do something positive for this city.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:47:23		Liz	Ott	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity, including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses. This project will also kick start the beginning of the Maryland Heights Lake District in becoming one of the premier locations in the Region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:48:25		Jon	Grippy	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 21:48:46		Adam	Mintock	I support this idea as believe that it would add to youth recreational options in the region with only limited impact to this park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/18/2017 23:57:03		Kem	Berry	We don't have enough ice in the St. Louis area. The addition of these sheets would enhance the community as a whole. The Chestfield closure removed tournaments from the area. Tourism money most.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 0:26:26		Te	Fernandez	Build please!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 0:37:55		Jeanne	Besselman	My son plays ice hockey and works at Lindenwood ice arena. With the recent closing of the Hardee's complex, they have taken on more tournaments and teams. Not that that is bad but to keep the ice hockey sport alive and thriving we need more ice facilities to play at. This would encourage positive extra curricular activities vs the pool alternatives. Please consider the new complex!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 4:59:31		Lisa	Thomas	I have lived in St. Louis for 15 years and I love raising my family here. I'm in FULL SUPPORT of the ice center in Creve Coeur. Hockey is a sport which enables children to learn to work with others, encourages teamwork and keeps children active and healthy. We live in a society where obesity is the norm anything we can do to promote health fitness should not only be encouraged but be the foundation for our parks in St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 5:53:19		Angela	Lanordmourea	I grew up in Creve Coeur and will forever love this town. I love seeing the growth and new activities. I love this idea.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 6:27:54		Anna	Rair	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 7:05:27		pat	kelley	Build it!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 7:17:11		Matthew	Cooby	This would be great for the kids of our community. Ice time is at a premium and it would keep us close to home as opposed to driving all over the city, and spending our money elsewhere.  Let me first say I was a long time resident of St. Louis County and worked on multiple initiatives to advance conservation, social equality, and sustainable development. I still have a shared interest in the advancement of these initiatives in and around St. Louis. I am not opposed to nor do I disagree with the notion of developing rinks within the St. Louis County area. It is a worthwhile form of recreation and can be an economic engine, but in my opinion, if a need truly exists it will be met by the private industry. All public money and public land should be funneled into programs and services that all can afford. This project violates this principal and will cater to a small few, while taking away significant open space from more than one million annual visitors who visit Creve Coeur Lake Park to enjoy outdoor recreation, a quiet atmosphere, and scenic views. Instead of utilizing public parkland, I would encourage the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation to seek out one of the failing commercial real estate ventures in the St. Louis Area for this rink. I.e. James Town Mall, Mid Rivers Mall, Northwest Plaza, James Town Mall, etc., as the County and tax payers have already invested in these areas via tax incentives for the developers. Please utilize this land and parking areas to build the needed rinks and facility.  To speak to the sustainable development piece of this venture, the facility is proposed in the floodplain of the Missouri River. The lake is a meander scar of the Missouri River. If this is the county building a major facility in the floodplain? If an investment is made here, we are putting taxpayer dollars into a very risky, what should be private, investment. FEMA's recommendation on not building in the floodplain should be strictly followed. I think it is irresponsible for the County to allow the construction of a new building when it will require flood insurance. Damage from a flood would likely be a heavy burden for the county and all individuals who pay into the National Flood Insurance Program. Furthermore, if this counts moves forward with this plan, it will further encourage development in the floodplain of the Missouri River. This is a completely irresponsible action fueled by flood insurance, says individuals in Lower Meramec Watershed, or anyone working with Creve Coeur Park during the devastating flood of 1993 about the risk of building in the floodplain.  The space that St. Louis County Parks department should be focusing on park activities that serve the population. Creve Coeur Park currently does that. The space that is currently a "vacant field with a shed", could be enhanced in ways much more in line with the original intent of the park. To that point, I do have a direct question to you regarding the use of the land for purposes other than "outdoor recreation." Further, they state that "Should the land be used for other than park purposes, some conditions of federal law would have to be addressed." I do hope the rink and 40 acre development are not being considered "outdoor recreation". The Park Department's website also notes that "In recent years annual attendance at Creve Coeur has exceeded 1 million, making it the most heavily visited St. Louis County Park." This should lead anyone to wonder why this modification to the parks mission is warranted. This park should be an example for the St. Louis County Parks Department, and a litmus test for what the resident's really want.  I also wonder about the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation organization. I cannot find a long history of supporting this type of development, further I cannot find any information on an overall mission. I don't see any credible documentation on their ability to manage a facility (including operation and maintenance) of this scale. I believe that this is a large risk for the County and region.  I encourage the park system to be resistant to the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation's very risky "flagship endeavor", avoid the potential long-term unsustainable operation and maintenance costs, and preserve the original intent and natural functions of the Creve Coeur Park.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quentry park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex). A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bio-retention designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. Based on impact analysis conducted in the EA report, there are not anticipated recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion.
POS	7/19/2017 7:17:32		John	McCurly	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 7:18:56		Lisa	Hays	This would be very good for our area, not only for the St. Louis area, but from other states for tournaments and events. I would much rather see the area be used as a venue for sportsmanship, family and friends, and entertainment, than for subdivision development. Please strongly consider this project. I travel a lot and there is a big gap on in other states. St. Louis needs to step it up. This project would be a milestone in the right direction. Thank you for allowing the public to share its thoughts.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 7:23:55		Debbie	Hays	St. Louis needs this complex to be built as soon as possible. Let it be demand and it will only help the economy...Hotels, Restaurants, shopping, etc.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 7:27:27		Nancy	Dunsberry	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 7:36:25		Christine	Se-Helase	I am against placing the St. Louis Ice Center in/around Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. I would like the park to remain with as few structures as possible and certainly minimal pavement/parking lots.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:02:14		Julie	Feder	Build it!!!  The St. Louis region is a wonderful and burgeoning place for the development of youth hockey players and this facility will support that growth. More and more children are taking to the sport and many of them are now nationally recognized at the professional level.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:16:26		Mark	Anderson	This creates positive press coverage for St. Louis County and city. It also generates new business as people visit for games and development camps. Additionally it helps the many families of those whose children already love the sport. These positive impacts are sorely needed as St. Louis is consistently recognized as a place of violence and crime, rather than the wonderful place to grow up, raise a family, or run a business that I know it is.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:16:51		John	Wilson	I want a place for my grandkids to learn how to skate. I also think that this is a great way to bring new visitors to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:25:05		Mike	Trenneman	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:30:17		John	Gunther	My son has been playing youth hockey for several years. For boys and girls, hockey is great exercise, a lot of fun and a great forum to make new friends. The same holds true for the parents of the kids. We've made new friends and have enjoyed watching all the games. The fact that 5 boys from St. Louis were drafted in the first round of the NHL just a couple years ago is testament to the strength and popularity of hockey in the St. Louis area. Most importantly, boys and girls of all skill levels are welcomed with open arms to all the great hockey clubs in the St. Louis area. Finally, the hard work in by volunteer coaches, team managers and board members ensures the viability of each club in the area. The loss of 3 sheets of ice with the closing of the Hardee's Ice Plex will have a big negative impact on youth hockey, figure skating and adult rec leagues. 2 new sheets of ice in O'Fallon, IL will be a boost to hockey in the metro area but as hockey continues to grow, more sheets of ice will be needed to support future growth of hockey in the area.  As a registered voter, I opposed the use of park land for this type of venture. It is one thing to have an ice rink for the public to use as recreation, its something different if it is one thing we want our backyards used for. This is not what we want our backyards used for. Please do not grant this petition.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 8:34:05		Angela	Caradine	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:36:48		Joe	Krepps	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:37:31		Boisot	Kirk	Hockey, figure skating, speed skating, synchronized skating and other ice sport families and travel teams will bring positive activity to the area - including increased patronage to surrounding lodging, restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:40:13		Parichat	Seagrave	We support the construction of the St. Louis Ice Center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:44:14		Amythyn	Waller	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:50:52		Lane	Law	St. Louis needs more ice facilities. Location is central to the area and may draw more attention to the most underutilized park in it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 8:56:57		Rebecca	Priddyson	Would allow Tourism bringing in new revenue to the area!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:12:19		Kane	Van Gale	This would drastically diminish the recreational area used by families and enthusiasts.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:17:27		Sarah	Goldstein	Build it!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:19:22		Maureen	Bryan	We definitely need a new hockey rink! It would be a great addition to the central corridor.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:32:17		Michael	Dawahare	Build the center for the community. Don't let obstructions who have a long history of being wrong stop a positive for so many families!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:35:04		Matt	Keenyon	This will be good for the park providing recreational opportunities not provided already. While having no impact on what the park is already popular for.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:41:44		Peter	Ewason	I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. I like the idea of turning this into a place I can take my family for recreation.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:44:42		Joe	Bauer	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:47:53		Matt	Denison	The area needs more ice facilities for hockey players, young and old. As a young professional moving back to the St. Louis area after growing up here (one of the reasons being the popularity of hockey in the city), we need more things that attract young people like me to this city. Comparing St. Louis to other booming, successful cities that are infusing youth and money into their economies like Dallas, Nashville, etc. St. Louis doesn't have a chance unless it continues to invest in things like this. We need developments in this city other than just sprucing nursing home centers. From the proposed plans this will cause no harm to the surrounding park system and will be of great benefit to thousands of hockey players, figure skaters, and recreational skaters, especially in the wake of the loss of the Chestfield ice rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:51:22		Melissa	Freeman	Youth hockey & the St. Louis Blues needs these sheets of ice. It will bring so many events & tournaments to the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 9:55:25		Mag	Syberg	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 10:04:56		Cameron	Fleming	This is the right fit for the ice rink facility. My wife and I has stopped by the site of the possible construction of the ice rink facility and the site if it is opposite satellite cover" would be a north. First of all the entire area is in need of this facility. The increase of persons who are into all forms of ice skating and also hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States up 22% in the last ten years. The site would be accessible via I-44 to I-70 and the participants to the rink would have an easy access. The area to the north has fields and meadows that could host out of town visitors hence increased sales tax revenue. One thing that is lacking in the metropolitan area is ice rinks. Having an outdoor rink along with indoor rinks that are of Olympic size and standard is	

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POS	7/19/2017	10:11:15	Jim	Z	I am in favor of the ice center because it is actually taken into consideration the environmental impact. The addition of designated 5 acres of water habitat with the retention ponds is in harmony with the area. After reading the environmental impact statement, the plan reduces the flood risk and will have a negligible overall environmental impact. The park is certainly big enough to locate the facility. The location does not seem to be part of the park on the peripheral near St. I support this facility because it will satisfy a major need for youth hockey and ice sport space in the St. Louis region and because this project will benefit the St. Louis region as a whole economically. The proposed project site is ideal, making use of a small, but otherwise underutilized, portion of Creve Coeur Lake Park. I believe the presence of this facility will only enhance the recreational opportunities available at the Park and improve the experience of Park users.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	10:14:16	Matt	Hoffman	As a business owner in Maryland Heights, we welcome the new development and the resources it brings to the community. The center enhances the recreation area and brings more sporting options for residents and visitors alike.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	10:17:13	Gorczynca	Eric	My son has played youth hockey for three years now, and he has enjoyed every second of it. It promotes good health, good decision making, working well with others, and emotional growth. Every year I've seen and more skaters participating in the sport in St. Louis. At the same time, the number of sheets of ice has actually decreased. The St. Louis Ice Center would be a huge asset to the youth of this community. I heartily support it's construction and can't wait to spend time at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park while we there. Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	10:18:51	Eric	For	I support the ice complex. Great ideal! (Water comment posted twice)	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	10:21:38	Cynthia	Pappas	As a concerned citizen who frequents this park, please do not build an ice rink in Creve Coeur. Even though it will only be on "two percent of the park's 2,100+ acres" it will damage the surrounding park space. The construction overflow, additional traffic pollution, and the excessive amount of trash that the human population leaves behind at an facility will destroy the beauty and sustainability of the surround park.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	10:43:39	T	S	There is plenty of alternate spaces in St. Louis County that are not currently being used that could be renovated and revived by placing an ice rink in that space. Do not destroy areas parks. Reduce our footprint, re-use already existing space, and recycle land that has already been developed.	The proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and it is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). The applicant is following the provisions of NEPA and Section 6(f) in evaluating the use of the park land for the proposed development. Based on the impact analysis presented in the EA report, the proposed impacts to the affected environment will be negligible to minor.
NEG	7/19/2017	11:00:54	Gregory	Andrus	While I would truly enjoy having a new ice arena in the St. Louis area, the project as described has the following problems: 1. It is in the flood plain of the Missouri River. Marine Avenue was under water in May all of the way to the boat ramp at the foot of the hill. 2. When the Page Avenue extension was built, additional land was added to the park as remediation for lost wetlands due to the road going over the park. While you may argue that there can be more wetland added to the park, there is no way that you can remedy the huge amount of impermeable surfaces from the roofs and the parking lots. 3. Even if the flooding does not get you, the nature of the soil in the flood plain will make it very difficult to provide good integrity and structural support for the ice and HVAC system needed. 4. This project is not in keeping with the historic intent of this park. The park was created in order to provide a natural preserve for the people of St. Louis County.	1. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. 2. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). 3. The foundation design of the proposed building has been completed and approved by the project engineers, and includes ground improvement measures. 4. Public parks include a wide range of recreational activities. The proposed ice rink activities are consistent with other parks in the region such as Queeny Park and Kennedy Recreation Complex.
POS	7/19/2017	11:05:59	Andrew	Kozubinski	This is an absolute must for youth hockey and the hockey culture in St. Louis. Well worth every dollar	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:09:57	Amy	Lankford	I think it would be a great addition to the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:11:44	Brooke	Schaub	My 3 sons now play hockey and would have never tried the sport without recreational facilities that were in close proximity to our home. The new complex will allow for more people to be introduced to ice sports and vice versa, those that have never been in Creve Coeur Park will now get to experience all that it has to offer. This is a win-win for everyone involved.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:12:22	Brendan	Tierbeck	I could not be any more supportive of the new rink. St. Louis is growing the game of hockey as rapidly as any city and is desperate for sheets of ice. Hockey will help the city of St. Louis economically in a huge way as well. Kids should not be restricted from playing hockey simply because there aren't rinks. This would be a great addition to the city of Creve Coeur.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:12:38	Eric	Ries	Yeah you better add this!!! St. Louis is a hockey hub!!! Legally weed while you're at it	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:12:55	David	Humphrey	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:27:22	Scott	Westerman	Build it!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:28:25	Mitchell	Kerr	Great for families, great for visitors, great for the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:28:37	Chad	Banks	St. Louis Ice Center will provide much needed access to recreation for thousands of young people in the area. The outdoor ice rink will provide lots of reasons for park users to come take advantage of the park in the winter. This project will benefit the rest of the park as well by enhancing access to the park for its other outdoor activities and the new acreage of detention ponds and access to the new Great Rivers Greenway will be a welcome addition to the park. This really is a win-win situation for the park and the people of St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:33:46	Joe	Velley	This will be great for local families and young athletes wanting to play hockey. It can be used to host events that will draw fans, spectators and teams from the entire region. My son plays hockey for the Meramec Stars RL. Our kids has over 475 players, with over 250 in the B to A and under category.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:34:18	Tom	O'Day	The need for ice for all the teams that club has is growing as the sport does here in St. Louis. Last year alone we were sent to four different rinks other than our home rink just to fulfill our practice schedule including using a St. Louis County rink and the new ice at McKendree college. For us to miss the chance to partner with our NHL affiliate to gain exposure as a city that had 5 first round picks taken in the 2016 draft would be foolish. To gain exposure to our sport in the city would be the same issue.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:38:12	Frans	van Kanel	Think about our kids that would want to be recruited for college or junior hockey and the opportunities they could lose if our reputation as a youth hockey city faltered due to a lack of ice.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:44:14	Mike	Singler	We need this complex.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:44:27	Jacob	Kennedy	Thank you, Tom O'Day.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:44:51	Paul	Lehmann	The proposed St. Louis Ice Center project is consistent with existing uses and will enhance the development of youth sports in and around Creve Coeur Lake Park. At present, the Park hosts the largest concentration of soccer fields. Coupled with the adjoining Lou Fusz soccer complex and SportPort, the addition of a youth hockey facility will make St. Louis County a mecca for youth sports driving additional tourism, promoting recreation and enhancing economic development throughout the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:44:56	Paul	Darrick	Build it!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:45:43	Darrick	Griggs	Please build so we can have competitive hockey programs for the St. Louis Metro area! Need as much help as we can get! Stanley Cup!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:48:01	Mark	Markie	I fully support this new ice arena being built. Please approve!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:48:32	Louis	Kemp	YES please build	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:50:42	Jean	McCool	Ice hockey is growing across the country, and most cities have very nice ice complexes. Saint Louis does not. With this project, Saint Louis will see a lot of tournaments which helps all business and tourism.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:51:00	Eric	Oiler	This is a needed. Please make this happen. Would really enhance Creve Coeur Park!!! Plus another outdoor sheet would be awesome!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:51:37	Elizabeth	Frische	BUILD IT!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:51:42	Patrick	Andre	This would be an amazing place for families! I support this development!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:55:42	David	Brandon	Please approve this rink. My nephew plays youth hockey. I have been a long time youth, highschool, mens league hockey player in the area. We need this rink to grow the game.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	11:59:18	Lacie	Ryan	Let's Lace'em Up!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:04:04	Emily	Dickson	I'm in support	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	12:06:10	Rob	Debaugh	Build it	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:07:08	Matt	Clendens	GREAT IDEA AND WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT YOU BUILD IT!! Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:11:27	Pat	Doer	I support the new ice rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:15:39	Liz	Kerue	I very much appreciate using this Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, especially as it is rarely crowded and almost always quiet. The ice rink will add significant traffic to the area, thus detracting from the peace and beauty of the wonderful park. Please DO NOT convert 40 acres of public parkland to an indoor sports complex. Keep our parks beautiful.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the properties present usage.
POS	7/19/2017	12:15:58	Jeff	Lahrin	St. Louis needs more ice for figure skaters and hockey players. I learned how to play hockey at 6am weekday mornings over 15 years ago and there were the same number of rinks then as there are now, but with even more kids participating. Please help.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:16:22	Suzanne	Casey	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:16:22	Suzanne	Casey	Hockey has been a constant positive in the life for the past eight years. More rinks will allow me to share this positivity with my son and future daughter.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:16:22	Suzanne	Casey	This is great for St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:16:22	Suzanne	Casey	Great idea, all!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:16:22	Suzanne	Casey	This is such a needed facility in the St. Louis area. It will serve so many families and groups. I can't wait to step inside!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:32:51	Jon	Smith	I am for the proposal. The extra ice would be very beneficial to midstates and no hockey. Losing the Chesterfield sheets already have made it difficult for practice times and ice touches.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	12:41:12	Robert	Hanson	This ice rink project is NOT conducive with the public purpose of Creve Coeur Park and Outdoor activities let alone the congestion it will create with traffic and air pollution. One of the other reasons as there are many you in a floodplain and to add more roads takes away from the main purpose of park clean air, quietness and enjoy nature. Not much congestion. If there is a need for an ice rink in Missouri, it should be built in Creve Coeur could be use to enhance the facilities need to make the mall serve the same purpose. There is already plenty of parking available.	Public parks include a wide range of recreational activities. The proposed ice rink activities are consistent with other parks in the region such as Queeny Park and Kennedy Recreation Complex. The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the properties present usage. A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the properties present usage. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The proposed project is not required to go to a vote of the people.
POS	7/19/2017	12:42:42	Philip	Lefield	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:43:53	Amy	Carbone	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	12:52:35	Janet	Schweiss	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. I am against the proposed ice rink at the Creve Coeur Lake County Park. There is so much more open space around St. Louis that is screaming for development! I do not understand why putting it in an area designated for passive outdoor recreation is a good idea. Marine Avenue has flooded twice in the last 18 months closing traffic for several days each time. The proximity to the largest water lake in Missouri is worrisome. More runoff, traffic, storm water, noise, light and more pollution, etc. I do not see any benefit to this project except to the contractors but they can benefit from it being built elsewhere. Chesterfield Council is considering a proposal for a new 3 sheet project. St. Louis County Parks already closed their rink in North County a few years ago but now want to get back in the "business" in Maryland Heights. The Blues have a practice rink that they are now wanting to leave and let Hazelwood foot whatever that bill will be. Please make note of all of the environmental groups and even the Association of Architects that are against this project at this location.	Public parks include a wide range of recreational activities. The proposed ice rink activities are consistent with other parks in the region such as Queeny Park and Kennedy Recreation Complex. The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the properties present usage. The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the properties present usage. A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The proposed project is not required to go to a vote of the people.
POS	7/19/2017	12:52:39	Kathleen	Daniels	Thank you! Joe Schwegel	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:52:39	Kathleen	Daniels	St. Louis really needs a state of art ice rink. Building the rink on Creve Coeur Parks property would only help bring more to St. Louis. I see this as a win-win situation. We need this rink bad.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	12:59:08	Candice	Simmons	Both of our sons played hockey and getting reasonable ice times was always an issue. A new ice area in this area is necessary.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:00:32	Candice	Simmons	Hockey is growing in popularity and having a convenient, well equipped arena in St. Louis county is a tremendous asset to the community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	13:07:04	Dennis	Baricvec	Both of our sons played hockey and getting reasonable ice times was always an issue. A new ice area in this area is necessary.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	13:07:33	Ed	Fisher	Hockey is growing in popularity and having a convenient, well equipped arena in St. Louis county is a tremendous asset to the community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	13:08:46	Ed	Carngill	I am not in favor of the new ice center being placed in Creve Coeur Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:08:54	Jason	Recher	Oppose and deny permits needed to construct an indoor ice facility in Creve Coeur Lake Park. There is enough other commercial land available to this project. There is no need to take green space away in a public park that will only serve a very limited number of people. Please kill this project in the park. It is bad enough that more soccer field are being built in the park that will not be open to the public. Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:09:22	Robert	Madewell	This is a terrible idea for our park	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:12:18	Uta	Bruch	I think the proposed St. Louis Ice Center would be good for St. Louis County, as well as good use of an underutilized section of the park. Ice rinks for recreation and for sports would increase revenue and provide a great place for activity for families, kids and adults.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:12:27	Uta	Bruch	I have two young kids who I believe will be involved in youth hockey someday. I think hockey is growing in St. Louis and kids need more places to play. I think this would be good for the community and help grow the sport locally.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:15:51	Scott	Reilly	Yes. We need this facility for our youth. It will enhance ice park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:22:08	Scott	Reilly	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:24:52	Scott	Reilly	I believe this complex is an excellent addition for an excellent city. Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:26:52	Scott	Reilly	BUILD IT!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:26:52	Scott	Reilly	Firmly support the idea to secure the future of youth hockey for years to come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:30:53	David	Friedman	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:31:48	Adam	Michewitz	As a regular user of CC Park area I highly support this new ice rink complex. It will be great for our area and fits the mission of the park perfectly. Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:37:48	Kevin	Wilbrodt	St. Louis is in desperate need of more ice and this would help a lot. It is in a great location, and even though it will be built in a park, the area is never used. I fully support the rink being built.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:39:14	Chris	Giffin	Ice hockey is one of the few sports that people play for their entire lives. More rinks will allow more kids to begin playing and adults to continue playing this wonderful sport.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:40:18	Rita	Flandrance	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:41:01	Kevin	Durly	I fully support this project! I love ice hockey. This will be great for the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:41:26	Ray	Stawrzmann	I have three boys who play youth hockey. One who plays for the AAA Blues. Ice time is hard to come by with the closing of the Chesterfield rink. Youth hockey is growing with great momentum and this facility will be a great place to showcase the sport and our kids.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:41:27	Ray	Stawrzmann	This is a great project for Creve Coeur Park, Maryland Heights and St. Louis County. It will complement the soccer field work being done on the west side of the park. It will bring additional spending dollars to the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:41:27	Ray	Stawrzmann	PLEASE BUILD IT!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:41:32	Dawn	Stanard	Build it! Great project for the St. Louis Area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:43:39	Jac	Moore	Would be an amazing addition to Creve Coeur Park!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:43:43	Mark	Gahn	St. Louis needs more ice rinks so continue to develop young players. The number of kids wanting to play increases every year and everyone should have that opportunity in this hockey city.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:50:23	Lang	Lang	The St. Louis hockey community is in dire need of additional ice in the area. After the closing of the Chesterfield Ice Complex a lot of youth, high school, traveling tournaments and men's league hockey have been displaced. In order to keep up with the growing demand and popularity of the sport the proposed Creve Coeur rink is a must. In order to keep St. Louis on the national hockey map we need a state of the art facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:50:30	Nick	Lamb	I strongly support the new rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:53:37	Mark	Marshall	I am in favor of the proposed ice center in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Youth sports in general are critical to children's development, ice sports especially. I hope this project happens in the park, and soon.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:54:08	Dawn	Parisi	Please build the ice center! We need it!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:54:29	Mark	Witbeck	Much needed in area. This is smart development.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:54:39	Scott	Hacker	This rink needs to be built. It's impact on the park space will displace a minimal while the economic and civic benefits are numerous. It will bring businesses to the area and patrons from outside the St. Louis region. This is vital to continue to nurture the already succeeding youth hockey programs in the St. Louis area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	13:55:47	Lisa	Parres	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	14:06:19	Nancy	Hirsch	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:09:14	Brad	Rohman	Creve Coeur Park is for walking, biking, relaxing, being around nature, paddleboating, kayaking, paddleboarding and preserving green space for wild life. I am opposed to an ice rink in that park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:09:35	Sheryl	Andrew	Not only would this bring more national level events like the High School National Championship in Chesterfield two years ago, but it would also save families time and money in not having to drive all the way out to Wentzville or St. Peters from Fenton or South County just because those are the only rinks with available ice.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:11:30	Nikki	Bouchon	It would also be an ideal location for a practice facility for the Blues since it would be more centrally located, making it more feasible for fans to attend practices.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:15:06	Jason	Steffel	It's also a location that allows for expansion or even the addition of other public recreation facilities which would only add to the appeal of the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:21:36	Dr. Ron	Helms	I support growing hockey in the Saint Louis area	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:29:35	Sheryl	Andrew	Let's keep our precious park land. Building rinks would be better suited for a different area rather than in CC park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:37:10	James	Pace	Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:38:15	Jill	Peterson	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:42:57	Winnie	Kesteloot	It will bring in out of town guests, and that will bring much business to local venues. SSC	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:43:48	Jordan	Groth	This project really intrigues me and I fully support it. I agree that it can be helpful to the local economy but I think mostly that it represents an investment in our children. The youth hockey scene would go bananas for this as well as numerous other sports mentioned in the article. I also think adults will be able to enjoy this through new experiences. Last thing, with the ever increasing interest in the Blues around the city, this would be a perfect place to practice as believe they are beginning to outgrow the Mills Mall location (as evidence by the support for prospect camp earlier this month). I understand the financial burden of this projects to be high, but from the outside looking in, it looks like a great addition to our community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017	14:45:53	Kathryn	Nowwood	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:50:08	Aaron	Ammons	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed. Also, hockey families and travel teams will bring a lot of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops, motels and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:50:32	Robyn	Payath	I support the ice rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:54:16	Jack	Kneel	I am the upper park for walking. Including the wooded trails. I also use the lower park along the lake for walking and biking. I am opposed to developing adjacent land and park land for commercial development. We need to preserve this precious property. It is not necessary to build on every inch of open space. Let's leave this area open for sports, agriculture, woodlands and wetlands. Stop over developing. Commercial ventures should be placed with other commercial ventures.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:54:38	Andy	Metz	I have the upper park for walking. Including the wooded trails. I also use the lower park along the lake for walking and biking. I am opposed to developing adjacent land and park land for commercial development. We need to preserve this precious property. It is not necessary to build on every inch of open space. Let's leave this area open for sports, agriculture, woodlands and wetlands. Stop over developing. Commercial ventures should be placed with other commercial ventures.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:54:38	Andy	Metz	Very excited for this development to get underway. Ideal location for all ice sports enthusiasts in the St. Louis and Midwest region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	14:59:04	Rachel	Hartmann	Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017	15:04:36	Andy	Metz	I support this ice rink as a needed asset for our community. Without this rink, I could only imagine that the current rinks will struggle to be able to provide enough ice time and quality instruction for the demand, plus because of the demand they would raise prices which would alienate our kids. Our kids need a safe place to play and a new rink w would that. Lastly, I also feel that a state of the art facility such as this will have a positive economic impact for decades. By providing construction jobs to build it, staffing jobs to run it, drawing tournaments and more, this is a must have. I can't wait for this rink.	Comment noted.
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POS	7/19/2017 16:00:28	Anthony Berni	Great central location for such a venue. Great use of that space in the park. St. Louis County desperately needs such a facility, will be able to attract tournaments with multiple rinks at one location. Most major hockey cities have many multiple (up to 10!) rink complexes, let's welcome this one here	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:00:38	Henrich Arnold	I support the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation and the youth hockey, figure skating, speed skating, etc. that it will support in the STL area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:00:50	Robert Cox	St. Louis needs a complex like this to help grow the sport of hockey. St. Louis has missed out on several key sports opportunities in recent years and it would be a travesty to not on growing this sport in the Midwest. Given the recent changes to local rinks and space this can help bring balance to the needs in the community and make St. Louis a hockey destination for top young talent in the future.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:04:51	Doug Couch	I am writing to express my support for an ice rink in Creve Coeur Park. St. Louis is a city that prides itself on its sports history and culture. There is no better way to honor that legacy than increase the cultural footprint of our city's passion than building a state-of-the-art multi-sheet facility that will support amateur, collegiate and professional sports throughout the St. Louis and Midwest regions. Other cities who have built similar sports facilities such as Kansas City and Frisco, TX have seen an economic boon as a result, and it's time St. Louis catches up. As a recreational hub, both Creve Coeur park and the new ice center are an ideal match. This project will further bridge the divide between St. Louis city and county, and help promote healthy living to our vibrant community. If you build it, I would like to see the St. Louis Ice Center become a reality in the near future. This facility would help in numerous ways with the growth of the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:04:53	Masey Howard	Hockey has been a part of my life since I started playing back in the early 70's. My boy has played all his life. Only drawback to hockey is the lack of ice. Playing adult hockey at midnight and going to work the next day is next to impossible. New ice facilities are needed throughout the region. Please use this as 1 person's yes vote to ice at Creve Coeur park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:05:21	William Meeh	Sincerely your, Bill Meeh	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:06:42	Maura McNamara	Hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sport families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:08:00	Jane Jones	I believe the ice center would be an asset to the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:11:57	Brian Hartmann	In addition to being a fan of hockey, I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis county. Plus, Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:14:13	Andrea Wegert	Youth ice sports are growing rapidly in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:14:30	Diana Quinn	STL has produced many world class athletes who will forever be positive contributors to our community. The opportunity to excel in athletics starts with this type of facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:14:55	Traci Wagner	Fully support this project because it will benefit so many youth in our area. Some would say it detracts from the natural beauty of the park, however quite the opposite is true. I've seen similar facilities throughout our country integrated into park like settings and they have all been beautifully done. It would be much nicer than the current open field with the metal shed. If we can continue to add open soccer fields in the park devoid of landscaping how can we turn down plans that actually would enhance the landscaping?	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:16:44	Rachael Jerrigan	I have been a skater since I was 3 years old and I am now 20. Finding ice times has always been a struggle. Now that I am a coach I find that it is still hard to find ice. I also see know kids respond to being on the ice. Teaching them confidence and discipline. The St. Louis area would benefit from another rink tremendously!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:21:06	harry girsh	This project will be very positive for the community and the environment. It will give more people the opportunity to enjoy the sports they love	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:21:31	Joe Ambrose	Gives more people a chance to learn the basics and game of hockey, and gives a chance to have another rink w/out 1. I love keep serious hockey games, high school, to adult league to big bear, to anything hockey related.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:22:49	Patti Dundon	Bringing youth hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sports is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:23:10	patti dundon	Bringing youth hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sports is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:24:28	Tony Mincher	I'm convinced the ice complex would be a boon to the Maryland Heights economy. I understand this parcel of land has not been used to improve the park at all since 1995. Since anyone using the lake itself would not be able to see the ice complex I believe there is no better competing idea for use of this ground. Thank you for listening, Tony Mincher	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:24:34	Kimberly Wuertz	I approve the ice complex construction	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:25:20	Traci Vette	If you build it, they will come! This is going to be a great addition to the park. The location is on the edge of the park grounds and will not affect any of the activities that are occurring around the lake. It's going to provide additional opportunities and uses for the park. Due to the hard work by the Blues Alumni association, St. Louis is on the map regarding youth hockey. This area is not known as the "Heartland of Hockey" for no reason. Build it so they will come!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:27:47	Allan MacInnis	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
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			I would like to express my opposition of the proposed hockey arena at Creve Coeur Lake Park. I live about three miles from the park and use the park multiple times per week, biking and running the trails, running the stairs, or kayaking.	
NEG	7/19/2017 16:39:05	Brian Russell	The idea of a hockey arena going in at the corner of Marine and 141 sounds like a terrible use of that space. A major part of the appeal of that park is the rural, natural feel you get when you're there. That would vanish with a massive hockey arena in that location. It would ruin the look of the landscape and remove that connectedness to nature that I feel when I'm there. That's to say nothing of the increase in traffic, noise and pollution the arena would bring to the region. I have nothing against the idea of a hockey arena in St. Louis County, I simply disagree with that particular location. With so many abandoned malls and strip centers, it seems to me there must be a better location available that does not require digging up more of the precious little natural landscape that remains.	The proposed project represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park (approximately 1.9 percent). In addition, the proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and it is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. Noise and light modeling conducted during the environmental assessment indicated that the operational and related noise would attenuate to minor levels. Additionally, the proposed site lighting is not anticipated to create visual discord at mid-ground and background distances as the topography and vegetation of the surrounding areas provide screening. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
			I hope the DNR will do whatever it can to oppose the hockey arena and work to keep Creve Coeur Lake Park as a natural oasis inside the mostly developed St. Louis County.	
			Thank you.	
POS	7/19/2017 16:40:36	Erin Klippi	As a skating family and avid photographer, I am in full support of this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:47:29	Kelli Yesel	Adding this to creve coeur park would be such an enhancement!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:52:57	Ann Miller	I have 2 daughters who are figure skaters. Ice time is badly needed in this area! This complex could help the local economy because it would be used all the time by the many skaters in this area. It could also host Regional, Sectional and National Competitions which would support local hotel and hospitality industry as well as shops an restaurants!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:55:22	Erin Zlaric	Absolutely support additional ice complexes in STL!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:58:28	Tracy Reche	Please build the rink it would be wonderful for the community and St. Louis!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 16:59:23	Matt Gardner	What a fantastic addition this would be to our community. I'm a frequent user of Creve Coeur Lake Park and applaud the developers on designing a facility on unused park space that will not only be far enough away that it will not disturb the beauty of the lake and trails, but will also encourage more children to be active by providing another ice rink to the St. Louis area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:18:25	ali igry	This would be an excellent place for kids to make amazing memories while playing their favorite sports! The St. Louis area could definitely use a facility like this!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:18:39	Guy Blaise	This would be great for the community	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:20:03	Paul Fullerton	I support the ice center	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 17:21:36	Hays Crostland	Leave Creve Coeur park green. The ice rink will bring huge traffic to the area ruining the park. There are hundreds of acres elsewhere to develop without harming the park.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower
POS	7/19/2017 17:23:22	Jeff Crostland	I really hope this facility gets built! Fabulous idea.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:38:36	Paul Zarky	I wholely support this project. Let's get this built!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:38:40	Alex Brice	Build it! I don't play hockey, but this would definitely help make the St. Louis area even more hockey oriented! Plus I'd love to learn how to ice skate.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:38:46	Paul Hauser	The rink will meet the needs for our region; centrally located, availability, regional draw	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:41:17	Kevin Raves	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:42:44	Sean Meyer	As a parent of a skater, an extra ice rink location would be beneficial. Scheduling ice time is so difficult, and can result in very early mornings. An ice rink in this park would be a huge bonus to the whole St. Louis region, and shows a way to support sport for kids and adults alike	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:42:26	Nick Nicolacakis	This is great news for the future of hockey in St. Louis. I support the ice center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:46:53	Tom Dawkins	This complex will be good for youth hockey and the economy! Please allow the build!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:48:18	Traci Cornish	Build it! We need a new ice rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:51:26	Mike Siskhaus	Stl needs another rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:51:37	Grant Robinson	We need a rink fast	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:52:49	Danielle Froelich	This would be such an amazing addition to the area, and give kids and teens alike even more of a reason to get out and get active! I support anything that's going to keep kids healthy while promoting FUN and exercise	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:52:59	Kevin Parker	Kids need a place to learn the game of hockey. Also having the potential to bring a USA team to play in the arena would be great for the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 17:52:59	COLLEEN THOMPSON	STL hockey is growing - a beautiful park to utilize & help small business in the area. WOH WOH	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 18:00:14	Marvin Dierks	Please don't let this project go through. Creve Coeur Lake is an oasis and beautiful place to enjoy peaceful nature and recreation. I have lived in the area for 20 years and have gone running, walking, biking there often. I have enjoyed sitting on a bench in prayer and meditation after often. Watching the lake and birds flying overhead is so peaceful, after a stressful day. Walking with friends is fun too. I have friends who enjoy sailboating there. Please don't ruin a wonderful gift...something people can enjoy for free	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 18:01:56	Mark Jones	This rink should be built on the city of St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:06:29	Monica Trieh	This rink would serve such benefits for children (and adults) around the STL area. It would be a great opportunity for them to get to enjoy the sport they love.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area
POS	7/19/2017 18:07:06	John Waters	This is a wonderful project. There is plenty of green space and space available for this project. We support it 100%.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:09:25	Annabella Gerardi	This would be awesome! This would help give kids the opportunity to play the sport they love locally!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:12:40	Debbie Gerardi	I support the ice center. Build it for the kids!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:14:26	Shelie McKaymont	Bringing youth hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sports is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:15:26	Shrum Mike	A new ice rink is exactly what the public needs.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:15:43	Autism Abell	Let's make this happen. This would be a great next step on the path of growing the game in the greater St. Louis area	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:15:43	Michael Tschuch	My family has spent a lot of time in the St. Louis area over the years. We have seen the growth of youth hockey in particular through our boys. Not only does a facility give kids the opportunity to have a place to play but the growth of youth hockey has also put our city on the map in the hockey world which in turn can lead to more tournaments and events in St. Louis which would bring additional money to the city.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:18:15	Hugh Scott	Let's do it! This is a fantastic idea and a great plan	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:20:33	Erin Mandirall	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:21:36	Paige Nilson	We need a youth hockey rink in St. Louis! I support this rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:22:15	Bruce Rubin	This complex will bring enormous opportunity to St. Louis county! Athletes will love it, their parents and families will love it and it will bring life and vitality to our region	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:24:58	Chris Conner	As a Maryland Heights resident, I am in 100% support in building a Rec center/ice rink. I've got two boys and would love for them to get to use it as they grow up.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:25:55	molly danforth	this will be a fantastic center for all ice sports!!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:28:43	Annie Danforth	Phenomenal Plan. Make it happen	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:28:54	Eric Rehr	I support the new ice complex	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:29:46	Caroline Danforth	make it happen. we need this now!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:31:42	Laura Barnes	Think it looks awesome!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:34:17	Ashley Seay	Love this! I'm all for community projects that can give kids something active to do. Plus, hockey is my favorite sport and would be great if it can continue to grow in this area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:35:20	Jason Miller	We need this rink! Do it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:36:44	Richard Freeman	The area desperately needs this rink to be built. Hockey is growing in the STL area and our rinks need to grow to support. The area should also see increased revenue as a result of the rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:40:49	Angela Porcelli	St. Louis kids need this! This is important to the hockey community!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:43:15	Curt Schroeder	Build it, great project	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:43:15	Annex Skane	Great idea - need more ice but also more indoor turf fields (for lacrosse etc)	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:44:03	Leahy Michael	The ice complex would enhance the park, and give kids more options to stay active and be involved in positive activities	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:45:37	Mike Wallweber	This is an ideal use for a park. One can bike, run and use the lake. Why not have hockey and skating. Let's get this done asap.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 18:46:44	Barnett Mitchell	Let's continue making STL a hockey hub!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:04:22	Kevin Keuel	We used the park for years and this new ice complex would be such a great asset to the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:09:42	Natalie Mayers	Build it	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:11:33	Helen Goodyear	I am for it	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:12:02	Ross Danforth	As a youth hockey player, the lack of ice in St. Louis leads to many challenges. A high schooler playing hour and a half games at 10:45pm on a school night makes it very hard to be prepared for school. Having 4 extra sheets of ice would solve this problem. This is a fantastic initiative	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:13:15	Ross Danforth	We need more ice in St. Louis. It would be extremely beneficial and there is practically no downside	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:13:28	Ross Danforth	I really appreciate this initiative and the positive impact it will have on the STL area	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:16:27	Ross Danforth	This could not come at a more crucial time for St. Louis hockey players. The game is growing in STL like never before as the city had 5 first round draft picks in 2016 and local hockey players lose 3 sheets of ice at chesterfield.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:24:42	Amanda Quinn	Much time and effort has gone into this project. Committee members and planners have made careful plans that respect the park and community. Please consider supporting this project	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:30:08	Jeff Hayes	We so much need this complex for our region to progress in all ice sports. It's for the betterment of all athletes and sports!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:30:43	Jeff Brandon	Ice center will be huge for the future of hockey out of STL, but here's hoping there's a big emphasis on Women's Hockey, we have a D1 college team and the game needs to make big strides in general	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:31:05	Christa VanWoo	I think bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park. It's a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. Hockey families and travel teams will bring a lot of positive activity.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:31:53	Liam Brockmeier	St. Louis needs to be progressive, needs this center & keep the city moving forward. Beautiful plan, & will be a major asset to the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:33:11	Izophie Liu	In favor of ice center!!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:33:30	James Gentry	This development would be huge for St. Louis! As someone who has played since childhood, this complex would be perfect land necessary for future generations of youth hockey players. Hockey is an incredible sport our community has rallied around and this development would only enhance that support. Please build this complex!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:35:20	Maura Segre/ve	Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:35:29	Joyce VanFra	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and a positive, healthy activity for our youth in the area. This would be a great use of park land not currently being used for anything else. Hockey families and travel teams would bring positive economic activity to the St. Louis area like increased patronage at restaurants, shops and many small businesses a well!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:38:26	Andrew Miller	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. The SLC would be a step in the right direction. More ice supports hockey, figure skating, speed skating, and synchronized skating athletes in St. Louis and is very needed. It gives families another fun, active option for recreation as well	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:38:39	Kate Mikowski	The approval of building the proposed St. Louis Ice Center would be great for kids and for the communities they live in. Please support this approval and make it happen.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:37:10	Casey McCracken	I fully support the ice center. Build it for the kids.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:38:03	Ambrose Chinsky	I support the building of the ice rink!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:38:21	Sean Segre/ve	please build this	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 19:43:20	Jennifer Kelly	As a user of CC Park, I think it is a bad idea to put a skating rink and hotel on a part of the park. What's wrong with just leaving that area green, like a park should be? I'm not sure what's happened to the ice rinks in Chesterfield and at The Mills Mall, but if those didn't make it there, why in the world would one make it in this less populated area? And then there's the traffic issue. Marine Road will not only become more congested with traffic, but cars and other vehicles already disregard the posted speed limit signs (putting crosses at risk), more traffic is just going to increase problems in a park that's meant to be serene and relaxing. Please keep Creve Coeur Park green!	A hotel is not planned as part of the St. Louis Ice Center project. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area
POS	7/19/2017 19:44:53	Andrew VanWise	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower
POS	7/19/2017 19:48:02	Seanie Liao	I support the ice center. Build it for the kids	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:48:57	simone liu	I support the ice center, build it for the kids	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:50:02	Alvin Hilliard	Growing up playing hockey in STL has changed my life. I'm proud to be a STL hockey player and want to continue being a major hockey city. The youth need a place to play	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:50:25	Lalin Segre/ve	I support the ice center, build it for the kids	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:50:58	Peter Constant	Build it	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:52:25	Krista Fardoulis	St. Louis needs this. It is about time the county leadership does something for its constituents. What's a great way to engage and bring the community together.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:53:53	Glenn Matthews	As a near Creve Coeur and a kid who's missing this in the ice rink, I would have to drive 20 minutes further just to get to ice time. Please make this happen.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:53:34	Chris Fardoulis	I love hockey and ice skating and we need more ice. Build it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:55:23	Vannesa COSI	Fully support the ice center and think it will be a great addition to the park. build it please	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:55:25	HARRY CULLEY	Build it, break!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:57:23	Chip Haines	I fully support the ice center. Great addition for the park. Congrats County leadership for finally stepping up and doing something for the community	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:57:59	Angela Turner	We need additional ice time for our teams to excel to their fullest potential! I feel like the skater struggle on a daily basis just trying to figure out where they can go on an affordable range of ice time just to practice their moves independently much less with the team as a whole - we desperately need more ice time for all sports teams involved not just ice skating but hockey as well. I think they'd be most beneficial to this area if we could incorporate this as much as possible with as little waste/pollution as possible during both the construction and operation of the complex, it would be a great addition to the STL area providing kids and adults alike the opportunities to enjoy and pursue hockey, figure skating, and other youth ice sports and growing rapidly in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:59:22	Gary silverberg	I've used Creve Coeur Park for 30 years and currently skate 50-60 miles weekly at the park. My teenage daughter also uses the park for bike riding and paddle boarding	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 19:59:33	John Miller	I love hockey and understand the need in St. Louis for sheets of ice! I welcome the projects to my park!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:01:18	John Det	Youth ice sports are growing rapidly in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
			Please build it. If not for the ice sports community, then for the economic benefits of the region. On top of those positives the foundation has taken serious consideration to address the environmental concerns thoughtfully.	
NEG	7/19/2017 20:04:56	Lisa Levin	We go to the park to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Relax. Your plan uses a part of the park that has beautiful big trees and is used currently by the public for picnics and Frisbee golf, so saying it's only 2% of the park doesn't justify your plan. The complex and building you propose are massive in comparison to the other buildings within the park and will detract from the area and look out of place. The traffic will increase and affect the citizens who use the park currently. There are other places to build this complex, in fact, isn't there one in Chesterfield that you can modify to fit your cause? It upsets me that any money from Maryland Heights is being used for this project when it doesn't benefit many of its citizens.	The National Park Service (NPS) may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quency park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
POS	7/19/2017 20:12:23	Beth Celi	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area
POS	7/19/2017 20:12:33	Dan Dagerand	The kids in St. Louis need these ice rinks to have fun and play hockey. I have 2 sons that play hockey and we need these rinks to help their development. Please build these rinks! Thanks! Dan	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:12:35	Emily Wintersbauer	Youth ice sports are growing rapidly in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
NEG	7/19/2017 20:34:59	Elder Brett	NO!!! This is suppose to be a nature focused park. You let this project move forward and it's the death of a great park. One man's greed is NOT what's best for the park. Tell him to take his sick unwanted project for a hike. St. Louis residents have already been screwed over enough by this yo ho	Comment noted.
			Can we for once NOT KILL OUR...? NO to this project!!!	
POS	7/19/2017 20:37:42	Beeman	I've lived in the St. Louis area for 43 years. I grew up spending time at Creve Coeur Park. I have a lot of great memories. A few years ago my daughter started playing hockey and it has become our life. I look forward to many future memories being made at the new St. Louis Ice Center	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:38:19	Nick Albrecht	As long as the center is built with the priority of preserving the existing park as much as possible and with as little waste/pollution as possible during both the construction and operation of the complex, it would be a great addition to the STL area providing kids and adults alike the opportunities to enjoy and pursue hockey, figure skating, and other youth ice sports and growing rapidly in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:38:33	Kevin Pickett	Youth hockey needs this complex. It will not only help local hockey but will bring thousands of people to the area for major tournaments.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:38:48	Duron Reche	I support the ice complex to be built at Creve Coeur. It would be beneficial for the park and the surrounding communities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:39:03	Stephanie Nelson	Our family supports the new ice rink. My kids all play hockey and using Hardee's ice Plex is detrimental for the youth hockey program, the high school teams, and all the instructors who did lessons there. My son plays for AAA and Hardee's was their home ice. They have now been moved to Mills, but with only one sheet, ice time is challenging	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:53:48	Erin Fawkes	STL needs another ice rink to continue to support the growing number of kids playing hockey. The proposed site in the park is a perfect location. Bring on the rinks!	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:53:46	Bryan Komos	This is a much needed facility needed in St. Louis. We need to keep our kids involved in many different activities. Ice skating and hockey are two growing sports that our kids can develop in. These facilities bring in a lot of families from all over the country to compete in tournament.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:54:35	Ellen Lucas	The area needs this complex. Please help the area move forward instead of standing still and again being passed up by other cities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:54:35	Erin Ryan	I love hockey! Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted.
POS	7/19/2017 20:55:36	Pam Foster	The St. Louis area needs more rink!	Comment noted.
			Youth and adults in all disciplines of ice sports will flock to the new park. And, people shop and eat after a good workout!	Comment noted.

POS	7/19/2017 21:06:53	Connor Quinn	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:08:21	Goffin Harrison	This facility would help St. Louis become an even better hockey town and it would also bring the community together through all ages from kids to beer leagues. It is a great opportunity for our community to show its love for an amazing game	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:08:08	Martin	In support of the Ice Center!	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:13:07	Josh Resman	Much needed rink! We are the HEARTLAND OF HOCKEY! Losing Chesterfield hurt. Now we need to prove that we are a hockeytown	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:13:58	John Ventura	This is great! Sincerely and growing hockey is vital to the sport!	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:19:42	Kim Lucke	We need a new ice rink in the St. Louis area, we do not have enough sheets of ice for all of the hockey/ice skaters in the area!	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:11:44	Amy Williams	With the closing of Hardee's Iceplex we are in need of another ice complex in the St. Louis and surrounding area. My daughter is on a synchronized skating team and would also love to play hockey one day	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:30:58	Ted Sweet	Ted	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:31:57	Kayla Turner	My niece and nephew both play hockey for their school and other leagues and they are in need of some more ice rinks	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:32:20	Laurel Clark	Please do not build an ice rink in Creve Coeur Park. The beautiful open space is one of the main reasons I bought a condo on Maryland Heights. There are lots of other places that can be used. What's wrong with the place already in Hazelwood	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:34:59	Matt Pires	My 2nd grade daughter started playing ice hockey this year after cheering on the Blues with her hockey loving cousin. It's quickly become her favorite of the four sports she plays. This complex would be a fantastic addition to the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:38:17	Tanner Page	I support this	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:38:17	Kutter	Build it	Comment noted
NEG	7/19/2017 21:41:51	Erin Warren	I am a longtime river and science and environment teacher, and I've come to love the way in which Creve Coeur Lake is able to balance many different uses and groups, on and off the water, with a thriving ecosystem and natural beauty. I'm very concerned about the development of the hockey rink and more specifically with the paving of a huge chunk of the floodplain around the lake, where our now-regular floods already challenge the ways many of us use the lake. I fear that increased development will disturb the peace of the water, cause damage to the plants and wildlife that live in the area, and is an unnecessary risk - I also wonder how easy it will be to manage an ice rink under increased flooding. I understand the allure of getting a free plot of land for a development project, but there is plenty of already-developed stock, which has the capacity for parking and making ice in warmer-than-freezing temperatures, and the rushed process of grading the land and proceeding with the project without public comment suggests to me that this project does not have the best long-term interests of the community in mind.	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:50:43	Ifran Lazarov	We certainly need more ice to keep encouraging youth who work very hard to support the sport as well as figure skaters	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 21:52:43	Meredith Hoeg	I am really excited about the proposed ice center for sports hockey, figure skating, speed skating, etc. and great recreational activities for people of all ages and having an ice rink in Creve Coeur would make these activities much more accessible for people in St. Louis County. I took up ice skating a few years ago, when I was 25, and I often have trouble getting to a rink to keep up with my favorite exercise/recreational activity, since most of the year-round rinks are so far from my home in Fenton. I am all for this new ice center	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:09:04	Charlie Voelliger	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:13:27	Matt Sharn	St. Louis is one of the best hockey cities in the world and deserves this rink	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:16:04	Mary Whipsley	Skating is a very popular and growing sport for girls and boys and we need more ice. The park additions sound like they would be good for the public and our environment	Comment noted
NEG	7/19/2017 22:19:31	Chick Cline	PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO BUILD AN ICE RINK IN CREVE COEUR PARK! We need all the green space to stay as it is. And the additional traffic would disturb the peace of the park! There MUST be another location that would be useful for a new ice rink!!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:23:06	Phyllis Mast	The children in the area desperately need an ice rink, with the closing of the most recent rink they don't have a lot of options for other rinks, not many available, they need somewhere to go. There's a lot of kids out there boys and girls who love hockey and want to play, please give them the opportunity. Thank you	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:27:56	Lisa Opika	St. Louis needs this complex. It gives the city a destination for events and opportunity for so many to play the sports they love	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:42:18	Mary Betha	Bringing youth hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sports is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:49:48	Dominic	Are town really needs a replacement rink because of Hardee's being closed. Please we need more ice in are Community.	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:50:23	Reilly Herin	This project will be an incredible addition to our area. My 2 sons play hockey and I'm 13 years and I'm profoundly affected their lives. This complex will help future generations of kids develop into great adults	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:51:18	Nick Krakosky	Communities shouldn't miss out on an economic opportunity that unites the community, creates jobs and attracts tourists. This project does just that.	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:58:09	Wesley Carbone	St. Louis needs ice for sure. This rink would help hockey in St. Louis	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 22:58:09	Joan Bulger	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 23:08:26	Carle Danforth	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 23:10:05	David Pates	This is a no brainer! More rinks = more kids playing. Do it for the kids!	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 23:15:12	Tom Judge	It's what the city needs not enough ice to go around for all the people that want to use it	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 23:44:47	Mary Staub	I'm very hopeful that this project goes forward as planned. St. Louis desperately needs more ice available for Youth Hockey. My Daughter, Samantha, has been playing hockey with the St. Louis Lady Cyclones for the past two years. She loves the Sport of Hockey and I believe it has helped her gain confidence. She has also met so many Awesome Young Ladies through Hockey, that she has bonded with and considers her Hockey Sisters. I never thought I would be a Hockey MOM but I'm so proud that I've had the Opportunity to meet so many Wonderful Families through this Amazing Sport. I don't look forward to continuing to enjoy watching my Daughter and the rest of her Hockey Sisters to the New St. Louis Ice Center in the near future. The St. Louis Lady Cyclones Club does not presently have HOME ICE but with this project moving forward that will all change. I'm so excited for Our Girls to actually have a place to Call Home, so let's make this dream a Reality!!! Thanks for letting me have a voice. I truly believe this project is a Huge Win for the St. Louis Community and not just for my Hockey Family! Thanks again, Mary Staub	Comment noted
POS	7/19/2017 23:53:40	Brendon Hennessy	I think this is an amazing idea and as a former youth hockey player myself sounds like a great location and a wonderful to improve the game and extend its impact in a class setting. Mutually beneficial to the city as we	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 0:09:54	Patricia Ott	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 0:15:06	Morgan Greenbury	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 0:18:49	Debbie Miller	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 1:15:31	Jake Trudo	Absolutely love this proposal, all for it! This will help tremendously with youth hockey and grow the great sport of hockey even more for St. Louis. I want to have kids someday and I want them to grow up playing hockey and this will be a big step to help young kids and families to play the sport. I love the location as well. The ice rink at the mill is well we all know is a terrible spot and the fact that the mill is practically vacant and won't last. All and all, this makes me happy to be a hockey and Blues fan. This will help boost the great sport of hockey and be a big addition to the city of St. Louis! The future is bright!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 1:30:46	Tom St. Orge	I support the ice rink to be built at the proposed location in Maryland Heights. I am a resident of Maryland Heights and I would like this for our town. Thank You	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 1:39:36	Chae Mueller	I've been watching buddies for years and years get out of hockey games at the 12 in the morning, another facility could really spread those games and get high school kids home at a reasonable time. Also-no mathematician here by any means, but I can only assume that facility will make a lot of money once it's opened up to the public.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 1:58:23	Jordan Allen	I'm a great idea	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 4:58:05	Chris Ott	The St. Louis Community will all benefit from this facility as it will allow youth to have a venue to play and will also bring in new tax dollars	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 5:21:23	Dorothy Menette	I am strongly opposed to building the ice rink in Creve Coeur Park. The park is such a valuable asset. Why destroy it? A soccer facility is already being built with no voter approval	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 5:23:56	Dorothy Menette	Creve Coeur Park is my back yard. I don't want to lose it.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 5:42:32	Debbie Ohwig	Although our city is considered a baseball city, I also believe we're a hockey town. We need to have access to a rink for our team, the Blues, as well as to the hockey fans in St. Louis. I hope this goes through. Thanks.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 6:18:07	Melissa Jensen	I am a huge supporter of the development of a hockey facility in Creve Coeur Lake. This facility would have a positive impact on kids, families and others in the metro area. Our fingers are crossed that this moves forward	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 6:40:52	Dean Nicolacakis	I'm supportive of the St. Louis ice center project	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 6:47:07	Patricia Raposo	All in favor. Great enhancement to park and area!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 6:55:47	Chris Sever	As an avid park user and a hockey family we support this project. I grew up in the north county ice rink and learned many things that I believe have led me to being successful today. I would love my kids to have the same opportunities I did. This facility would provide that and also allow us to take advantage of the park. Thank you.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:25:33	Jean Keutzer	My family and I use Creve Coeur Lake Park regularly. We walk, run, bike, and kayak there. It is peaceful and a wonderful asset to our community. While we love hockey and the idea of being able to easily watch the Blues practice, we feel that putting an ice rink this close to Creve Coeur Lake would be an ecological and logistical disaster. Bringing in that many people near this ecosystem would alter the environment there, potentially damaging wildlife and the lake itself. Time spent at the lake would be filled with the noise and exhaust of cars going to the ice rink. Further, the lake is on a two lane road, there simply is not enough room there to support the 1000+ cars who would be parking in those spots. Again, I hope the ice rink is built somewhere, but not to a delicate ecosystem is exactly the wrong spot.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:48:58	Trevor White	St. Louis needs a hockey rink!!! (Note, comment posted twice)	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:49:25	Gay Nech	St. Louis needs a hockey rink!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:52:51	Russell Caplin	St. Louis needs a hockey rink!!! My kids play hockey. It's an excellent recreational activity. Keeps young people healthy and out of trouble.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:54:48	Carrie Sweency	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:55:44	Rita Sweency	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:55:51	Tiffany Albanese	Building this facility would benefit the city of St. Louis in so many ways. It will keep kids off the streets and keep them healthy! It will also bring so many people to St. Louis for numerous events! We really need the rink!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:55:53	Jeff Cook	Believe the new facility will be an asset for the St. Louis community and our region. Believe this facility will significantly contribute to investments that have already been made in the area to promote youth sports development. Also, believe with this facility, the region will benefit in so many ways, many of which we may not be able to quantify. Am a strong supporter of the project.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:56:40	Payne Sweency	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 7:57:24	Christina Swamy	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:00:19	Debbie Ott	YES on the rink-great asset for all	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:00:45	Amanda Miller	We need more ice hockey rinks in STL	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:03:16	Rohi Tria	This rink needs to be built to foster our community. This will be one of the most unique civic assets the city has seen in a long time.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:06:07	Thomas Seidel	I support this development and believe that this would greatly benefit the area.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:08:17	Michael Neighbors	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:08:33	Matt Bachinger	We need more ice hockey rinks in STL. My son plays hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:08:41	Adrian Tria	My son has played since he was 5 years old and into college. The sport has given him some amazing life skills as a result. Having this rink can give kids this same type of opportunity to learn similar skills that they can carry on for the rest of their life	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:09:52	Debbie Neighbors	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:14:53	Jesse Turff	Great for building teamwork	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:17:22	Shawn Miller	We need more ice hockey rinks in STL. My son plays hockey Ice time is hard to come by in STL. We need more options.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:18:00	Bethany Mattinger	We need more ice hockey rinks in STL. My son plays hockey Ice time is hard to come by in STL. We need more options.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:21:26	Maria Siga	This would be a great amenity to our region	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:24:26	Adrian Tria	My son has played since he was 5 years old and into college. The sport has given him some amazing life skills as a result. Having this rink can give kids this same type of opportunity to learn similar skills that they can carry on for the rest of their life	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:24:40	Diana Torres	I love this idea! It's going to be a wonderful place for kids and families!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:24:47	Colin Zeffeloff	The St. Louis area needs this rink to encourage youth hockey and create jobs.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:26:39	Brian Sondral	We need more facilities for skating in the area. I have 2 hockey players and 2 figure skaters. Ice is limited in the area and other facilities are in desperate need of updating which typically requires closure for a long period of time causing stress on the other locations that are already at full use. Additionally with the Hardee's complex closing Chesterfield soon (I believe for re-development for another use) there will be even more of a need for ice facilities.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:27:35	Diana Tria	I love this idea! It's going to be a wonderful place for kids and families!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:28:09	Tony Velloso	In favor of the ice rink	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:28:26	Dylan Giacin	This place is awesome!! I love it	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:31:13	Ben Beetz	Our area needs ice and as many jobs as possible. This is a win for everyone. Yes, please build it!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:33:06	Emily McLean	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:33:12	Jill Fisher	Youth hockey is in desperate need of ice in the St. Louis area. The use of this park land is perfect for growing the sport and well as businesses around the area by increasing travelers to the area	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:38:36	Rajah Albanese	I am in support	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:38:23	Richard Alpert	Build it!!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:38:24	Kenn Powers	Need more ice, it's good for the St. Louis, it's important to keep kids active - The St. Louis Blues need a better top facility.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:39:03	Dan Quat	We as a community definitely NEED this complex. Not only to grow hockey but just great fun family activities.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:39:17	Loretta Kemp	None location	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:44:27	Adam Shilito	Hockey is such a growing sport that needs more space in Missouri. This facility could provide that.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:44:29	COOPER	I support the addition of the ice center to Creve Coeur Park. A park can include many forms of activities for community members to utilize. The size of Creve Coeur park allows for the inclusion of this improvement, which should be a welcome addition to area for families and individuals	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:43:38	Adam Shilito	Hockey is such a growing sport that needs more space in Missouri. This facility could provide that.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:44:05	Brian Thorson	St. Louis would greatly benefit from this rink. In addition, it will bring in tourist \$ in when hosting tournaments. A rink of this size and stature would be highly regarded for tournaments. Teams from out of town of all ages would come. While they are here, they would spend money on hotels, restaurants, shopping, gas, etc. In addition, it will help kids focus on something other than drugs and drinking. St. Louis does not have enough ice. Kids won't play if there is not enough ice or only ice too far away. The location of this proposed rink is very centrally located, so all of St. Louis could get there in 30 minutes or less. When you look at the big picture... it is a no-brainer. St. Louis needs this rink	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:45:23	Jessica Yarrrough	I think this project would be an asset to the St. Louis community and I greatly hope it is completed. I believe it would be enjoyed by generations to come and would be a great way to bring extra money to the area	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:46:53	Steve McFadden	build it for all kids that will enjoy using it	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 8:56:16	Sarah Willis	We love hockey!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:01:19	Dave Beagle	There is a big shortage of ice now in the area due to Hardee's closing. It is having a big impact on the young kids playing hockey, which is a great sport to teach being part of a team and a great way to be active. This rink won't have a negative impact on the park as there is plenty of open space	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:03:22	Marlise Albert	I support the Maryland Heights ice rink.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:05:26	Christine Berezichart	This would be a great asset to St. Louis County!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:19:39	Andrew Schmidt	We have the opportunity to improve the lives of our younger generation and others and to give them a place to learn and grow. Why wouldn't we do this? This new state of the art facility will draw people from around North America as well and create business for the region. It will make St. Louis a better place to live.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:22:15	Steve Miller	Perfect location and will really improve the area. The facility will bring a wonderful place for many events and activities. Beneficial to the surrounding community and nearby University ice/roller hockey programs. Always great to support the NHL Blues too! Excited to see this facility built. Looks amazing	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:22:55	Orta Jenner	Looks like a great project. It will be a great side to the community.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:26:22	Stacy Meind	Everyone deserves to have an ice rink that is the latest and greatest, but it will also give those on skates a home away from home. With all of the hockey success in our area, and the interest and dedication it takes for both that and figure skating, we need more ice homes. This will help support our community and open more doors to skating opportunities!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:26:51	Brooke Magee	Hockey, figure skating, synchronized skating and other ice sport families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:26:58	Connolly Conolly	STL needs this for the sake of our kids and our community!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:26:58	Inna Sar	We need the rink for the future of our kids.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:31:02	Chris Conolly	Let's get our city back on the map! Build it and they will come!	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:32:09	Dan Pegg	I'm really looking forward to seeing the ice rink in Creve Coeur!!! It looks like a great place to take my family.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:38:25	Scott Wallace	Local kids need more ice and a new center will attract tournaments that will draw in out of town people spending money in our community.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:40:56	Jeff Berger	I fully support this venture for a local ice rink and facility. It's a huge step for the growth of the sport for families around the area because of the lack of decent facilities and sheets of ice. What I have noticed is that even with soccer/lacrosse fields in this surrounding area it has not affected the park atmosphere at all. This rink facility would add a great place for families to enjoy even more activities and fun to have.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 9:41:34	Hannah Chibnal	Yes!!!!!!	Comment noted
NEG	7/20/2017 9:43:27	Edward Heisel	I am strongly opposed to this massive indoor hockey arena being proposed for Creve Coeur Park. My more extensive comments and supporting documents should be downloaded at the following link: <a href="https://app.box.com/s/4cz40e4r8of5xv8w95v1zd6vkw">https://app.box.com/s/4cz40e4r8of5xv8w95v1zd6vkw</a>	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:10:54	Kyle Darnell	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:12:21	Brett Stricker	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:15:41	Jeff Berger	This would be awesome to have! Would be an attraction for Blues fans as well as others in the community. Would also be great for youth hockey as well to grow the game	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:17:23	Erin Olson	I fully support this venture for a local ice rink and facility. It's a huge step for the growth of the sport for families around the area because of the lack of decent facilities and sheets of ice. What I have noticed is that even with soccer/lacrosse fields in this surrounding area it has not affected the park atmosphere at all. This rink facility would add a great place for families to enjoy even more activities and fun to have.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:18:57	Tanner Pires	I love creve coeur park now and the ice center would only encourage me to utilize the park more.	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:22:00	Tanner Pires	I love up playing hockey in St. Louis. And I'm going to have my daughter play when she's old enough. I would love if we could continue to keep hockey growing in this area. Other rinks around here are falling apart. An updated one would be great for kids as well as adults playing in pickup leagues	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:22:00	Tanner Pires	Offering my support for the complex	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:24:35	Nick Telling	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:28:27	Mary Taylor	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:30:36	Danene Schmalzer	I am excited for this potential new ice center! St. Louis needs this and I think it's a fantastic way to bring more people to Creve Coeur park	Comment noted
POS	7/20/2017 10:30:36	Danene Schmalzer	I am looking forward to new development in Creve Coeur Park. It will be nice to have a state of the art facility that can be utilized to serve so many different ice sports. People of all ages will benefit from this project.	Comment noted

POS	7/20/2017 10:38:10		Richard	Arnoldy	This project will be a great asset to St. Louis and St. Charles counties. With the ice rink in Chesterfield being torn down, we need a new state-of-the-art ice complex. This facility will be used by skaters of all ages and skill levels. It will indeed serve anyone interested in figure skating or hockey. The adverse environmental impact this will have on the park are minimal, if at all. Please proceed with the project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:39:22		Julie	Huchinson	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:45:14		Steve	O'Laughlin	Myland Heights is the second largest concentration of hotel rooms in St. Louis after Downtown and the ice sports facility will bring out of town tourists to fill hotel rooms. This is a perfect site for the complex with the hotel/rooms and restaurants. Sports room nights are a significant part of our business plan. Without this complex, tourism will select Indianapolis, Nashville, Kansas City and other regional cities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:46:22		Nicholas	Leinfrost	St. Louis has an incredible youth hockey community. Several local players have even been drafted into the NHL in recent years, including 5 last year. The area needs more available ice time to support this thriving and growing community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:49:04		Perry	Build it!		Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:49:19		Spencer	Rosen	I grew up playing youth hockey in St. Louis, starting at the old Creve Coeur ice arena for the Comets. Hockey was an integral part of my childhood and early adult life. With the momentum the St. Louis area has built with youth hockey over the years (5+ 1st round draft picks from the STL area this past year), it would be a shame to see a boom in hub take a step back in terms of facilities and resources. A project such as this should be well supported.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:52:43		hiki	rauner	I support the ice center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:55:56		Darbo	Smic	The rink will help the kids to develop the skills and have a great economical impact in the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 10:55:59		Scotter	Vaughan	STL is one of the biggest growing hockey cities. With local STL boys playing college hockey and in NHL because they had a place to skate and train when they were kids. Removing the Chesterfield rink and putting a top golf there is a slap in the face to the hardworking community that has spent countless hours at that rink with their families striving for their kids to have a safe haven for the sport they love. I'm not saying a top golf going up is detrimental to the community, it's actually the complete opposite. But removing the rink isn't the way to do it. But, if you are going to remove the rink there at least needs to be a plan in place on getting another place for the kids of the community to play the game of hockey. With this new rink I think the city could be heading in the right direction.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 11:02:12		Scott	Krippel	This is such an important project for not only youth hockey (which we have been involved in for 23 years, but to all in the St. Louis Area. Please see the need for this most important addition to all concerned.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 11:10:26		Joyce	Sanderson	I have witnessed for over 23 years the positive influence an ice rink brings to a community. From the development of the young men and women that use the facility to reach their goals as hockey players and figure skaters, to the recreational skaters and spectators that spend family time at the rink. This proposed area would benefit by having families build lifelong memories for generations at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 11:28:25		Nicole	Arnold	I like hockey we need rinks	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 11:34:01		Tom	Csengody	As an avid hockey player in my 50's I follow what's going on in St. Louis with the surge in popularity concerning youth hockey in particular. With the closing of the Chesterfield rink, available ice time is at a premium. A new rink complex as proposed for CCP is A MUST. The location also makes it very accessible from all areas of St. Louis and St. Charles. Thank you	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 11:35:46		Philip	Thoyer	With the Chesterfield arena going away, it's imperative to have a facility for youth to train and learn. The facility looks to offer a wide variety of sports activity for everyone.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 11:38:10		Hein	Carry	Midrange youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity, including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses or Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:07:13		Bradley	Rupp	We need this rink so we can continue to grow the sport and the city.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:08:20		Nick	Fogge	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:09:45		Michelle	Gottfried	We need this ice center. It will provide a cultural and economic boost to the area in providing ice for family and youth activities, as well as bringing more people to explore and enjoy the Creve Coeur lake area. I believe it will be built in an environmentally supportive way as well.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:23:30		Amanda	Lameyer	I support the St. Louis Ice Center being built in Creve Coeur Park. I am a St. Louis County resident and my family and I enjoy the park amenities. We consider it one of the best parks in the area. We took the time to look into the details of the St. Louis Ice Center plans and encouraged our fellow residents to do the same. The ice center will be a great addition to the park and helps youth hockey teams. We look forward to outdoor ice skating in the winter at our favorite park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:32:46		Matt	Ker	Live near the park and fully support new rinks, will be a great addition. I would like to express my support for the proposed St. Louis Ice Center, here are my 3 reasons on why it's imperative we get behind this project: - New Revenue streams for the Region - Make STL a destination for kids and families to participate and excel in physical activity teamwork - It is about time we did something right in our region instead of continually losing out to other cities	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:39:55		Bradford	Goette	This project is the break we need, please support it! Thank you Bradford & Goette	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:44:50		Sondra	Mittenberger	Creve Coeur Park needs a place like this!! There are very active kids that need this place and we'll! My daughter is a active synchronized skater and we need this in St. Louis!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:51:03		Joe	Michaletti	This complex would be a tremendous benefit for the St. Louis community. I vote a definitive YES for this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:51:17		Tucker	Marr	It's the confluence of the Blues' 50th season celebration, of the team coming off a trip to the conference finals, of the rise of Vladimir Tarasenko into the Hart, of the current team playing (pretty) well and of the momentum from four locals going into the top 15 of the most recent NHL draft (consider, Canada had as many natives picked in the top 15 as St. Louis did). How could you leave a generation restless and stuck in a landlocked state. Harrod comb. Build it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:52:38		Barry	Fell	It is very rare to see so many organizations working together in harmony to provide for athlete development and recreation. The STL market has proven to be one of the nation's hottest and well worked to earn its nickname the Heartland of Hockey. Good luck with this endeavor! As an adult learning the great sport of hockey I've had trouble finding a time to practice skating and playing despite all of the current rinks we have. There's also a vacuum where the old Chesterfield rink used to be so people are sharing time more now. There's a real barrier to entry to ice sports unless you grow up nearby a rink and state young. There's gotta be more like me at my age interested in starting but find it hard.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:06:41		Kyle	Hammond	4 new sheets would do a lot to ease this barrier.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:10:18		Jeffery	Shaw	Thank you Build it! Awesome addition to our region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:12:48		John	Harwig	We see this project as a true opportunity for our region. We hope you can all work as one united front for the improvement and betterment of our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:12:21		Peter	Zimmerman	The addition of new ice surface is great. Add 3 more and your Youth of St. Louis will there game. If you build it they will come	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 13:14:32		Liz	Forrestal	I strongly oppose the construction of an indoor sports complex in Creve Coeur Lake Park. This project will severely damage the area's ecology, not to mention ruining the experience for countless parks users. There are numerous other areas in St. Louis County - including many shuttered shopping malls with adequate parking - where the sports complex can go. Please do NOT approve this project in Creve Coeur Lake Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:41:10		Phyllis	Marshall	Make this area thrive. Local hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity, including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:43:08		Chris	Lockwood	Looking forward to seeing more youth hockey grow in St. Louis!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:51:21		Tracy	Bell	I love the idea of adding a rink in a space not being used well today. Sounds like environmental concerns are being considered, which is great.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:51:53		David	James	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:53:30		Stephan	Zerr	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. The SLIC would be a step in the right direction.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 13:54:47		Richard	Selbel	I am not opposed to the Ice Center itself, only part of the land proposed. If you divide the land into three parcels, (1) the part with the boat house, (2) the empty field across from (1), and (3) the forested area where the Frisbee golf is. I am opposed completely to using parcel (1) and (2).	Comment noted. The Frisbee (disc) golf course would be re-configured but the course would remain in the Park.
POS	7/20/2017 13:59:00		Joel	Balestra	I live nearby in Maryland Heights and frequent the park. Adding the facility would help the local community as well as the growing hockey community in St. Louis and across the Midwest.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 13:59:59		Morris	Morris	I strongly support the proposed ice rink. We need more sheets of ice in the St. Louis area. The area is booming with NHL talents see Pat Kavanagh(Dallas), Brandon Bollig(Chesterfield), Adam Tashak, Clayton Keller and more. That's not possible without enough ice to go around. Support their dreams.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:09:35		Dave	Morris	I believe that St. Louis Ice Center should be built. I think more ice skating and hockey facilities are needed in the St. Louis area and will contribute to the health and happiness of people at all economic levels in the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:19:17		Mike	Caruso	I grew up in St. Louis and had to sneak into the Brentwood rink at 1:00pm to play hockey. I ride bikes in Creve Coeur Park and would love to have kids playing hockey there. Parks such as Queeny, Shaw, Kirkwood and hopefully Creve Coeur should be for runners, walkers, riders, bungees and skaters.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:19:34		Pat	Salomon	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a metal shed. Get it built, get it done.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:22:40		Greg	S	I just moved to the area and we love Creve Coeur park. I am trying to get my kids into hockey but finding ice time is very difficult. I think an ice rink would be a wonderful addition to the park and not detract from the other great things to do there.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:22:58		Brian	James	Add the ice rink	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:23:20		Ryan	Worford	This would be a great addition for youth hockey and many others in the St. Louis area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:27:05		Chris	Hannah	BUILD IT!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:28:10		Bob	Draheim	This is not need, nor wanted by anyone other than a select small group of people. There are already plenty of ice complexes that are close by. This park is already crowded. I would NOT like to see this built. We should save our \$\$\$, get some blades, and roller blade the park. Its nice.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:43:17		John	Melton	Hockey has been the most important thing to me since I could walk. Taking this kind of opportunity away from young men and women is a disservice to all in the community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:43:40		Morris	Bailey	Love the idea of this. Truly believe this would help expand the best sport and game in the world. Great work for St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:46:07		Rachel	Ort	I agree with the proposed rink for hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity, including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:47:38		Lisa	Schwartz	My son played hockey and it opened so many doors for him now as an adult. It is a great team building sport. It helps with networking and building confidence. I feel it brought our family closer together as well.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 14:48:56		Amanda	Shyman	This would be a great thing for the STL youth hockey community! My daughter just started playing and loves it. I see no to the ice rink complex. We already have huge traffic flow increases in our neighborhood because of people cutting through. They spend with the signs for the safety of our children and the neighborhood. Adding this would increase traffic flow through both Seven Pines and Old Farm Estates. Please do not build this complex. I use the park because it is in the outdoors. Don't put up building to create traffic and an indoor environment. If for some reason you ignore our wishes, please put the regard back up at Creve Coeur Mill & Bookbinder and Marine & Amiot disallowing outside traffic.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 14:53:43		Tricia	Bastean	I see no to the ice rink complex. We already have huge traffic flow increases in our neighborhood because of people cutting through. They spend with the signs for the safety of our children and the neighborhood. Adding this would increase traffic flow through both Seven Pines and Old Farm Estates. Please do not build this complex. I use the park because it is in the outdoors. Don't put up building to create traffic and an indoor environment. If for some reason you ignore our wishes, please put the regard back up at Creve Coeur Mill & Bookbinder and Marine & Amiot disallowing outside traffic. Thank you, Tricia Bastean	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
POS	7/20/2017 15:07:52		Cindy	Ott	I think this is a great way to bring visitors and healthy fun activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County. I grew up near an outdoor rink and spent many hours there! such an asset to the community!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 15:09:45		Blake	Clarke	St. Louis desperately needs more rinks and this would be a giant step in the right direction. There is a huge demand for ice time and this is an ideal location for a rink to be built. There is a huge add for the hockey community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 15:12:27		Hilman	Hemler	WE NEED THIS new recreational facility. So, it is a gem of a city and along with others there is a great effort to create a great place to live, work and have recreational opportunities. IT IS A MUST HAVE!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 15:18:44		Prinkert	Prinkert	We need more ice in STL. Let's make Creve Coeur Lake Park an even better destination by bringing hockey, both youth and professional - to the area!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 15:21:34		Larry	Hale	I am a long time resident of Maryland Heights and long time user (since 1979) of Creve Coeur Park. I and my family are very opposed to this proposed ice rink project in our park. It is a constant and real traffic flow that will run what has been one of the outdoor jewels of our area. I am also outraged to see that work to build it has already begun, despite the fact that this proposed project has never even been approved. I am also shocked to see our own Maryland Heights city government agreeing to pay millions of our tax dollars to help this happen! Any city dollars spent should be directed to opposing this proposed project.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
POS	7/20/2017 15:28:15		Tyler	Boas	It's important to have enough facilities to meet the demand for ice time, especially in more underdeveloped areas like St. Louis (hockey-wise). Easier access and availability means more kids are playing this sport we all love while bringing in outside visitors and revenue to the area. Good luck	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 15:36:40		Dave	Wilkinson	I support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 15:35:41		Stephen	Ratigan	I support this new ice complex because of it's economic, health, and social benefits for the residents of this area!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 16:01:33		Duane	Quinn	St. Louis is a hockey town!! Strong youth hockey programs benefit the youth of the area plus a possible impact on local/area businesses such as hotels and restaurants. A win/win proposition with no down side.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 16:13:11		Bala	Gitt	Please don't have ice center in a green space.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 16:15:22		Francine	Glas	I strongly oppose the Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park conversion of 40 acres for an indoor ice recreation facility. Here are only a few of my reasons: development in a floodplain, visual disharmony, commercialization of public land, impervious surfacing + run-off (inc. salt and chemical de-icers into lake) stormwater flooding, increased traffic in already heavily used park, public assistance for wealthy Blues foundation, park open space continually being chipped away, legal stipulations of Land/Water Conservation Fund requiring land to be used as "outdoor recreation," privatization of public park land. Thank you, Francine Glas  The scenic integrity around the project site ranges from moderate to low and has already been lowered by human alteration such as the mowed field, the electric transmission lines, paved roads including a four-lane divided highway, traffic signals, a parking lot and its lighting, electric traffic signals and a railroad.  The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).  The proposed development will be considered a public facility, not a commercial development. As part of the proposal, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (SLCPRP) would retain ownership of the land and lease it to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (Foundation), which has been formed to oversee construction and the operation of the project.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.  A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
POS	7/20/2017 16:15:54		Julie	Lucas	We have spent many hours and many dollars visiting ice arenas throughout our years of hockey. The hockey weekends have given us the opportunity to visit areas we wouldn't otherwise have visited as tourists. This development will not only benefit hockey families but will increase patronage to area restaurants, stores and other local attractions in addition, the two detention lakes will provide 5 acres of water habitat!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 16:16:09		Katherine	Muhalik	I am adamantly AGAINST the construction of an ice rink within the boundaries of Creve Coeur Park. The park is a treasure to people both inside and out of our community. It must be protected! The addition of the proposed structure, parking and additional flow of vehicle traffic would forever damage the character of this resource. I'm no opposed to the rink... just the location. For everyone's sake, please build somewhere else.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
POS	7/20/2017 16:27:27		Tom	Dunne	St. Louis is a hockey town!!! Strong youth hockey programs benefit the youth of the area plus a possible impact on local/area businesses such as hotels and restaurants. A win/win proposition with no down side.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 16:29:40		Eric	Wilkinson	This is a public park. It is open space. It has already been greatly impacted by development in the past decade. It should be left open space for all to enjoy. Take a walk, visit, un-consevered project elsewhere.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 16:40:47		Gary	Hente	please see attached	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 16:51:01		Erin	Quinn	I love creve coeur park now and the ice center would only encourage me to utilize the park more.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 16:53:17		Anthony	Capelletti	Not enough ice for the amount of players so we need this. Also to attract more events like Hardestopple did.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 16:54:51		Raquel	Bayless	Need more ice for my kids to play.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 16:55:16		Randall	Simpson	Please consider approving the proposed ice rink center for Creve Coeur Park. This would be a perfect addition for St. Louis County and the park on a section of land that only represents 2 percent of Creve Coeur Park's total acres. Land that is currently not used by the public and is bordered by train tracks and the highway.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:11:14		brett	gathier	Please support the St. Louis Ice Center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:13:14		Brendan	Dobbs	I support the ice center. Build it for the kids.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:16:00		Andrew	Wasko	I support the ice center. Build it for the kids, please, do it	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:16:46		Jake	phelps	Please support the St. Louis Ice Center. Do it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:20:26		Trevor	Nickerson	I fully support the construction and opening of the new St. Louis Ice Center. My boys are coming of age to start skating and it is beyond exciting to picture a place I could take them on the weekends or after work that has plenty of sheets for everyone. I hope construction is allowed to start soon!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:23:17		Smith	Taylor	Please do not build the Creve Coeur Park ice facility and will be utterly ruined by this building. St. Louis needs this park, it does not need another new complex. Please, please, please build this elsewhere.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 17:27:53		Dan	Genovese	This project is a win-win for the area. It is a project that will support the demand for ice time for junior hockey which continues to grow and bring acclaim to our region. It will do that while adding dollars to the construction market. The park will actually benefit for the additional wetland restore the developers are committing to as well. WI win!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/20/2017 17:28:34		Andrew	Blumentfeld	I am very much in favor of developing a youth hockey complex however I do not think we should be building in a floodplain and public green space. The region has an abundance of brownfield locations that would make ideal sites and add to the economic vitality of a region. Seems to me we should look there first.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
POS	7/20/2017 18:06:19		Matthew	Berghager	Thank you in advance for the consideration of building a new ice complex. This will be a great addition to the park and now give families a place to go in the winter months. The park is already great for summer activities, and with the addition of an ice complex it will be a fantastic year-round park for families.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 18:14:32		Mark	Rukic	I support the construction of a new ice rink/rinks anywhere in the St. Louis area. We desperately need them to continue to grow all on ice sports. St. Louis is establishing itself as a hockey town. There are talented young players, both boys and girls that need a place to learn the game. We need the basic essentials (ice rinks!) to continue to support the hundreds of folks out there donating their time and love to youth hockey. My son has been playing since he was five and he is turning 13 this year. Hockey is another way to help keep him away from the things all parents worry about. I have learned a ton about the sport and the excellent youth hockey programs that exist in St. Louis in his wonderful experience. There are a lot of great, devoted coaches, managers and parents that need new rinks to give St. Louis youth ice sports the opportunity they deserve. Please build the rinks we need! Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 18:15:46		John Douglas	Frew	I support the new ice proposal near Creve Coeur park. It would serve the county as a great family sport center, local and regional business would benefit from this ice center. I was raised on the St. Louis County ice rinks since the 70's and now pass on the tradition to my children and friends. St. Louis County Parks have a great opportunity to continue the experience.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 18:20:29		Dan	Schwartz	We need more ice sports are a great way to get our kids exercise and even bigger: teach them to compete and sportsmanship. We don't have any problems building more retail space even though we have hundreds of thousands of square feet of unoccupied space now. City's will approve that looking for tax money. What is more important, to support our youth's physical and mental health? Play on a team in a sport like hockey and you learn to get along and be a team mate to everyone on the team. We need more team mentality in this world!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 18:21:58		David	Newman	The \$100k need this ice rink badly. Ice is short supply and 3 more ice sheets will really help all the hockey community. The Cyclones girls have no home and need a place to play as well. It would be tremendous boost for girls hockey. Please build this rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 18:26:13		Ryan	Miller	Can't wait for this addition to our community! Another great activity for families and people of all ages to get exposure to hockey, go for a skate, watch their kids play or see future NHLers play in the ISHL. This is a very exciting project and undoubtedly an asset not only to Creve Coeur Park, but the city of St. Louis and the entire region!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 19:17:43		DANIELA	TAMAYO	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 19:48:18		Dave	Daniels	The new ice facility in Creve Coeur Park will be the premier facility for ice sports south of Chicago and North of Nashville. With multiple sheets of ice and support from the St. Louis Blues, our town will be able to host ice events for all ages and skill levels. In order for St. Louis to continue to grow all ice sports this centrally located facility will lead the way by providing ice for hockey, figure skating, speed skating, curling and public skating sessions. As a former ice hockey player and current fan, coach and parent of hockey players I cannot wait to skate and be a part of this new complex.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 20:13:53		Ryan	Ruder	Without question this facility will bring much needed quality ice to St. Louis. In addition the ability to draw top notch hockey teams from outside the region will be greatly enhanced with a new facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 20:21:16		Logan	Lofto	I've been playing hockey since I was 3 years old. My life has always been surrounded by the sport. My best friends have always been hockey players. I learned what it was like to be a teammate at the rink. I learned how to be a leader at the rink. I learned how to have a strong work ethic at the rink. A hockey rink has had its hand in everything I've become. Build the rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 20:21:30		Charles	Carverly	This is a unique and special opportunity for the foundation and all of St. Louis, can't wait to see it all come together.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 20:30:54		Joel	Schneideman	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 20:34:40		Emily	Filmore	I'm impressed and excited for the opportunity this new rink will afford our figure skating daughter and think it looks well thought out and environmentally mindful with the adding of five acres of wetlands that aren't there now to compensate for the impact of the building and parking lot. Ice sports are great exercise for everyone and will be a good addition to the sports offered at Creve Coeur Lake.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 20:36:29		Gabriela	Krize	I want to express my support for the creation of the Ice Center at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park as a mother of two children who love and participate in the sports of hockey and figure skating. Right now there are not enough ice rinks available for all the different hockey leagues to play in and Hardee's complex hasn't closed its doors yet. In 2011 when Brentwood ice rink closed down for	

NEG	7/20/2017 12:33:35		CHRISTINE	VITELLO	I have just attended the Maryland Heights City Council Meeting held on July 20th, 2017. I voiced my opinion that there is opposition to the ice complex being located on Park land. In front of a witness, the City Attorney assured me that they have 70% online approval for the project. I find this hard to believe. The park land was designed for wildlife refuge and for city green space. Now it will be covered up with concrete and asphalt and more congestion. Please cast your vote in OPPOSITION to this ice complex now. The deadline to respond is July 22, 2017 at 5pm. Please share this with your friends. We can make a difference.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:41:29		George	Shuert	Definitely need more sheets of ice to replace the ones lost. There is definitely not enough ice to grow the sport in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Now's the time.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:41:29		Mantha	Mantha	Let's not let Jameson MAD! There needs to be enough ice to replace the ones lost. I would like to see the owners across from the park were wanting to take their land. Leave Creve Coeur Park for all the people who love parks!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:50:09		Brueck	Brueck	Hockey teaches so many life lessons AND hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 12:50:23		Angela	Eberhardt	I support the funding and development of the St. Louis Ice Center in Creve Coeur Park. I have three children who all skate (hockey and figure). For years, I have seen firsthand the limited ice resources in our community and the conflict created by not having enough ice available to our kids. I have also seen our city miss out on bidding to host large scale sporting events because we do not have enough ice and patron wanting to support the event. Please support and approve this project. Creve Coeur Park is a great central location for such an endeavor.	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 23:14:36		Jenny	Smith	Please consider building the ice complex somewhere aside from this beautiful park. People love and enjoy Creve Coeur Park because of its natural setting and beauty. A new ice rink is a great idea - just not in this location. Please help preserve the small amount of environmental space we have and choose to build somewhere other than in one of Saint Louis area's parks. Keep green spaces green!	Comment noted.
POS	7/20/2017 23:34:24		Jim	Roth	We need more ice in St. Louis. This is a great location with great access.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 0:34:18		Joyce	Yost	There are many sites outside the immediate area of Creve Coeur Memorial Park to build an ice rink. We the Citizens of Maryland Heights overwhelmingly agree we do not want our Park disturbed, deformed, invaded or ruined by an ice rink. This is not what the Citizens of Maryland Heights want or need. We don't need more traffic on our roads, more traffic and around our park, our environment to suffer or change due to your plan to destroy our Treasured Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Build this ice rink anywhere but not within or on the Property belonging to our landmark, OUR HISTORY, OUR TRADITION, OUR FUTURE. Note: comment posted below.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area
POS	7/21/2017 1:26:21		Wendy	Richards	Residents who live for residents of all ages! With the closing of the Hardee's complex many of our youth programs are in jeopardy. Environment would also benefit from more open skate opportunities. Skating and hockey are great activities to keep in shape and spend time with friends and family. This complex would be fantastic for all of us.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically when park visitation is lower
POS	7/21/2017 1:29:52		Taylor	Wagner	The idea of an ice complex in a park is not unprecedented, and actually fairly common with Queeny Park, Kirkwood Park, Kennedy (South County) Park, and Forest Park all hosting some form of an ice rink within their bounds. The ice center itself might actually serve as a magnet to attract those that might not normally go to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, thus further benefiting the community and promoting wellness.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 3:53:26		Luke	Gerardi	Overall, this opportunity to bring a prized facility to the area should be seized upon and not squandered. I am optimistic that the true interests of the local citizens will prevail, and that St. Louis County will gain an asset for years to come.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 6:58:34		Sharon	Williams	Build it for the kids!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 7:43:29		Bob	Beck	Have 3 children all play (even my husband) and they will forever. This sport truly gives back and St. Louis is in dire need of more sheets of ice. This complex would bring in the revenue for the city and also support other sports programs	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 7:55:16		Cory	Presley	I am in favor of the St. Louis ice center being built. This will attract my entire family back to this park. I have not visited this location in 15 years and it does not provide the facilities that my family enjoys. It will also bring new capital to surrounding businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 7:58:09		Bill	Hipkins	Please approve! This will be great for Maryland Heights and the surrounding St. Louis/St. Charles county area children looking to get into hockey.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:01:35		Emily	Weber	I think this project /center would be a great recreation destination for the St. Louis Area. Ice hockey is a growing sport and St. Louis does not have enough to supply a positive recreation experience to the residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. I like the aspect that it is centrally located and has a very positive environmental effect.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:01:35		Trent	Wheeler	How the ideal What precautions will be taken to avoid flood risks? I know that the park was drastically affected by our latest rounds of flood. Has an environmental impact assessment been done for the area?	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:02:11		Leticia	Wells	I believe in this project 100%. Very much needed!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:03:26		Jennifer	Joe	I grew up figure skating in St. Louis and would love my kids to have a modern accessible place nearby to skate! With the iceplex in Chesterfield Valley closing our choices are few.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:09:05		Joe	Bishop	Support the ice center because it is actually adding 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:13:07		Matt	Casalone	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:15:38		Jane	Wells	St. Louis needs that	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:17:17		Len	Chartrand	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:20:11		Andrew	Hae	An ice facility such as this would be a great thing for St. Louis. Promotes a great sport for young kids and it will give this area a more appealing attraction	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:20:11		pace	RTS III	Comment noted.	
POS	7/21/2017 8:22:34		Ariana	Mazza	A great addition for the community. Allowing multiple sports and activities to be provided to the community is important for improved health and wellness.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:23:34		Jan	Wells	We NEED MORE ICE!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:23:48		Shap	Hylan	This is the complex that hockey in St. Louis needs. We need some positive things happening in St. Louis. We're a great sports town. A great hockey town. This is the kind of project that will create a great St. Louis story. This is more than just St. Louis. It's good for our region - and even nationally. Something for St. Louis to be proud of!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 8:43:06		Ryan	Benjy	That new multi-purpose ice complex would be great for the St. Louis region. It would bring more access to not only ice sports but a variety of other activities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 9:45:07		Stephen	Meyer	Playing hockey has been great in helping my 7 year old gain in confidence & helped him come out of his shell. I've seen the positive effects on other kids too, and we need more ice surfaces to help grow this amazing game. This new complex will help so many people	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 9:45:46		John	Forsythe	Rinks are MUCH needed in STL	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:07:34		James	Potter	Ice hockey is one of the greatest sports for learning teamwork, leadership, and work ethic. I am 100% certain that without this sport, my progression through college and now medical school would simply not have occurred. To not build this rink would be a massive disservice to the growing youth of Missouri. Please build the ice rink for the children. If nothing else.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:39:56		Linda	Hornig	This addition would be the same as having a rink in Forest Park. The park is still there and more than likely will benefit from the additional traffic brought to the area	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:39:56		Dan	O'Neary	This complex would bring money to the area, beyond the volume of hockey improvements this would be a benefit to the community. St. Louis is a rapidly growing province in the hockey world. With the closure of Hardee's Ice Complex, we lost roughly 17% of the ice in the are	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:38:53		Chris	Taylor	As an active youth hockey family we spend a LOT of money in other cities at rinks, restaurants and rinks supporting hockey in those areas. The kids here are a growing and strong population of dedicated athletes. It is important to support their healthy choice to participate in sport as a lifestyle by giving them the facilities they need. And let's bring those other families here to see what a great city we have with lots of great amenities for them to spend THEIR money on!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:37:37		Kevin	Suter	I support the new facility. Youth sports help grow the community and it also provides a great foundation for kids to develop in a team atmosphere	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:38:30		Randy	Karaker	I think this addition to the area would be wonderful. With the loss of the Hardee's complex, the region needs more sheets of ice. Young hockey players and figure skaters would benefit greatly from this facility	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 10:36:38		Zack	Hauer	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:06:47		John	Oudek	Board member St. Peter's Sport Hockey Club. Ice time is harder and harder to get. Programs are growing and the shut down of Hardee's creates a huge burden on the parents to get kids to the rinks. It would be a great addition to the area	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 11:11:23		ron	Kalupa	It is time to remind that those in power in county government like our county executive, Steve Stenger, that the many, many supporters of Creve Coeur Lake Park are voters too	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:13:45		Cole	Johnson	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:13:58		Kendall	Kendall	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:16:24		Mark	Sheds	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land. Creative design solutions can mitigate environmental impact and provide a win for all parties involved	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:19:11		Linda	Duda	I think the plan for this rink, which includes an outdoor sheet of ice is a great idea and a draw for residents to enjoy skating outdoors! Synchro skaters, figure skaters, speed skaters, and of course hockey players need more ice! I vote yes	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:28:36		Jeffrey	Altwater	Youth ice sports are growing in the St. Louis area and this development would be positive for the whole region	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:28:33		Jason	Pippi	This Ice Center would be an amazing addition to aid in the development of the sport of hockey in Missouri. It would also be an incredible support to the community!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 11:34:03		Joe	Milton	It is on a major flood plain and every other year major flooding occurs in this area. This facility would destroy the first park that the St. Louis county parks ever built. All for supporting the blues, but let's do it in a better way than destroying a park, creating heavy amounts of traffic, air, water and light pollution. This would also seriously damage the wildlife in the parks as well as the wildlife in the Creve Coeur Lake. In other words, the St. Louis blues would have the animals singing the blues just by moving the ice facility in another location than being placed in a lovely park.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.  The existing habitat at the project site is not unique, and there are numerous areas within and adjacent to the Park that will support wildlife off by the SLIC. Within a 5-mile radius, there is a relatively large amount of deciduous forest of equal or better quality than the vegetation being removed. Therefore, due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may be using the existing forest and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced birds.
POS	7/21/2017 11:41:39		Jennifer	Ryan	The St. Louis region needs more ice facilities. Our area has more than 4,000 amateur hockey players and, simply put, there are not enough rinks. Many young people are forced to practice long before the sun comes up and very late at night, which creates bad habits and puts families in challenging situations.  The SLIC would support many recreational activities and promote overall health. In addition to ice hockey, the public facility would offer figure skating, speed skating, ice dancing, synchronized skating, indoor field hockey, floor hockey, indoor lacrosse, indoor soccer, in-line skating and much more. Visitors would suddenly be introduced to new exercise options as they spend time in the park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:44:29		David	Scott	Through the hosting of tournaments and other high-profile events, the SLIC would bring thousands of people to the St. Louis region. That's good for our economy and just about any type of business you can think of. The St. Louis region is an incredible place to live, work and play. Why not bring folks from all over the United States here?	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 11:58:53		Scott	Riaz	The Park and New Arena can both co exist. As a Maryland Heights resident in the area tremendously will also be a cool attraction that we have in the city. Lindenwood Will have an NCAA D1 team. So much opportunity. Please build this, so much good will become of it!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 12:17:11		Joe	Klaus	please build this rink at the proposed location!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 12:17:11		Scott	Riaz	This new rink should only be seen as a positive. There already is the space and it wouldn't take away from ANYTHING.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 12:24:37		Derek	Fickoff	With the St. Louis area producing five first-round National Hockey League draft picks last year, this project is capitalizing on developing youth hockey in St. Louis and making St. Louis a hub for hockey and ice sports in the Midwest. This type of goodwill can be priceless in so many ways and a huge morale boost to the Metro area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 12:35:14		Chris	Arnold	Anything for the kids is a good idea. I approve	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 12:52:39		David	Rough	The proposed Ice Center would be a tremendous asset to the community. It would benefit residents of all ages for years to come.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 13:08:11		Peter	Whiting	Leave the park as is. Indoor ice rink should be built outside the park	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 13:15:17		Adam	Kulp	Dear National Park Service,  As a park lover who has kept up with issues for 20+ years, I'd like to say THANK YOU for the LWCF resources you have made available across the country. Please do not allow the LWCF to be undermined with waivers. The LWCF manual unequivocally states that grants must be applied to "outdoor recreation." Land for the ice complex proposed at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park would not be qualified for a grant, and waiving the requirement would jeopardize the spirit and intent of all LWCF grants everywhere.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 13:28:30		Deb	Renkey	A 250,000 square foot, 50 foot tall, 4500 seat, 4-rink, indoor ice arena complex with 1000+ parking spaces and a footprint of 40 acres is NOT "outdoor recreation." In fact, this facility would degrade the quality of "outdoor recreation" for those using the land/water as the LWCF grant intended.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 13:29:08		Pheny	Mosher	In the floodplain such a massive structure would stick out like a sore thumb. Increased traffic would be constant. Sunsets viewed from the idyllic lake would be ruined by a concrete and steel monstrosity, the visual equivalent of an office park or large mall anchor store.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 13:39:05		Dale	Wilcoxon	The ice arena partnership is arguing that the facility would increase use of the park in general, thereby encouraging "outdoor recreation." There is absolutely nothing to justify this claim. If anything, the loss of quality open space would drive many who love this park away.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:02:11		Kris	Zonies	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.  A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.	
NEG	7/21/2017 14:04:36		Kathleen	Schweitzer	According to the 2017 St. Louis County Parks master plan input survey:  --as is, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial County Park has the HIGHEST satisfaction rating of any County park. (pg. 2): <a href="http://www.stlouisparkmasterplan.com/uploads/2/0/1/3/20131535/esc_report_executive_summary_draft_-_st_louis_county_march_29_2017.pdf">http://www.stlouisparkmasterplan.com/uploads/2/0/1/3/20131535/esc_report_executive_summary_draft_-_st_louis_county_march_29_2017.pdf</a>	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:11:54		Debbie	Neidmich	--only 6% of respondents rated "ice skating facilities" as their top wish list choices for any County park. Public interest in ice facilities ranked LESS THAN nature study, outdoor tennis courts, splash pads, outdoor aquatic, bike paths, shooting ranges, golf courses, indoor walking/jogging tracks, indoor aquatic facilities, fishing areas, dog parks, boat access, undeveloped open space, museums, picnic shelters, historical sites, playgrounds and trails. (pg. 4)	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 14:12:04		Elton	Wentz	--"ice skating facilities" ranked only in the "medium" range of priority investments in any County park, LESS THAN trails, indoor walking/jogging, indoor swimming, historic places, museums, dog parks, river access, fishing areas, weights/fitness machines, shooting ranges and playgrounds. (pg. 5)	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 14:14:46		Sarah	Willey	--environmental education/nature study ranked #1 in "Programs That Are Most Important to Adults in Households" (pg. 9)	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:22:44		Marissa	Watt	--environmental education/nature study ranked #2 in "Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs - Adult" (pg. 10)	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:23:54		Bryan	Ziercher	http://www.stlouisparkmasterplan.com/uploads/2/0/1/3/20131535/17-0531_open_house_mtg.pdf	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:39:48		Jack	Capps	Please follow through with these plans and develop an exciting opportunity for area ice hockey! The location is ideal, central to the region, and the city needs to capitalize on its growth of local hockey development and its recent success with this facility. This rink would not only enhance the current access to this sport, and others mentioned, but may be necessary to support some of the four major sport teams we still have in the area. It would also be a great draw for the surrounding creve coeur park. Finally a great step forward for this community - lets get it going!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:39:48		Pheny	Mosher	Put resources toward revitalizing already developed areas!	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:48:46		Jay	Pace	I feel this ice rink would be beneficial to the skating community of St. Louis, and to the economy of St. Louis as a whole. I fully support the building of this complex	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 14:53:45		Terry	H	Love hockey. All the other ice sports are cool too. We need this.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 15:02:11		Tricia	Bisoux	I feel we should proceed with this development. With the closing of the rink in Chesterfield valley, there are hundreds of hockey players and figure skaters who have lost their place to exercise, play, and be part of a team.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 15:07:49		Margaret	Howard	This rink will bring economic benefit to the area, bringing in tournaments and competitions that will bring outside money into Creve Coeur.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 15:20:36		liz	keeler	I am also a frequent user of Creve Coeur Lake Park and don't feel that this will negatively impact the park.  While I understand the desire for an ice rink, I tend not to think this was a part of the August 2002 City Park Master Plan and it isn't mentioned anywhere in the 2000 Howard Bend Levee EA as a "future contemplated event". Most importantly perhaps is that the EA for this project states that in 2015, 2016 and 2017 this area was subject to three 100-year flood events. Future 100-year flood events will most likely impact this area again and again. Maybe it is time to stop placing structures in flood prone areas.  I support the ice center because it is actually adding 3 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact  A flood plain is a beautiful park is not the place to build an ice rink. I believe a rink is needed, but not here.  I do not approve of any development on the land that is designated as a park. There are plenty of other places that a facility like that is suggested could be built, but the Park is wonderful the way it is; I visit often and my enjoyment of the park (and the frequency with which I visit) would be negatively impacted by this development. Further, I don't believe the construction of a new Ice Center on the park grounds is even legal, either.  I am in support of the St. Louis Ice Center.  I support the construction of the facility and rinks. This is an outstanding opportunity for the betterment of the community and support of our youth through out the entire region  This planned ice center would be a great benefit to not only the St. Louis hockey community but the St. Louis community at large. This will alleviate many of the scheduling issues at other local rinks and draw more people into Creve Coeur Park. The ice center will attract those into the park who would otherwise not enter the park. This would not be a featured attraction that would draw people in and then once they see the beauty of the park they will become lifelong visitors.  I am in full support of the ice Center. It will be great for the whole St. Louis Region.  I see nothing but positives about this project. This will help bring more people to the park to see this beautiful facility. It would help promote fitness and family fun all things a park is used for. It would be a travesty if this was not allowed to proceed and be built  I love hockey and think this facility will be an excellent addition to the park.  Creve Coeur Park is the last place that this ice rink should be located! I live in nearby Seven Pines, and we already are having wildlife seeking refuge in our neighborhoods. I can only imagine what will happen when MORE of their green space is taken away for a massive ice rink and parking lot. Park land is not the place for this. Forest Park is a very poor comparison in terms of a "venue like this." Unlike Forest Park, which is made for heavy traffic with the 200 ft museum and ice rink, Creve Coeur park has only one two-lane road running through the middle of it, and a large body of water limiting the area that land animals can inhabit. Not all green space needs to be built on and paved over. Creve Coeur Park is NOT Forest Park. Its central attractions are its natural assets, not its man-made ones. An ice complex and parking lot will most certainly significantly detract, not enhance, those assets. And we cannot simply keep showing wildlife out of their natural habitats. It's cruel to the animals and shortsighted in terms of our need for natural, undisturbed green space. Please, please, please, build the ice rink somewhere else, somewhere that is NOT on the ground of such a beautiful park! Please leave the park as a peaceful place!  I've only in the last year or so begun to explore the area around the lake, and am appalled to hear that so much of this beautiful green space is being considered for this development. There are plenty of options that would create congestion in this great open space!  St. Louis Ice Center Draft Environmental Assessment, Maryland Heights, St. Louis County, Missouri. June 2017  Comments prepared by Scott George (July 21, 2017)	Comment noted.
NEG	7/21/2017 15:22:01		Scott	George	Section 1.0 Purpose and Need  This section does not demonstrate a need for additional ice skating facilities in the St. Louis County. The only statistics presented are from the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (project developer), which claims there are 10,000 hockey participants in the St. Louis metro area (Missouri counties of Jefferson, St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Louis City, Illinois counties of Monroe, Madison, St. Clair), with 18 currently operating ice skating facilities. This does not constitute a significant need for new ice facilities.  EA states the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) suggests one indoor ice facility for every 100,000 in population. This is a general guideline and does relate to the specific study area markers, or needs. If there is a high demand for indoor ice facilities, can't be supported by the commercial market, without the donation of public park land? Why did the Hardee's complex in nearby Chesterfield recently close? If it was not economically feasible to keep, or upgrade this facility, a new facility will not.  The only independent survey regarding ice skating facilities needs was conducted by St. Louis County Parks and presented in: St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey (2017), which states:  *Facilities/Priorities That Are Most Important to Households: are trails for walking, biking, hiking (59%), followed by playgrounds, with Ice Skating Facilities ranked 19th (6%).  *Top Programs for Investment for Recreation Facilities is also trails for walking, biking, hiking, with Ice Skating Facilities ranked 12th.  *Programs That Are Most Important to Adults in Households (Environmental Education/Nature Study, Ice Skating did not even make the list.  *Conclusions and Recommendations states: "Trails and sports, environmental education and nature study, and senior/recreation programs were among the top four programs when it comes to unmet needs within the County." No mention of ice skating.  The EA should incorporate the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey (2017), which demonstrates, ice skating facilities are not a significant unmet need for St. Louis County residents. We fail to understand how removing natural habitat along the Great Rivers Greenway Trail (highest priority for residents), with a massive indoor ice skating facility (low priority for residents) is meeting a "need".  EA Section 1.6 Scoping and Public Involvement Activities, should include reference to the numerous letters by public organizations, which have commented on the project, e.g. Webster Groves Nature Study Society (WGNSS), St. Louis Audubon Society, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Sierra Club, Open Space Council, Greenway Network, American Institute of Architects, and Green Building Council. These groups represent the public and their concerns should be considered.  Section 2.0 Project Alternatives. The alternatives evaluation only considers a very narrow set of sites and not "a full range of alternatives" (e.g. availability, environmental impacts (e.g. floodplain, prime farm land, natural habitat, wildlife), or potential conflicts with surrounding Park areas (e.g. trails, nature, sports).  EA states there is already an ice facility at Queeny Park, which should have eliminated it from consideration. Many other (undeveloped or undeveloped) sites are available for this project. A web search for: St. Louis County Commercial Real Estate for Sale, lists many properties. Most are less than 40 acres, but tracts could be combined, e.g. 1.11 acre commercial site for sale, with adjoining commercial land, which could be used for expansion. Much of the former Northwest Plaza (near I-70 and I-270) is idle and would seem a good alternative. One listing is for 115.5 acres in Chesterfield for "residential/commercial development project for a planned community builder/developer/investor." This site is not within a floodplain or Park.  Please do not allow an ice rink to be built inside Creve Coeur Park. The highway overpass that was built in the park a few years ago was a mistake. We do not want another mistake. There are many acres of land surrounding the park that are very probably available for sale.	Comment noted.
POS	7/21/2017 15:29:04		Katherine	Adams	Comment noted.	



POS	7/21/2017 19:36:32		Justin	McCallister	There can never be too much ice in Missouri... were looking forward to more tournament opportunities	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:36:38		Steve	Yue	Thanks for all the hard work! Having this ice rink built is critical to the youth hockey community	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:37:18		Dustin	Stech	More places to increase the love of hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:38:18		Anthony	South	I will use it	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:39:24		Tara	South	It would be a great addition to the community	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:41:07		Aaron	Hudson	Need more ice	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:41:14		Justin	Patrick	More ice will bring more kids to the rinks, I'm in favor of having more rinks	Comment noted
N/A	7/21/2017 19:41:20		Tim	Thompson	Hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:45:15		Jenney	Wess	Need more ice	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:46:03		Mike	Brandon	The proposed St. Louis Ice Center proposed for Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park would be a tremendous asset for those in the area that enjoy playing and watching ice hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:46:38		Mike	Brandon	It is a very much needed place!!! It would be great for St. Louis hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:54:51		Paul	Johnson	Support the new ice rink in MH... ice at a premium in the St. Louis area and this much needed... Hockey is growing at an great rate this past seasons and an ice shortage would stifle that great growth	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:57:23		Mike	Russell	Good for the community. The more rinks the better. For the development of the game	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 19:59:20		Mark	Hannah	We need more ice ice in St. Louis	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:00:43		Zach	Love	Yay hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:00:49		Larry	Jackson	Hockey is important to St. Louis and this rink/development is greatly needed to continue the positive growth of hockey in our town	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:01:27		Scott	Sarich	Kids could use more ice to play on	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:02:16		Dennis	Lenny	If it be great for the community	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:03:09		Janet	Bova Conti	I support this project. Kids and families will enjoy time together at this facility.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:04:13		Sean	Schutz	Need more ice. Great for community	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:05:57		Allen	Roth	I believe this ice facility should be built. I know there's lots of arguments about it being built in Creve Coeur Park but there are many county and city parks that have ice rinks, for example Kennedy Ice rink in Sutton Park, Queeny Ice rink in Queeny Park, Shaw Ice rink in Shaw Park and Stenberg Ice rink in Forest Park. These parks where made for the community's not just for a few individuals are outdoor enthusiasts. This ice rink will be the crown jewel of the Midwest not another ice rink with in 500 miles that more would even come close to it, this would help St. Louis, Hockey community on the map. We just had 5 top hockey players drafted from St. Louis in the last year this would help us stay in contention with other major hockey cities and countries. And I haven't even began to talk about what it would do for youth hockey, figure skating, speed skating and I almost forgot about our handi cap hockey community, I could go on and on so I will put this to a vote, this ice rink could only bring positive results in our community and city.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:09:30		Prize	Lambardo	Great place for kids to learn and play	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:11:13		Matt	Bednara	We need to replace rinks we've lost	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:11:38		Carol	Clark	I am in support of the Ice Center being built in Creve Coeur Park. It will be great for hockey players, schools, hockey leagues & the St. Louis Blues. It would be a great asset to the St. Louis area.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:12:26		Seth	Parker	Ice is awesome for people to learn self discipline and respect.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:13:13		Andrew	Baker	With limited ice and busy people need more ice to skate	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:17:35		Cindy	Tritel	I am in favor of this project and support it. This project will be beneficial to the surrounding community and all who use it	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:19:46		Grillo	Grillo	We need more rinks in that area there is a shortage of ice	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:20:09		Layne	Duam	Manlyard Heights is more centrally located we need it.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:21:01		Steve	Webber	This area needs more ice sheets	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:21:24		Dave	Shaw	Youth hockey needs this facility	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:23:06		Delbert	Clark	I am in favor of the Ice Center being built in Creve Coeur Park	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:27:20		Chris	Nikonovich	Area needs this to happen	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:28:03		Trent	Burrows	Mean us for our youth the better.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:32:44		Matt	Bousach	Its much needed!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:38:18		Mark	Schaefer	Please build it	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:38:51		Howard	Reard	Looking forward to skating	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:39:54		Deric	Ashbrook	Hockey is great for the community.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:41:11		Richie	Graver	Bringing more hockey to StL is always great for the hockey community	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:41:36		Nick	Cook	We need more ice	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:44:10		Stacie	Beatman	The new ice rink will help everyone in the community.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:44:13		Kevin	Uchaker	We really need the space to grow the sport in this area and support all the current players	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:48:26		Earl	Ukman	This rink would not only give opportunities to the people that are using it but to the city as a whole. We have lost out on so many opportunities to bring in much needed publicity as well as funds. The revenue that will be brought in to near by restaurants, hotels and other attractions can not be argued. To keep this city on the map and to continue to support a city that has so many great things to offer we need to have this ice complex. St. Louis has been so concerned about things that are minute that people forget you need to keep the city progressing with the wonderful changes that have already been implemented	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:47:11		Greg	Ukman	This rink would not only give opportunities to the people that are using it but to the city as a whole. We have lost out on so many opportunities to bring in much needed publicity as well as funds. The revenue that will be brought in to near by restaurants, hotels and other attractions can not be argued. To keep this city on the map and to continue to support a city that has so many great things to offer we need to have this ice complex. St. Louis has been so concerned about things that are minute that people forget you need to keep the city progressing with the wonderful changes that have already been implemented	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:48:15		Justin	Pahl	It's going to be great!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:51:39		Catherine	Schwartz	We need another rink and this will bring people and money into the community. This will boost the economy	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 20:54:47		Marjo	Lucas	It definitely would be a tremendous help to our hockey community, it's bring in tons of revenue, jobs and make st. Louis a even bigger hockey market	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:00:05		Dustin	Deer	More ice, more partying.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:01:13		Marc	Scharfer	Great facility	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:04:30		Chris	Wunderlich	More ice is better for the area youth	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:05:18		Jason	Vierdag	I would love for this facility to be built and would use it as much as possible	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:05:31		Jessica	Russell	What an enhancement this complex would bring to the area! We have soccer fields, walking and biking trails and adding an ice rink for families, skaters and other ice patrons would be icing on the cake!!! PLEASE PLEASE add this facility	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 21:06:03		David	Behrens	I have been walking around Creve Coeur Lake for many years. The prairie on the lake's west side has been replaced by 11 astroturf covered soccer fields, sheds storm water that eventually drains into the lake. Now the lake and Marine Avenue will flood more often. With Marine flooded out, there is no access to this Hockey Complex. The Hockey complex roofing and the 1,000 car parking lot creates more storm water run off and flooding. Please do not build this complex on land that was suppose to be open space in perpetuity.	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.
POS	7/21/2017 21:06:50		Andy	Wah	Helps young adults stay in the sport	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:07:39		Lauren	Sellacek	Great!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:08:07		Steve	Ketterer	St. Louis is a great hockey town, and this facility will help that grow	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:11:19		Andrew	Selbert	Do it	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:11:15		David	Cline	I support the St. Louis Ice Center because I value youth sports in our area. I want kids to have every opportunity possible to be active and learn and exceed the great game of hockey. We owe it to the future of St. Louis.	Comment noted
N/A	7/21/2017 21:18:45		Mark	Bracken	No comment	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:18:38		Josh	Henry	More rinks good for youth hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:19:35		Low	Swille	More rinks good for youth hockey	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:19:45		Jon	Noian	Much needed rink for the St. Louis area. The growth of hockey and loss of Chesterfield makes this a necessity.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:20:20		Kyle	Huehling	Super excited about the new rink	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:24:53		David	Ballarneye	Good for hockey and our community	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:26:03		John	Ferrera	With us being so into rinks it will kill all the thriving youth hockey. We need more ice to continue to make STL a hockey hot bed	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:26:46		Chad	Corbett	Since Harde's closed we need more rinks	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:28:03		Matt	Wilson	We need more ice!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:28:45		Rob	Pharoan	Mean ice is better for all.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:31:26		Cassey	Logue	More ice the better	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:35:02		Kris	Clark	Promote youth hockey is a great thing	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:36:29		Jack	Sheehan	We love hockey and need ice to play	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:36:37		Andrew	Logue	Hockey is life and the Rest is just detail. Bring on more hockey in an already thriving hockey city.	Comment noted
N/A	7/21/2017 21:38:45		Ben	Hofersbach	h	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 21:38:54		Jessica	Rowe	I do not support the development of an ice rink in Creve Coeur Park. It is not consistent with the outdoor recreational activities of the park and would require too much pavement for parking. The runoff water from such a large impermeable surface would be detrimental to the environment of the park. They're are other locations that are more appropriate such as those already covered in pavement. I believe it is better to redesign lake and structures that already exist rather than destroy habitat that is currently functioning. St. Louis county has an abundance of undeveloped space to consider.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:39:58		Mike	Letton	Build it.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:41:31		Ben	Bednara	Extra sheets of ice are needed for the area to continue growing youth hockey.	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 21:54:36		Jeffrey	Boone	I would like to keep all of the existing park as open area for outdoor recreation. An indoor ice rink can be built in many other places (e.g., near Chesterfield Mall). It does not need to take up space for outdoor recreation	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 21:58:12		Ed	Niemien	Bringing youth hockey a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 22:09:32		James	Haggis	I support the ice center, please build it!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 22:10:42		Barb	Quinn	What a wonderful facility these ice rinks would be for so many youth in our immediate community and those from afar! Economic impact could be impactful! Time for STL to move ahead and share the parks for all I am opposed to the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation being given public resources for private interests. A give-away of open space that currently supports outdoor activity to build an immense ice hockey arena is contrary to the basic tenets of the LCWF Act	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 22:11:13				I believe the Environmental Assessment (EA), and previous governing body approvals, are based on skewed and at times misleading information. The underlying assumptions for the EA are flawed. I do not question that the ice hockey community sees a need for additional sheets of ice. I do, however, question that it is St. Louis County's job to provide land free of charge for a sport that does not park in the top 20 sports based on participation (according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association's most recent study reported in August, 2016). According to the same study, only 23.8% of Americans participated in team sports (e.g. ice hockey, baseball, etc). On the flip side, the top 10 sports showed overall increased participation over the past three years. They are: running/jogging, hiking and stretching. That is, people prefer sports that are already offered at Creve Coeur Park and can be expanded without destroying the watershed or other environment.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 22:11:13				Generally, Americans prefer fitness sports over outdoor sports (62% to 48.4%), outdoor sports over individual sports (48.4% to 34.3%), individual sports over team sports (34.3% to 23.8%), and water sports came in dead last (14.6%). If 62% of our community prefers fitness sports, and hiking, jogging and stretching are not being using community resources to build ice rinks benefiting a small percentage of our population.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 22:11:13				The Foundation states, "there are currently 7,000 youth and roughly 3,000 adult hockey participants in St. Louis metro area." Keep in mind, these numbers are not only St. Louis County. I would like a comparison telling how many youth and adults participate in bicycling, hiking, baseball, basketball, and other sports and on the other sports. Here's my guess: More people walk, jog, cycle or hike than play ice hockey. And they enjoy these sports into later life. If greater numbers participate in sports other than hockey, and their enjoyment of walking, jogging, etc. will be negatively impacted by the ice arena, we should not use public land for it.	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 22:22:07		Deneen	Dickler	The Foundation also compares St. Louis to Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is a Northeastern metro area that is dissimilar to St. Louis. It has a longer winter season (Pittsburgh's last frost date is May 2, St. Louis' is April 12 - 20 days earlier). It has a tradition of winter sports, which St. Louis does not due to its warmer winters. Pittsburgh had a professional hockey team in 1901 and the first NHL franchise in 1925. St. Louis had a professional team for one year, 1933-1934, and did not gain an NHL franchise until 1967. Pittsburgh has an ice hockey tradition and environment to support higher participation. St. Louis does not. I do not want my tax dollars being spent on a sport that is not a St. Louis tradition and not consistent with the LCWF mandates.  The stated project purpose is: "the facility would attract visitors from the region which would provide an economic benefit to the St. Louis metropolitan area which includes the Missouri counties of Jefferson, St. Charles, the City of St. Louis, and Illinois counties of Monroe, Madison and St. Clair." It is not the mission of the St. Louis County Parks to provide recreation to people in Illinois and other Missouri counties. From this statement, I think the approvals of this ill-vised project are based on economic gain, not on the access to and enjoyment of outdoor space required by the LCWF Act.  According to Foundation presentations the lead tenants are the St. Louis Blues, a professional hockey team that plays in the City of St. Louis, and Lindenwood College that is located in St. Charles County. I do not want taxes I pay directed to the benefits of a professional sports franchise and private college. If these entities want ice rinks, they should build them on private land, not be gifted public park land.  The EA justifies the ice facility saying "According to recreation standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), there is a need for one indoor ice facility for every 100,000 in population." I find it difficult to comprehend that Tucson, AZ and Anchorage, AK both need one indoor ice rink for every 100,000 in population. These types of generalized metrics are inappropriate input to the decision at hand that uses public resources to fund private enterprise. Other facts from the NRPA are omitted. Only 15% of agencies provide an indoor skating rink, however, 27% provide nature centers and 43% offer senior centers. I support an outdoor nature center and activities in which our aging community can participate. Like football, the NRPA cautions that concussions appear to be a problem with ice hockey. I do not believe St. Louis County should be promoting sports with known concussion risks to our youth. It would be far better to encourage life-long sports like jogging, walking, cycling and hiking.  "The attendees that spoke were unanimous in their agreement of the benefits of ice sports facilities for recreation, health, fitness and family fun." The characterization of attendee statements is incorrect. I spoke at this meeting and jokingly stated that based on the enthusiasm of the ice hockey proponents, "it sounds like fun, if you have an over 60 league for women, maybe I'll give it a try," I did not agree with the benefits of ice sports facilities for recreation, health, and fitness. This is a misrepresentation of what I and others said in that meeting.  The EA alternative site discussion assumes the facility should be located on public land to lower costs for the development of this private use. I am angry that public land paid for with my taxes is being given away because an ice hockey organization says they want land given to them to lower their costs. There is no other word for it. This is absurd. The cost to build this ice facility, the loss of ice rinks for hockey and other justifications are not St. Louis County's problem. And, we certainly should not use public resources to support things that are not the County's problem	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 23:00:13		Amanda	Green	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 23:06:15		Alison	Suda	There is growing enthusiasm for hockey in our region, and we have a significant shortage of ice rink space. The SLIC would enhance the park and not take away from anything currently there and would sit on less than two percent of the park's 3,100+ acres. The current space is an empty field with a storage shed. Finally, the facility and lan surrounding it would be developed in an environmentally conscious way	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 23:07:40		Keith	Emge	There is growing enthusiasm for hockey in our region, and we have a significant shortage of ice rink space. The SLIC would enhance the park and not take away from anything currently there and would sit on less than two percent of the park's 3,100+ acres. The current space is an empty field with a storage shed. Finally, the facility and lan surrounding it would be developed in an environmentally conscious way	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 4:41:03		Shequila	Phillips	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 5:28:28		Lane-Yee	Lee	I support the ice center!	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 5:36:19		Jeannette	McDerriott	Open green spaces are not enhanced by concrete, steel and glass. They are enhanced by trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and wildlife. The human soul is not nurtured and enhanced by pleasurable distraction, but by natural beauty and creation's life-giving elements. Hands off! Do not build the monstrous complex.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 6:52:42		Nick	Giannakis	I support the ice complex.	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 6:52:53		Janella	Hancock	PLEASE do not put this ice facility in Creve Coeur Park. I can understand and support the need for ice facilities for children. However, NOT located in nature settings. There are hundreds of walkers, runners, bikers and kayakers who use this park everyday for quiet reflection and the beauty of nature. PLEASE do not destroy this. There are many alternative locations for ice facilities other than in nature settings.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/21/2017 6:58:25		Pamela	Martinez	Wow, this is no trailer start building this rinks now. No cost to the public, promote hockey, doesn't interrupt nature and will create revenue. Let's build these rinks ASAP, no time to loose	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 6:58:55		Reynolds	Reynolds	Building on floodplains, building on public lands for the benefit of a very small subset of the population and a privileged one that, removing open space from a cherished public park all taken together equals short-sighted and poor public policy. Please do not approve this project	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 7:17:25		Melodie	Tauben	I think the building of this facility would be a very positive addition to Creve Coeur Park. It is family and community oriented, bringing a much needed center for ice hockey to the area	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 7:24:46		Caray	Galvin	I am against the new ice rink development	Comment noted
NEG	7/21/2017 8:01:09		Galvin	Walton	As a lifelong resident of both Creve Coeur and Maryland Heights, I oppose the new development of an indoor ice arena on public parkland. We've already seen two ice hockey development north and south of Maryland Heights (Hazelwood and Chesterfield). Both of those properties have struggled to reach the original hopes and dreams of east community. Creve Coeur Park is and should continue to be a park dedicated to outdoor activities.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:02:59		Debby	Galton	Yes, Yes, Yes!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:03:05		Mandy	Wheeler	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and this facility is much needed to allow for continued participation. The impact of this park has been extremely positive for my daughter. Please give us this ice to allow her and other kids a place to grow in this amazing sport Anytime we are able to offer something to the youth of our community that is needed I'm all for it. From what I understand about this project - it is going to be built in an area of the park that is not currently used and will enhance that area while providing much needed opportunity for youth hockey in St. Louis. It will bring more people to Creve Coeur Park to enjoy all that it has to offer including this great new venue. I am in support of this being built.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:03:06		Steve	Brehan		Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:09:30		George	Jacq, Jr	We need more ice!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:26:38		Shawn	Quinn	Hockey is a positive experience for all involved! Build it!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:27:12		Shawn	Quinn	We need more ice in St. Louis!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:27:44		Shawn	Quinn	The ice center project will be beneficial to the entire community of St. Louis!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:28:36		Shawn	Quinn	Build it!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:30:18		Kate	Rodenfels	What an incredible opportunity for St. Louis!!!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:31:53		Marshall	Hammes	My son is a AAA hockey player and we need another ice rink in St. Louis. Hockey has become so competitor in St. Louis and it will help are city to compete with all other cities in the country. St. Louis needs this rink!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:32:15		Dan	Rodenfels	It would be great to see these improvements take place!	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:39:25		Sandra	Giannakis	I support the ice complex.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:41:10		Scott	Edwards	Do the right thing.  Scott Edwards Beauna High School XC and Track Coach	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:45:51		Gary	Litinger	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 8:57:25		Mike	Kress	Wow, this facility, STL can continue to be one of the elite centers of hockey in North America. Four sheets at one facility will be a model few have and allow STL to attract tournaments and camps from youth to professional.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:02:01		Matt	Rattiner	Totally supportive	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:03:15		Patrick	Balme	It is important to continue to have ice hockey grow in the St. Louis area. With the closure of the Harde's rink in Chesterfield, there are not enough facilities to keep up with the demand for ice time for not just hockey, but figure skating, etc.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:08:48		Chaloner	Dagby	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention basins, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center is a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:08:53		Williams	Dagby	I think this is a great way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:10:13		Penelope	Chaloner	I am so excited about the ice center and know it is only going to bring great things to our city!!!  The community absolutely needs this facility! Ice sports are growing, and ice shortage is a huge problem. This facility would offer opportunities for all ages, from small children just getting started in ice sports, to older adults looking for ways to maintain an active lifestyle. This serves the needs of young and old, male and female, recreational and competitive athletes, and at socio-economic classes. This would only add to an already great park, and would allow the park to be used more frequently year round, as activity in the park definitely slows down during the winter/cold months. This facility would bring more people into the park and the area, increasing awareness of the other benefits the park offers, and growing the economy of the local businesses around the area. Parents watching for the children's skating sessions will go to nearby coffee shops to grab a drink. Teenage skaters will go out to restaurants around the area after their practice sessions. Adult leagues will go over to the Creve Coeur lakehouse to grab a drink after an evening game. The benefits of this location will not only impact the local area, but all of the business nearby. The footprint of the facility occupies such a small percentage of the park, while offering huge health benefits to the community. I sincerely hope that this facility becomes a reality. Our skating community owes this. Our kids need this. Our city needs this.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:14:48		Josh	Dunne	The kids need it.	Comment noted
POS	7/21/2017 9:19:59		Doog	LaClair	This location is perfect. The park is for recreation.	Comment noted

POS	7/22/2017 9:27:43	Josh Mueller	I support this project wholeheartedly. I love that park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:28:17	James Edgerton	I support this project and it will be great for our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:28:40	Jim Nowak	St. Louis has a rich history of hockey support at all levels - professional to amateur. However, adequate facilities to support this strong interest are lacking. The region would benefit greatly by the addition of the proposed ice complex at Creve Coeur Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:28:48	Keith David	I support the St. Louis Ice Center. I believe it would be an asset to our community, especially our youth. Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:29:43	Adam Edgerton	This would be wonderful for St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:30:43	Terrence Glorind	I am 100% in favor of this plan. It is the ideal location for such a project for its proximity to CC Lake and its other amenities as well as its central accessibility to the entire St. Louis region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:31:48	Jeff Stark	I think it is beneficial to the long term health and success of the St. Louis community to have these type facilities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:34:06	Shelia Charlton	The new Ice Complex would offer so much to the St. Louis Community and surrounding areas by positively impacting youth hockey, as well as fostering economic growth and vitality in the region. St. Louis is a wonderful sports city, and has produced some great hockey players, so let's keep this alive by creating a facility to help continue the tradition.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:37:02	Enrique Morales	Absolutely, 1100% support this! We need more development like this!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:38:25	Julian Hess	I am in favor of the proposed ice rink near creve court lake park. It will be a great facility to help young children gain skills in ice hockey. The sport has gained in popularity and we need this type of facility. It will be a great asset to StLouis and will attract out of town visitors to use it and spend money in St. Louis. I support this great effort.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:44:01	Brock Smith	Youth and adult hockey will be well served with a new venue, as a 50 year old player enjoy taking my kids skating and watching they joy over there faces as they glide around the ice. Numerous birthday parties at the closed rink. Youth teams getting to play in a safe well maintained and well managed facility. Please build it, they are already waiting to come!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:51:12	Norm Williams	I support the ice center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:51:41	Emily Huey	After reviewing the plans, we feel confident that this new Ice Center will not only respect the beauty and safety of the Creve Coeur Park area, but give our families more ways to be healthy, it's not just for Hockey families, it will bring tax dollars to enhance the area and increase revenue to local businesses. Parks should be a place to come together and play! This will help achieve that goal, and give the St. Louis region something to be proud of, give the visitors will want to experience.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 9:54:07	Donna Stengel	NO ice center in Creve Coeur Park. Leave the park alone. Put it somewhere else! I am writing to communicate my support for the Ice Center that is being considered at CREVE COEUR LAKE MEMORIAL PARK.	Comment noted.
			I am a full believer in support of projects like this. Parks are for recreation and as such all of the sports played on ice are important for recreation.	
			Simply in terms of ice hockey, as you know, in January the St. Louis Blues and St. Louis Cardinals recently hosted a fantastic event in St. Louis where our community SHINED in the eyes of the nation and the world that took in the Winter Classic.	
			During that coverage, hockey superstars like Wayne Gretzky touted St. Louis as an outstanding hockey community where youth hockey has great potential.	
POS	7/22/2017 9:58:09	Subash Alias	Additionally, St. Louis youth hockey directly contributed to "feeding" a whopping FIVE players taken in the first-round draft of the NHL last year. That is tied with Canada. This is fantastic momentum and a direct result from the development of the sport and sheets of ice in St. Louis.  But sheets are limited. Having the Ice Center in Creve Coeur Park delivers yet another solid asset to our region for recreation of all ice sports, and can capitalize on the positive momentum we are seeing in this great community.  As a hockey player, myself and someone who has taken up the sport as an adult, I personally see this as another feather in our cap in the direction of recreation, and fitness for all of our community.  I am very much looking forward to the success of this facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 9:58:12	Lisa Raby	This would be an asset to our community! Hockey is more than just playing a game, it's about developing friendships, learning responsibility and building a foundation for a well rounded adult.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:00:44	Jim Meyer	Hockey families and street teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:16:28	Joyce Steiger	I support the St. Louis Ice Center proposal for Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:17:49	Isabelle Hunter	I love to play hockey and the rinks that I go to are really far from my house but if I did have a rink close to my house it would make my family and I very happy and that means that I can play hockey more. I love to skate and I love doing it with friends to. So if I had a rink I could get more exercise and have lots of fun.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:18:10	David Chaloner	Definitely support this for the Saint Louis area to fuel hockey's growth while still being environmentally conscious	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:19:00	Jack Hunter	Bringing youth hockey to St. Louis is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:20:53	Tim O'Leary	Five road the area and hundreds of positive and negative comments. Overall, I think this is a good use of 40 acres and will make available valuable ice time to STL, a growing hotbed of hockey talent	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:20:07	Katie Dickson	Great for the St. Louis community and local hockey programs!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:21:33	Dennis Sullivan	I want to support the proposed ice rink development inside Creve Coeur lake. It will be a great asset for all. Build it	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:23:46	Peter Piro	This project would be terrific for the community and for the region in general.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:25:01	Eddie Rogers	I am in favor	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:26:24	Mark Glorind	Please build it.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:30:36	Rob Lockwood	Projects like this are essential to our region's long term growth and prosperity. The region has to be a place young families want to live. To be that place, we have to continue to invest in infrastructure and facilities that add to the general quality of life.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:31:36	Dave Martus	The park is already one of St. Louis's great destinations... This project could put it over the top and make it one of the premier family destinations of the entire Midwest.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:33:00	Justith Olson	Head that St. Louis is a fun town and I would definitely return for another tournament. Hate skating and steam players. I'll be back for more. Love to see more development of the sport in St. Louis. Hockey is great for kids.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:34:44	Tom Carran	I support the ice rink proposal for Creve Coeur County Park. It will provide a great recreational opportunity in addition to the Go Ape course, boating, and hiking facilities that already exist in the park. Recreational and civic amenities can co-exist with natural areas in Creve Coeur, just as they do in Forest Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:35:15	Lisa Ford	Hockey is great for kids	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:37:37	Janis Woodard	A great recreational idea from 640. You can play all your life.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:37:56	Andrew Woodcock	St. Louis needs to develop, not just hockey but infrastructure in general	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:39:00	Sarah Daley	The St. Louis area would greatly benefit from this ice center!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:41:44	Maureen Tierney	We would love a new ice rink in Creve Coeur park. My daughter is a synchronized skater for St. Louis synergy. We need as much ice time as we can get!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:43:23	Mark Sherriston	It will be great for the County. Encouraging recreational activity for area youth in an undeveloped area of a St. Louis County park without disturbing the present recreation areas.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:45:13	Michael Ribaud	Hockey is great for kids.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:48:26	Matt Glazer	I think it is vital for the hockey community in St. Louis. The loss of chessterfield ice complex results i substantial decrease in available ice for youth hockey. I will also help economic development in the area. Hotels, restaurants etc.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:49:27	Joe Bonuff	Looking forward to more sheets in St. Louis. Just community of guys get to know.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:51:18	Chris Franklin	Hockey is great for the community. We should have more facilities.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:53:42	Jonathan Hendrickson	I would love to see this built. I would use it frequently!!!! Great asset to the community	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:54:17	Jean Bennett	We need more ice time in St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:54:23	John Fisher	need more ice time	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:54:28	Diane Glazer	I'm all for it!! There are no negatives. Any sport for the youth that carries on to adulthood is so IMPORTANT!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:56:49	Dave LeCavel	Im so looking forward to more ice. I know the sport helps you in growing up as adults start youth!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:57:25	Dave Poole	It would be a great addition to life in St. Louis. I am so excited and can't wait.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:57:36	Patrick Connelly	I support the project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 10:59:34	Nancy Poole	Looking forward to this ice skating complex so I can bring my grandchildren to ice skate in St. Louis - it will be a wonderful experience.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:00:46	Hoby Finney	I think they should build it! Why not? Hockey is a great sport	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:02:04	Leslie Dignan	No cost to tax payers - tremendous benefit to youth sports and the economic community... this has my vote!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:03:36	Debra Wang	A major risk would definitely be an asset to the community. It keeps our younger generation out of trouble. Teaches them discipline, cooperation, sportsmanship, and overall good citizens.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:04:58	Joseph Bremerkamp	Having more sheets of ice will not only be beneficial to the community sports/tec for youth and adult hockey but it will create jobs!! It's a great idea in my mind	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:05:50	Rebecca Hayes	St. Louis needs this facility immediately!! BUILD IT NOW!!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:09:18	Kevin Moran	I know St. Louis loves hockey. And I have heard that there is never enough ice hockey. More is better.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:11:54	Lincoln Wilkinson	I support the proposed St. Louis Ice Center	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:12:21	James Jarvis	I have a young hockey player and it's very difficult for the clubs to locate ice to accommodate all of the organizations. Please consider building this complex immediately!! It will definitely help the economy in St. Louis!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:12:24	Jeff Schabbe	Met son and many other boys and girls love hockey and want to be able to play the game they love. Unfortunately for reasons beyond their control they are having a difficult time doing so due to the lack of facilities. The game they love teaches many life lessons such as the value of hard work and how to be a good teammate. I hope our region can find a way to fulfill the hopes and dreams of these young people by supporting the development of new facilities that will allow them to give and learn these lessons while playing the game they love. Thank you, Jeff Schabbe	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:12:24	James Jarvis	I have a young hockey player and it's very difficult for the clubs to locate ice to accommodate all of the organizations. Please consider building this complex immediately!! It will definitely help the economy in St. Louis!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:13:24	James Jarvis	I have a young hockey player and it's very difficult for the clubs to locate ice to accommodate all of the organizations. Please consider building this complex immediately!! It will definitely help the economy in St. Louis!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:13:17	Colleen Helme	I support the project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:14:05	Al Kirk	I support this.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:14:54	Bridget Ferguson	Facility should be built on private land instead of a public park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:15:39	Chris Kirk	Facility should be built on private land instead of a public park.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 11:15:10	Anne Sophie Bann	Please do not build another rink in Creve Coeur Lake Park. You are going to destroy fauna and flora, the peace and quiet the area around the park. I am a skater and respectfully disagree with this idea. Fix other rinks (the Clayton one this), make this one larger. But do not cut trees in Creve Coeur Lake for another facilities. Thank you.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:19:44	Oscar Madrid	Get it done!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 11:22:29	Lucy Vatterott	I oppose the building of the St. Louis Ice Center within park grounds-out on Maryland Heights expressway would be fine	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:22:29	David Botner	I am in full support of building a new ice center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:25:51	Kevin Brecken	I am all for more ice!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:38:14	Ken Kienke	My son and I both play hockey and we're looking forward to this facility.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:38:24	Robert Ward	We need more sheets of ice in St. Louis, particularly with the loss of Hardees. This is hurting youth and adult hockey	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:34:34	Robert Wood	We need more sheets of ice in St. Louis, particularly with the loss of Hardees. This is hurting youth and adult hockey	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:37:35	Frank Adams	With the closure of the hardees complex, there will be a shortage of ice in the area and won't allow for the continued growth of the game in St. Louis.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:38:23	Paula Knapp	I am 100% in favor of the St. Louis Ice Center proposal to be built in Creve Coeur Park. It is a great use of the land and will actually bring more people to use the outdoor spaces at the park. I have been to lots of kids' hockey games in other cities and there are many of them built in parks. The families of the hockey teams spend a great deal of time taking advantage of the outdoor spaces between games. Little siblings and sisters play, adults walk and hike and the teams do an hour or more of dry land warm ups. Hockey is a great sport for kids of all ages and abilities. The city of St. Louis needs a facility of this magnitude to compete with other cities to bring tournaments and showcases here!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:42:17	Daniel Deibert	More ice in saint louis would be great for the city as a whole	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:42:20	Austin Zurlene	need more ice and space	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:44:26	Devin Kennedy	Yes I would pay men's league	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:52:59	Stephen Lesches	I greatly enjoy Creve Coeur Park and visit it often. It is a perfect location for this public ice center. The Ice Center is a much-needed, first-class facility that will enhance the park. It will expose a new group of people to its beauty and encourage use of the many park facilities. I look forward to the addition of the St. Louis Ice Center.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:54:23	Becky O'Hara	I would love to see more space for youth land adult hockey, this seems like a great proposal!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:55:13	Ma M	I think it would be really good to have. Especially since chessterfield is closing its rinks. Always good to have more rinks!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:58:13	Harry Miles	Yes!!! STL needs more ice to keep ice hockey development growing!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:59:13	David Fisher	Looking forward to playing there. We need more ice in St. Louis	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 11:59:28	Chris Kravag	Hate the best experience playing hockey at the Rex rink over the years.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:00:54	Kevin Garrone	We need more ice in the St. Louis area!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:01:05	Chris Tarr	Great to playing hockey in St. Louis, it is very important to many in our community	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:02:33	Thomas Malecek	I support this project	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:03:45	Brendan Schumaker	St. Louis is becoming more and more known as a hockey city with players from St. Louis being drafted more often and even making impacts in the league. In order to keep this trend moving forward, rather than peaking, we need the facilities to attract more people to this area. Families interested in moving and looking for activities for their children to parks in are going to see how much St. Louis has embraced the hockey culture and they'll be a little more inclined to settle here. If we refuse to build it here, we will continue to attract, we these generations enjoy and will be proud to be a part of. With the MTS/STL falling, St. Louis has shown the unwillingness to attract new citizens and to remain idle in modernization. This is a great chance to grow this area and be proud of something here.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:02:47	Ronnie Cerko	StLouis is a huge hockey city. We need more ice.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:03:13	Kari Mueller	I am in support of this!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:03:21	ipgenur glazer	with the closing of the valley ice rink, stl is in need of more ice.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:04:37	Mark Mueller	I support this project	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:05:09	Mary Malecek	This would be a great addition! I support this project.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:08:39	Donald Broughton	This would be a great addition to St. Louis. Let's support growth and development in our community.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:09:48	Jason Hill	This is an incredibly exciting project. St. Louis is a great region for sports and recreation. This strategic build out of our strengths and will be a wonderful asset for families for decades to come while driving economic growth in the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:09:45	Michael Schenewald	It will be a great rink for the community	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:10:02	Andrew Marsh	We need to promote the game of hockey in St. Louis area and a top of the line facility will help those players	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:11:56	Peggy Sweerey	St. Louis needs more ice facilities. This will really help the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:17:57	Roger Genarri	I support the ice rink.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:18:09	Leslie Genarri	I support the ice rink complex	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:19:05	Dylan Kraml	It will be extremely convenient for the hockey community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 12:20:44	NO to ice rink in Creve Coeur Park	Form would not allow me to put my name where indicated: Sherry Hentzel, 1275 Fallowhead Drive, Maryland Hts, MO 63043. Phone: 314.761.705.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:20:44	Brendan Duigan	We NEED more ice!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:20:47	Kevin Parker	This is a fantastic project for the continued growth of ice sports in the St. Louis area!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:30:28	Angela Madrid	I definitely think it's needed. Not enough ice time these days, it's good for the area and economy!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:31:25	Iraias girter	This rink is needed badly due to the chessterfield rink closing. Hockey has become very big in St. Louis and there are children that love to play this sport that will be without ice time without this rink	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:31:26	Iraias girter	This rink is needed badly due to the chessterfield rink closing. Hockey has become very big in St. Louis and there are children that love to play this sport that will be without ice time without this rink	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:31:27	Iraias girter	This rink is needed badly due to the chessterfield rink closing. Hockey has become very big in St. Louis and there are children that love to play this sport that will be without ice time without this rink	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:35:21	Denaal Turner	This is a much needed addition to our whole region!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:36:20	Boy Pryor	I've known some blues players, they're talking about youth hockey and how people have grown, gone on to play hockey on the professional level. I'd love to see this and the continued development. If it were in my backyard I wouldn't have a problem with it	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:36:26	Sam Boyer	I support the ice center	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:38:08	Michael Chavon	Look forward to all the great tournaments in this place. Lots of S to help build the region.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:40:54	Nick Caccoppo	Looking forward to this for my kids!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:41:32	Lisa Standing	This new facility will be great for our region!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:42:31	Addison Corcoran	Great idea for STL	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:43:07	George Farcot	This would be a wonderful project. It is what is needed to help children develop, without looking to other things that would not help them obtain the competitive spirit necessary to enter the adult world.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:43:07	John Miller	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a retail store.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:44:09	Kat Wirth	Public parks are crucial to the St. Louis region. We need to value and preserve them. I have enjoyed visiting Creve Coeur Park over many years to walk and run. I am deeply concerned about the harm to wildlife that will result from this development. It is highly questionable to move forward without giving citizens an opportunity to vote on this location.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:44:23	Kelly Standing	This new facility will be great for St. Louis kids. I support it strongly!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:50:55	Jason LaMantia	The Ice Center is a much needed addition to the Saint Louis hockey community. I look forward to my son and playing there throughout the year. This is a must for any hockey organization.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 12:50:42	Terri Roberts	This land belongs to the park and the taxpayers of St. Louis County to be used for outdoor recreation. This is not outdoor recreation. It will be flooding with all of the pavement, increase traffic as the road can only be widened at Mhi Expressway and Sall boat cove, huge buildings are not a part of a park. This is a land grab. If ice sheets are so much demand then there should be the money to purchase the land as well as build it elsewhere. Mills Mall, Nams park come to mind. Or build it along Mhi Expressway heard much of the land is for sale. Keep it out of public parks. We don't need to go down that slippery slope, where does it end?	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:50:43	Joe Manvey	More ice is always good! That would be awesome!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 12:53:34	Ryan Manktelow	In favor of proposed project	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 12:55:47	Kate Canarigo	We live near Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and am afraid that the construction of a large ice rink, parking lot, etc. would disturb the park's natural setting. There are lots for sale around the park, as well as buildings that could be re-purposed for an ice rink (i.e. shopping malls that are no longer used). Please preserve the natural beauty of Creve Coeur Lake!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:00:21	Jon Bumkhorst	NO to ice rink in Creve Coeur Park	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:00:32	Tony Evans	Let's do this. Quit messing around.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:01:24	Chia Bhakta	Make my dreams come true. We need the ice!!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 13:01:27	Stephens Brian	Urban areas need parks. The atmosphere in Creve Coeur Park will be affected by a 5 story building. One of reasons I enjoy walking and/or biking at Creve Coeur Park is the secluded tranquil feeling you get without having to drive 40-50 miles out of town. It's bad enough the Page Extension goes over the lake. I support the project just not at the proposed location. Why does it have to be at Creve Coeur Park? Why can't it be at the Jamestown Mall site that the county controls or at Queensy Park that already has buildings in it? Please leave Creve Coeur Park alone!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:04:59	Jack Eichenlaub	I believe there should be more ice rinks in this area due to chessterfield turning into a golf course and lack of ice rinks. Looking forward to skating there.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:05:37	Andrew Schaefer	Look forward to the new sheets of ice	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:11:10	Brett Stricker	We need a facility that our youth programs can enjoy. I also feel it will be a good attraction for all fans.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:15:38	Leanne Peterson	Please don't build on the park. Emily really stopping strip mall is less than half a mile away and already paved.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:15:41	Dan Jeffries	I love hockey and want to see this built.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:16:02	Courtney Norgren	I support the Facility!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:18:38	Andrew Worley	Love hockey would love to see the community continue to grow	Comment

NEG	7/22/2017 13:29:09	Charles	Bell	<p>Response to the St. Louis Ice Center Project Application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the National Parks Service</p> <p>21 July 2017</p> <p>Creve Coeur Park Coalition</p> <p>The American Institute of Architects, St. Louis Chapter The Open Space Council for the St. Louis Region Missouri Coalition for the Environment Sierra Club, Eastern Missouri Group Greenway Network, Inc. St. Louis Audubon Society U. S. Green Building Council, Missouri Gateway Chapter</p> <p>Creve Coeur Park Coalition</p> <p>Table of Contents</p> <p>Introduction: AIA St. Louis</p> <p>Chapter 1PROJECT OVERVIEW AND NEED</p> <p>Chapter 2PROJECT ALTERNATIVES</p> <p>Chapter 3AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS</p>	Comment noted (Note - this comment is one of 4 parts that Mr. Charles Bell submitted due to his comment's length. See below for responses.
POS	7/22/2017 13:30:16	JOE	SWAIN	WE NEED MORE RINKS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:30:24	Ryan	Haeflhorst	Please help to continue to grow opportunities for St. Louis area youth, and allow the Legacy Ice Foundation to build these much needed additional sheets of ice	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:31:05	Joel	Ashrafadeh	I think that would be a great idea to build an ice center in creve coeur. It will could bring more people into the park and have something fun and exciting to all year round	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:32:55	Marc	Skale	I feel a new ice rink would be a great addition (and much needed) to the area.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 13:32:57	Charles	Bell	<p>1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND NEED</p> <p>1.1Project Overview</p> <p>The Applicant states that this project "will increase public outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the year..."</p> <p>It will not. We refute that statement:</p> <p>This project does not lead to outdoor recreation. The large majority of the built portion of the project is for indoor recreation. At this time, however, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) is now building a trail that will increase outdoor recreation through biking, walking, roller blading, etc. The trail will use the parking lot as its trailhead, but it is the GRG trail itself that will increase outdoor recreation, not the parking lot or the proposed project. We note that the GRG trail, while currently under construction, is not a component of the project, other than the use of the parking lot to convene (the trailhead) before the recreation begins. The current plan is to use the existing parking lot and comfort lounge restrooms at Salsbush Cove.</p> <p>The 40 acres of existing prairie and Savannah should not be dismissed as unimportant or easily replaced in the eco system of Creve Coeur Park Lake, and its taking for speculative site grading or development diminishes the character and totality of the park.</p> <p>Additionally, we note that no public transportation is available to this site. We can know, therefore, that the outdoor recreation opportunities are available throughout the year only to a limited number of citizens with means.</p> <p>While technically correct, certainly the Applicant must be citing only the exception of the diminutive "seasonal" ice rink. The indoor ice rinks do not provide outdoor recreation opportunities a significant portion of the building is for other purposes that are not related to any form of recreation, including "office space, strength/conditioning/rehabilitation facilities, concessions, pro-shop, dressing rooms and restrooms".</p> <p>1.2Project Description</p> <p>The Applicant claims this project is a "new outdoor recreation facility".</p> <p>It is not. We refute this statement.</p> <p>With the exception of the proposed "seasonal" ice rink, hidden from the Park on the blind side of the building, there is no outdoor recreation proposed with this development. Most of the 350,000 square foot building features indoor activity, only, physically and conceptually separated from the Park.</p> <p>The Applicant claims the construction of "an outside athletic field space (120 feet by 225 feet)" in the project.</p>	<p>1.1 Project Overview &amp; Description: The Proposed Ice Center is anticipated to increase overall opportunities for outdoor recreation within Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Public Facilities may be included in Section 6(f)(3) protected areas, like Creve Coeur Lake Park, where the public facility results in a net gain in outdoor recreation benefits, enhances the outdoor recreational use of an entire park, and is compatible with the outdoor recreation resources and opportunities in a Section 6(f) protected area. The EA and PO/ESP describe the various ways that the proposed Ice Center will provide increased benefit to public outdoor recreational opportunity and otherwise meets these criteria in response to Step 3: Question 1 of the PO/ESP and throughout Chapters 1 and 4.3.6 of the EA. The project enhances outdoor recreation in that it provides amenities above and beyond the property's present usage. The proposed project would add an outdoor rink and an outdoor field to this area, and it would provide connections to GRG's Mckelvey Woods Trail, which is under construction. Additionally, the National Park Service (NPS) may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex). The Ice Center also offers in addition to helping grow the game of ice hockey the public facility will offer recreation opportunities such as figure skating, speed skating, ice dancing, synchronized skating and more. Additionally, during the off-season the facility will offer indoor field hockey, floor hockey, indoor lacrosse, indoor soccer and in-line skating. Moreover, an outdoor turf field is planned to be constructed at this time as shown in the Site Development Plan. At the time the EA was drafted, the majority of the project site was maintained as a mowed field with a Parks Department storage shed and a gravel drive connecting the shed to Marine Avenue and did not exhibit active recreational use. The proposed Ice Center will offer more opportunities for active recreation. An economic study for the Proposed Project was conducted, which concluded that the project is viable economically and feasible. The LWCF Project Description and Notification Form lists Skating Rinks as a type of winter sports facility that is a permissible public facility under the LWCF program. The language AIA references limiting eligibility to indoor ice rinks refers to eligibility for LWCF funding. The proposed Ice Center is a sponsor-funded public facility and is not requesting LWCF funding.</p> <p>1.6 Scoping: The St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation is a not-for-profit whose primary purpose is to teach children and others important life skills through ice sports. In addition, the St. Louis Blues will only use one sheet of ice during the day when children are at school and will only use 2% of the available ice time. Public comments were collected from the public meeting, the public comment period on the EA, and public comments that were sent to the COunty have been collected reviewed and are being submitted to MGNR and NPS along with the application for the proposed Ice Center.</p>
POS	7/22/2017 13:33:35	Christina	Skale	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region. St. Louis children's hockey is growing and we are having a much harder time finding ice time for the little kids to learn especially since the Hardey's center closed and this would be a wonderful addition to ou community.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 13:34:53	Charles	Bell	<p>2.0 PROJECT ALTERNATIVES</p> <p>2.1Introduction</p> <p>2.2Background of Alternative Development</p> <p>The Applicant identifies six real estate site search criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*"Central Location. The site should be centrally located in St. Louis County such that it is accessible to all primary users."</li> <li>*"Size. The site must meet the minimum acreage requirement of 40 acres."</li> <li>*"Accessibility. The site should have good access to major (four lane) highways and minimize disruption to existing traffic patterns."</li> <li>*"The project should minimize land costs to make the project financially viable."</li> <li>*"Site Topography. To enhance constructability, the site should be on land that is relatively flat."</li> <li>*"Surrounding Uses. The location should conform to surrounding land uses and encourage public use and should be proximate to other recreational uses (active and passive)."</li> </ul> <p>The applicant cites two areas, only, in St. Louis County as viable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park in Maryland Heights..."</li> <li>"within Queeny Park in unincorporated St. Louis County..."</li> </ul> <p>Parabatically, the Applicant correctly identifies two county parks with covered ice complexes: Queeny/Greensfelder West County Park Complex and Susan/Kennedy South County Recreation Complex.</p> <p>The Applicant fails to mention the Veterans Memorial Park (North County Recreation Complex) which recently closed its covered ice complex. The rink was reappropiated for other uses when it was demonstrated that there was a lack of interest in both skater and hockey use by both the general public and special team and league interest.</p> <p>The Applicant identifies five alternative sites considered by the study team for the proposed development project narrowing the selection to only one possible site:</p> <p>13750 Marine Drive, Maryland Heights in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.</p> <p>The selected site fails half of the search criteria or presents additional problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*"Central Location"</li> <li>"We need more ice - the more ice, the better!"</li> </ul>	<p>Do we have language about Veterans Memorial Park North County Recreation Complex?</p> <p>Central Location: The preferred site is accessible to all primary users in that it is accessible from several major roads, including 70, 270, 40, and 141. This provides easy access to both County residents and out-of-towners.</p> <p>Accessibility: A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.</p> <p>Topography: A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.</p> <p>Surrounding uses: The project site represents only 40 acres of the 2,114 acre Park (or 1.9 percent). In addition, the proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and it is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). The building, as situated, would be visible from the north end of the lake toward the northeast. The building would be more obscured from view at the center of the lake. The views and horizon from the proposed site are already disrupted by high-tension power lines, railroad tracks and a 4-lane divided highway.</p> <p>The Ice Center is compatible with other outdoor recreation resources in the Park. The Ice Center will bring people to the Park from all over Missouri and the surrounding area. Participants and their families will take advantage of the nearby lake, the picnic site, the trail system, and the disc golf course. Teams will also use these outdoor activities between games. The parking lot will serve as a trail head for the Great Rivers Greenway trail currently under construction. The 1km walking/biking trail that surrounds the Ice Center will also be directly into the new trail system. Users of the nearby disc golf course have written letters in support of the Ice Center. The proposed Ice Center's parking lot and restrooms will support the course. In addition, the Creve Coeur Park community has become a Youth Sports Corridor, through the development of the soccer fields in the park and other nearby sporting complexes designed to accommodate and grow youth sporting leagues.</p> <p>Section 2.3 Evaluation of Alternatives: A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. One was at Queeny Park and the others were in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park or in the vicinity of it. It was determined through alternatives analysis that the selected location is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.</p>
POS	7/22/2017 13:36:29	Chris	Sheppard	*Central Location We need more ice - the more ice, the better!	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 13:38:10	Charles	Bell	<p>3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS</p> <p>3.1Socioeconomics</p> <p>3.1.1Affected Environment</p> <p>The Applicant cites U.S. Census Bureau 2011-2015 American Community Survey "resident populations" data to support positive impacts.</p> <p>We accept the findings, but this culmination of data is used to reflect on the impact of nearby residents, while the dialogue should encompass a larger audience that the project claims will arrive and the larger county citizenry that the project claims it will serve.</p> <p>For instance, the supporters of this project purport that out of town visitors for regional tournaments will be drawn to the Ice facilities providing tax dollars in hotel and restaurant use. Their visit, therefore, will be subsidised by taxpayers throughout the entirety of St. Louis County to the benefit of only taxpayers in nearby communities.</p> <p>3.1.1.1Demographics</p> <p>3.1.1.2Economic Conditions</p> <p>3.1.1.3Economic Justice</p> <p>The method used for collecting comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment is cursory and does not allow all members of the public to participate in reviewing the document or submitting comments (i.e. aging populations, disadvantaged communities and individuals without access to the internet or computers). A Google form was used to collect comment. Janet Wilding, Vice President of Major Projects with the St. Louis Economic Partnership, responded to a request to submit documents via mail by stating "Please advise all interested members of the public who contact you to submit their comments through the official website to ensure their comments are logged appropriately. Please do not send me anything directly." Kat Dockery, Director of the Open Space Council, noted that several older members of the public who do not use computers wanted to submit their comments, but were unable to use the Google form. With Ms. Wilding's statement to not mail documents, these citizens were left without a way to make their voice heard. Additionally, many nonprofit and professional organizations have expressed concern over the inability to submit professional comments through the Google form, stating that it was not a format that allowed for charts, attachments, or lengthy commentary.</p> <p>3.2Land Use</p> <p>The Disc golf course has been on this property for many years and has had active use.</p> <p>The report states that it is begun moved because of the trail, but it is important to note that this parcel has a history of outdoor recreational usage.</p> <p>It should also be noted that significant portions of Creve Coeur Lake Park, and this particular portion of the park, became parkland through the Land and Water Conservation Fund with the mandate the land would be used in perpetuity for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes</p> <p>The St. Louis Ice Center will be a great addition to the region</p> <p>They shut down Chestnutfield. We need ice!</p> <p>This rink project would enhance the park. It is beautifully designed and would be beneficial to the STL community. Look at how all the venues enhance Forest Park? The park is beautiful and sees so many visitors. It is a gem. Why can't Creve Coeur Park do the same</p>	<p>Economic Justice: Notice of the EA was published in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the St. Louis American on July 22 and July 21, respectively, giving readers of both papers at least 30 days to comment on the draft EA. The draft EA was available on the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership's website and printed copies were available upon request. The County received nearly 3,000 comments on the draft EA, indicating that there was ample opportunity to comment. Moreover, availability of the opportunity to comment was widely disseminated via social media. The Partnership's website contained instructions on how to submit comments to an email account as well as how to submit paper comments by mail. Documents and comments were submitted to a dedicated email account that was set up to enable people and organizations to supplement their comments with documents, photographs, or anything else they found relevant and helpful. In addition, comments could be submitted by mail, and several were, in fact, submitted by mail. Janet Wilding's request to not send anything to her directly was not intended to discourage people from submitting paper comments by mail but to discourage people from submitting comments to her personal email account.</p> <p>Section 3.4.1 Existing Transportation Infrastructure: Marine Avenue will be improved from just south of the railroad to the southern entrance to the SLIC.</p> <p>Section 3.6 Noise: Noise impacts at the Trosmane Shelter and disc golf are identified in the Draft EA.</p> <p>Section 3.13 Floodplain: A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics.</p> <p>Section 3.15 Visual Environment: It is the opinion of the SLCEDP that the USFS publication used to develop the visual assessment is appropriate to use as the basic fundamentals of visual impact (scenic integrity, scenic attractiveness) can be applied here. As stated in the EA, the proposed site has a relatively low scenic attractiveness due to the existing development that has already occurred in the area (principally Route 141, powerlines, railroad).</p>
POS	7/22/2017 13:39:54	Maureen	McCuen	The St. Louis Ice Center will be a great addition to the region	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:40:36	Michael	Selby	We need ice!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:40:52	Kate	Schulte	This rink project would enhance the park. It is beautifully designed and would be beneficial to the STL community. Look at how all the venues enhance Forest Park? The park is beautiful and sees so many visitors. It is a gem. Why can't Creve Coeur Park do the same	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 13:41:19	Charles	Bell	<p>4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND CONSEQUENCES</p> <p>4.1Socioeconomics</p> <p>4.1.1No Action Alternative</p> <p>4.1.2Alternative 1 - Construction and Operation of the Proposed SLIC at 13750 Marine Avenue</p> <p>4.1.2.1Demographic and Employment Impacts</p> <p>4.1.2.2Economic Impacts</p> <p>The report references economic benefits, including jobs, increase in spending in the local and regional economy area, and tax revenue. Economic benefits are not specifically tied to this specific location and similar benefits would be seen if it was placed on an alternate site.</p> <p>Benefits will go to the local government. Per Section 3.1.1.2, the median income for the SLIC project area is 3% higher than the St. Louis County and roughly 40% higher than the Missouri average. Additionally, the total persons living below the poverty line around the SLIC project area (6.1%) is significantly lower than St. Louis County (10.9%) and Missouri (15.9%). These statistics showcase that this project is in an economically advantaged area and services those living close in the advantaged communities of West St. Louis County and St. Charles. The location is not centrally located and does not provide economic benefits to the entire region, nor to the economically disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>This project is not sustainable for the St. Louis County park system. The Draft Environmental Assessment states that the facility will be on a lease with St. Louis County, however the details of that lease do not suggest that SLIC will pay rent to the park system providing no long-term maintenance or upgrade revenue stream. Instead, St. Louis County Parks will be responsible for a \$50 million dollar facility, including significant infrastructure and maintenance of both the building and parking lots.</p> <p>It is no secret that St. Louis County has a recent history of budget struggles with parks and has noted deferred maintenance as a continued struggle. In the 2016 proposed budget for St. Louis County, it is highlighted that St. Louis County system contains 11,723 acres of developed and undeveloped land and 71 parks and has a Parks Maintenance Fund, which is "used to account for the maintenance and operation of all public recreational facilities of the County administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation". The document highlights that the 2014 revenue for the Department of Parks was \$6.5 million. How will St. Louis County Parks manage this facility during the length of the lease and how will the Park Department pay for infrastructure upgrades, maintenance and management of the facility when the lease ends? Will this building cause additional stress on an already under-funded parks department? Will the use of the building change when SLIC's lease is up?</p> <p>It is irresponsible to build a facility of this magnitude within a park and to not have a dedicated revenue source or a plan for how it will be maintained. Long-term, a facility this large may cause significant pressure on park maintenance staff and may end up putting significant pressure on the already stressed park maintenance fund.</p> <p>4.2Land Use</p>	<p>Economic Impacts: As part of the proposal, the SLCEDP would retain ownership of the land and lease it to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation, which has been formed to oversee construction, operation, and maintenance of the project. The lease is anticipated to contain an initial 30 year term with an option to extend for an additional 25 years. St. Louis County will not be financially responsible for maintenance and operation of the proposed facility.</p> <p>The proposed site is at the north edge of the Park boundary near more developed uses such as a railroad line, a high-tension transmission line and it is 900 feet south of a four-lane divided highway (Route 141). The building, as situated, would be visible from the north end of the lake toward the northeast. The building would be more obscured from view at the center of the lake. There would be no disruption to the horizons to the west and south from the lake. The views and horizon from the proposed site are already disrupted by high-tension power lines, railroad tracks and a 4-lane divided highway.</p> <p>Visitor Experience: The proposed Ice Center is expected to attract more visitors to the Park and be supportive of existing outdoor recreation uses. While families and spectators are drawn to the Ice Center for tournaments and practices, they will be able to take advantage of the nearby lake, the picnic site, the trail system, and the disc golf course. Teams will also use these outdoor activities between games. The parking lot will serve as a trail head for the Great Rivers Greenway trail currently under construction. The 1km walking/biking trail that surrounds the Ice Center will also be directly into the new trail system. The proposed Ice Center is also expected to contain an outdoor turf field, according to the most recent plans for the public facility.</p>
POS	7/22/2017 13:47:05	Kate	Stein	This area could really benefit from a new ice arena since it can bring the community together and teach youth of all ages how to work as a team and discipline. Not to mention everything else the community can use the arena for	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 13:47:16	Mindy	Peterson		Comment noted.
N/A	7/22/2017 13:58:50	Tyler	Riley	Eyegight is important.	N/A
POS	7/22/2017 13:59:53	Pete	Turin	St. Louis is in dire need for more ice for high school, college and league play. Especially with the loss of the west county rinks	Comment noted.



				I fully support the proposed building of the St. Louis Ice Center in Creve Coeur Park.	
				I like this proposal to the proposed MLS soccer stadium downtown but whereas the city failed to do something positive for the St. Louis region, I hope the county can go in a more positive direction.	
				Here's why this project is the right thing to do:	
POS	7/22/2017 14:05:49	Steve	Smith	1) Sports give young people an opportunity to become better people by thinking of the we and not just the me and as a whole sports unite communities when ours has become so divided. 2) St. Louis needs to think progressively and stop getting in its way. In other words, stop finding reasons why we can't build things and find reasons why we can and should. We can and should build an Ice Center while being environmentally conscious at the same time. 3) This is not another mall or Walmart. It's a development that is actually exciting and will draw in a lot of people to spend money which is good for the local economy but also gives St. Louis a better reputation than being the most dangerous place to live. 4) As exciting as empty land and a shed sounds, a facility with numerous sporting facilities sounds better. 5) Maybe just maybe the more pride we take in local hockey by providing more rinks and thus more opportunities to play hockey, the better chance that one day those young kids will help the Blues once and for all bring St. Louis a Stanley Cup.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:09:06	Kevin	Heine	STL needs more ice facilities! This would be great. I completely support this project!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:10:31	Azar	Ashrafadeh	The St. Louis Ice Center will help the local ice hockey teams have additional rinks to play on to reduce the need to have practices start at 5am.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:16:02	Peter	Kinsella III	This is a facility that will be attractive for having birthday parties and other events.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:16:58	Conner	Goodson	Sounds like a good plan!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:22:59	Jon	Arconati	It's a good idea	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:22:59	Jon	Arconati	Build it but build it somewhere else! Leave the park a park!!!!	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:30:57	Laura	Boyd	What an incredible opportunity for the entire St. Louis Community. Not only is this type of facility and enhancement to St. Louis sports, it still allows for other park activities to be utilized and enjoyed by all. So many St. Louisians are hoping this will come into fruition. We need it, want it and can youth the many opportunities that this project will bring.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:31:37	Todd	Cariglio	This would be great for the area	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:36:53	Barb	Ryan	Yes we need a rink. Just address the traffic flow and security. Thanks	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:38:55	Jane	Finn	I support this project as it will provide much needed outdoor ice skating opportunities in our community. I strongly support turning a vacant field with a shed on it into a premier outdoor recreation facility for our region	Comment noted.
				In 2004, when my daughter Charly (Whitlock Hendricks) decided on SLU to pursue her Physical Therapy Doctoral degree, she was hired to coach synchronized skating by the Metro Edge Figure Skating Club in Webster Groves. At that time, the Metro Edge synchro teams had a few dozen skaters competing in recreational competitions. Since then, Synergy Synchronized Skating Teams have grown to include almost 100 skaters from ages 3 to 18, and the coaching staff now includes almost a dozen coaches. Synergy teams have competed and won medals all over the United States as well as in Switzerland representing the United States.	
				The sport of synchronized skating is the fastest-growing ice sport in the world, combining the thrill of figure skating with the rewards of being part of a team.	
				This past year, our city of Rockford, IL, hosted the National Championships of Synchronized Skating, which involved approximately a thousand figure skaters, including St. Louis Synergy teams.	
				Rumors are flying that synchronized skating will be included in the Olympics in China in 2022.	
				Much training ice is required to prepare the skaters for competition at the elite level of the Synergy Teams, as well as to accommodate skaters of all ages, including adult skaters and tots, who prefer to have fun on recreational synchro teams.	
POS	7/22/2017 14:42:30	Sharon	Whitlock	Please consider the growing sport of synchronized skating and make the decision to provide more ice to the St. Louis area.  Thank you.  Mrs. Sharon Whitlock 127 Dawn Ave Rockford, IL 61107	Comment noted.
				This project will make our park even better than it already is! I can't wait to take my grandchildren ice skating here.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:44:44	Jeanne	Murphy		Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:48:08	Lisa	CAHRAK	A new ice complex would be a welcomed enhancement to the Creve Coeur region. We support this project and hope the proposal is accepted quickly and the project started in the near future.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:49:51	Terisa	Rizuto	With the closing of Hardee's, there is a real need for more ice. These kids have nowhere to play.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:50:48	Kelley	Heine	This needs to happen. We need more facilities like this in the area.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:51:27	Calvin	Calder	I am in full support of the ice complex project. The park needs such an attraction and I look forward to seeing the proposal pass and implemented.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:51:27	Elise	Landy	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:52:42	Barry	Heine	I support this proposal for the St. Louis Ice Center	Comment noted.
				THE PURPOSE AND NEED for the project specified a shortage of ice sheets in the St. Louis area. Those mentioned in this comment are, as stated, good hockey parks. However, the need for more ice sheets still exists. A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. One was at Quency park and the others were in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park or in the vicinity of it. It was determined through alternatives analysis that the selected location is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. As part of the scoping process, the St. Louis County Planning Department held a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to present the proposed project. Notification of the meeting was published on the County's website and emailed to subscribers and open space organizations. In addition, notice of the meeting was mailed to nearby property owners and was posted on signage in the Park, MOBE and M's were also consulted early in the process. A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins and bioswales designed as part of the development. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help control and filter runoff (which will be diverted to Creve Coeur Creek). The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. Noise and light modeling conducted during the environmental assessment indicated that the operational and traffic-related noise would attenuate to minor levels. Additionally, the proposed site lighting is not anticipated to create visual discord at midground and background distances as the topography and vegetation of the surrounding areas provide screening. As part of the proposal, the SLCDPR would retain ownership of the land and lease it to a not-for-profit organization, the St. Louis Legacy Foundation, which has been formed to oversee construction and the operation of the project. Public facilities may be included in Section 6(F)(3) protected areas, like Creve Coeur Lake Park, where the public facility results in a net gain in outdoor recreation benefits, enhances the outdoor recreational use of an entire park, and is compatible with the outdoor recreation resources and opportunities in a Section 6(F) protected area. The EA and PD/ESF describe the various ways that the proposed Ice Center will provide increased benefits to public outdoor recreational opportunity and otherwise meets these criteria in response to Step 3C Question 1 of the PD/ESF and throughout Chapters 1 and 4.18 of the EA.	
NEG	7/22/2017 14:52:49	Caroline	Pulfit	I have submitted comments on behalf of the Sierra Club via mail and email, as this on-line format is not easily used for lengthy responses. We oppose placement of this facility in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. Please refer to our complete comments for details. Thank you. Caroline Pufalt, Conservation Chair MO Sierra Club, St Louis MO	
POS	7/22/2017 14:53:06	Josh	Horowitz	Making this complex a reality is necessary to keep up with the growing demand for youth hockey and other ice sports in the St. Louis area. With the closing of Hardee's ice complex, there is now doubt in my mind that this building will be used day in and day out. Plus, it'll help the environment at and around Creve Coeur park.	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 14:56:18	Kevin	Hoette	Please open this proposed facility. I have two boys just starting hockey but they need ice to practice. They love the idea of seeing blues practices and practicing in the same facility as the blues. They are a great steward to our city unlike the rams	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:00:51	Sam	Yalove	(Continued from previous comment) Love the park, want to see development on this currently empty field (development site) but DO NOT SUPPORT this ice complex. It is too big and will ruin the natural feel of the park	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:03:50	Cheryl	Ransom	I do not want this land to be used for St. Louis Ice Center	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:05:22	Elliot	O'Reilly	I am completely against building the ice center on park property especially across from the entrance to Seaboard Cove. I regularly ride my bike and walk my dogs at the park. It is already very busy. I believe the additional traffic of the ice center would make it dangerous.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:08:57	Mariane	Long	I've been going to Creve Coeur park ever since I was a child. My husband and I had our first date there. It's a wonderful park, full of activities and beautiful nature trails. To have to see any of it converted away from it's current beauty into any sort of sports complex, leaves this quiet escape be	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:10:36	Sandra	Stephens	I live in Chesterfield, MO and I'm against the ice complex in Creve Coeur Park. I frequently enjoy using Creve Coeur Park and do not want it disturbed with unnatural visual pollution	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:12:02	Santo	Giuffrida	There is an ice skating rink used by the blues at the Mills. If you want more skating space, consider adding on to that rather than killing trees, and creating run off. In short, we have a history of building newer and better to replace perfectly good. In a couple of years, once again we will be killing trees and green space to build newer and better	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:15:01	Michelle	Isam	Keep the park green! There must be a hundred other places that would be more appropriate for skating. Please reconsider	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/22/2017 15:16:03	Joseph	Weisber	"BUILD IT!"	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:17:46	Elyse	Webster	Not only am I extremely excited and impatient for this to happen but the whole of STL and surrounding areas is PHIMPED! What a great initiative.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:19:56	Rich	Williams	This big complex should NOT be allowed in our Park, it's a flood plain, driving our wildlife away... Our Park is a Park, not a commercial site, way too much traffic with 1400 parking places?? Let the Billionaires build somewhere else, with their money, NOT OURS. It's our Park in the Billonaires, sounds like Stan Koenigs again!!!	A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3-5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. Due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota.
				A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.	
NEG	7/22/2017 15:20:19	Edward	Thompson	Anyone in any community can throw up various structures... there are several ice rinks in St. Louis and many other cities. There are shopping malls all over America. Taking land and filling it with "stuff" that exists everywhere else isn't real leadership. Real leadership is to have the vision to make available and protect that which is scarce. In a city the size of St. Louis, Creve Coeur park stands out as a gem in the middle of highways, subdivisions, industrial areas, shopping malls, etc. Please protect it, since once it becomes like everything else it loses its "natural" feel and becomes like everything else around it for miles. Real leadership sees this and protects that which deserves protecting.	The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCFF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCFF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quency park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
NEG	7/22/2017 15:21:36	Paul	probst	Let out the park	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:22:38	Jo Ann	Morton	This peaceful park is just what stressed people need to calm themselves and or relax in the natural environment. An ice rink with noise of competition and increased traffic is not a fit with this park's reason for being. Why not put the ice rink in the Chesterfield mall complex where parking is already available as are blocks of areas inside to anything with insulation and a/c, heat and lighting	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:22:43	Jack	gray	It is nearby and off a main highway.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:22:43	Jack	gray	Don't dare do that! It is an insane idea. to benefit thieves.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:26:55	Cynthia	Rose	Creve Coeur is a treasure not only for St. Louis County residents but for all of us in the metro area. There must be plenty of places to build an ice rink that doesn't destroy our green spaces.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/22/2017 15:28:04	John	Wagner	With the closing of Hardee's ice complex, finding times for teams to practice has become increasingly difficult and expensive. Opening this facility would present more people with an opportunity to play the great sport of hockey as well as raise money for the park and the county.	Comment noted.
				The project is not a commercial development. It would remain under the ownership of St. Louis County Parks.	
NEG	7/22/2017 15:29:55	Cynthia	Lampe	This is the wrong location for what is essentially a commercial development. If you must put this development in the park there are better and less used areas. There is a large unused piece of land near River Valley and Waterworks, right on 141 that currently only has Bradford pear and kudzu on it. You could even apply to have an exit directly off Hwy 141 southbound into the complex. Why not put it there where it would not disturb the current uses of the area? The current chosen location would be a garish eyesore for all of the users who come to the lake for the peace and tranquility of nature.	The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCFF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCFF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quency park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
				A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.	
				The scenic integrity around the project site ranges from moderate to low and has already been lowered by human alteration such as the mowed field, the electric transmission lines, paved roads including a four-lane divided highway, traffic signals, a parking lot and its lighting, electric traffic signals and a railroad.	
POS	7/22/2017 15:30:49	Jeremy	Gualdoni	I support the plan for a new ice rink at CC Lake park. It is a good centralized location and would serve to benefit the STL hockey community	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:31:17	Wendy	VanDewetter-Jones	The St. Louis Ice Center will be a recreation destination that will allow visitors the opportunity to see the positive side of our communities while they contribute to our economy.	Comment noted.
NEG	7/22/2017 15:35:59	Diane	Swanson	Please leave the parkland undeveloped! We need more green space, not more concrete. The Mills or Chesterfield Mall would be a good place for the ice rink. Those areas are already paved	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.
POS	7/22/2017 15:38:47	Michael	Gismannick	I'm all for it	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:39:51	Danville	Rampante	I'm all for it would love for that complex to be built	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:40:39	Larry	Van Gels	I think it's a great addition to the area.	Comment noted.
				I believe this project is wrong for Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park and for any public parkland for the following reasons: 1. The project is not consistent with the results of the STL County Parks master plan objectives or public input. Ice Skating was only ranked by 6% of the surveyed residents to be a desired choice somewhere in the park system. The STL county park system already has ice skating features. 2. STL County accepted the terms of Federal and Water Conservation Funding when it received money to acquire this site. Those terms were that the land be used for outdoor recreation and conservation. 3 indoor facilities, a sports medicine/rehab facility, do not constitute outdoor recreation no matter how the folks writing the EA wish to spin it. If the NPS/DNR approve this misused of public lands, I demand that St. Louis County be required to purchase & replace an equivalent 40 acres contiguous parcel of land to be used as parkland within St. Louis County. STL county's park master plan has already identified areas within the county that are underused and need parks. 3. The EA is trying and can not serve two masters. 4.1.2.2 Economic Impacts: You can't claim this will draw an additional 272,591 visitors to the park and then claim there will be no detrimental impact to existing park users. This park is already over used and "loved to death" and public feedback collected by St. Louis consistently states the park should remain natural and its current pastoral state. 3. 3.13 of the EA: This land is a flood plain and elevating it will only push the water damages onto others. This is not only unfair but the county should be held liable and accountable for damages. https://content.godelivemy.com/accounts/MDSGOV/bulletins/LA97Pfc states that more than 278.5Million dollars has already been taken from the federal government for the best flood damage. Wouldn't it be more appropriate for St. Louis County to demonstrate that good government doesn't try to fill and develop in flood plains which puts human lives and property at risk? STL county government must realize the flood waters they push away from this site will be pushed into someone else's homes? 4. Hockey is a rich persons sport. There is economic and social injustice in taking public parkland away from residents than making it available only to those that can pay. St. Louis County is demonstrating they care less about the people and more about the money. It will ruin the vista and scenic views of the park and stick out like a sore thumb thereby diminishing everyone's experience when visiting the park. 5. It is stated that both The St. Louis Blues and semi professional hockey teams will utilize this facility. This is completely inconsistent with the intent and guidelines of federal Land Water Conservation Funding and only this issue alone, the project should be denied by NPS/DNR. If not, it will set precedent for all other land under LWCFF funding. Having served on a municipal park board, I can tell you that often the only way to reject proposals inconsistent with a parks master plan was the LWCFF requirements that the land only be used for outdoor recreation or conservation. This proposal is so grossly inconsistent with the LWCFF guidelines that if approved, the flood gates will be opened similar proposals across the county thereby defeating the objectives of LWCFF. 6. The St. Louis Blues should be ashamed to participate in this project. They have enough money to buy their own land for a practice facility and they do not qualify for a public subsidy to build and maintain a practice facility without a vote of the people whose tax dollars were used to acquire and maintain it for all their years. 7. This project will pull an estimated \$59 million dollars out of our local economy and St. Louis county is shipping in millions of tax payer dollars while allowing other parks to go without the maintenance funding that has been deferred for years. And yet the County has collected millions in park funding from both Prop C and P in the last 17 years. 8. If the county dares to ask the public for a tax increase to maintain our parks while redirecting millions to support this private enterprise on public park land, they should think again. The County Councils priorities are out of touch with the public. 9. While I recognize that hockey players would like more ice and the STL Blues would like a new practice facility, they should have the decency to find their own land to build a facility of this nature on without taking away from the residents in the St. Louis County community. It will become a public relations nightmare and a loss of respect and trust for the STL Blues and St. Louis County Council and our Department of Interior/LWCFF/Missouri Department of Natural Resources if this proposal is approved.	
				I have so little trust and confidence that my concerns shared here will be passed on by the St. Louis Ice Partnership, that I am copying them and distributing them to all members of the St. Louis County Council, The Missouri DNR and the National Parks Service.	
				Please be fair to the residents of St. Louis County. You have a great project - go find your own land to build and operate it on.	
POS	7/22/2017 15:52:09	Kim	Koester	Bringing youth hockey is a wonderful enhancement to Creve Coeur Park providing a new amenity to all residents of the St. Louis region	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:55:48	Doug	Koester	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed	Comment noted.
POS	7/22/2017 15:59:26	Dawn	Stewart	I support the ice center because it is actually adding five acres of water habitat and two detention lakes; the designers have mitigated flood risk and the center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact	Comment noted.
				Land development around Creve Coeur Park will need to comply with zoning ordinances, land development laws and permitting.	
NEG	7/22/2017 16:00:05	Mary Anne	Speck	Green space once gone is not recoverable. "Development" is going to happen around Creve Coeur Park, but it should not take place within the park! A new ice rink would add to the diversity of sports and activities available to the St. Louis area and be a positive -- BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED IN CREVE COEUR PARK. PLEASE protect this unique natural lake and park. PLEASE do not add 1000 cars to the traffic around and in the park! Please respect the guidelines of keeping ALL development in the park "outdoor recreation." Leave the green space in the park greens.'	The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCFF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCFF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Quency park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).
NEG	7/22/2017 16:00:59	Ray	Valentin	I say no to the ice center. It should be built on a vacant lot somewhere or on a property that's not a park. Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park needs every green space available for the people, fauna, flora, & the environment	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.
NEG	7/22/2017 16:01:16	Shan	Debanin	I am not in favor of the ice arena. Creve Coeur Park looks the best I have seen in twenty five years. I cherish my weedy nature walks and believe there are other pieces of land available for the arena	Comment noted.

					To Whom It May Concern:  The Open Space Council, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity, has a mission to create and sustain open spaces throughout the region. With over 4,000 supporters in the St. Louis Region, we support and enhance public parks for all citizens. While we support the St. Louis Ice Center's mission to add opportunities for all to enjoy the game of hockey, we strongly oppose building this facility in Creve Coeur Lake Park, and believe this facility can be successful in many other locations throughout our region. The case to deny such a large facility on public parkland is strong, and we hope you will review our comments and deny this project in Creve Coeur Lake Park.  The proposed project dramatically changes the existing look and feel of this public open space and the park will see significant impacts. Loss of this open space means a disappearance of native grasslands, tree canopy and wildlife habitat in an urban setting. Park users will have a diminished experience as traffic and noise pollution will increase and park users will have a drastically different view when walking their dogs, riding their bike, or sailing in the Lake. Tall native grasses and trees will be replaced with a shiny steel structure, lighted parking lots with over a thousand cars, and advertisements and banners along the once open skyline.  Creve Coeur Park usership is logged at more than 1 million citizens annually, making it the busiest county park in our region. To put this in perspective, that number represents the entire population of St. Louis County. Park users, representing many cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, currently use the park for sailing, rowing, biking, rollerblading, walking, playing with their dogs, picnicking, bird watching, Frisbee, and much more. You have received a petition that was submitted on behalf of the Creve Coeur Park Coalition showing nearly 8,000 citizens who do not want this facility in the park. One only needs to read the comments on the petition to get a sense of how much people treasure the vistas of wide open space and lake district setting for which the park is well-known and loved.  Additionally, the Open Space Council does not support development in a floodplain, especially a structure of this magnitude and cost. It should be noted that this area was under water in the flood of 1993 and the roads surrounding the park and portions of the park struggle with storm water challenges and have flooded multiple times in the last 10 years. The addition of more than 1,000 parking spaces and a 298,000-sq. foot building will very likely add to these flooding problems. Over time, increased flooding and runoff will cause a negative impact on other areas of the park by creating ruts and disrupting existing natural habitat. As it currently exists, this site provides an important natural floodplain for our region and provides space for the river to expand and contract, a necessity for our community.  As stated on the County Park's website and well known by the public, significant portions of Creve Coeur Lake Park were created using Land and Water Conservation Funds. The intent of these contributions were to support conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities within the region. The proposed development does not align with the intent of Land and Water Conservation Funds. Instead, it is an indoor facility with enormously large footprint and parking lot that will significantly detract from the open space that exists today. The facility contains indoor recreation opportunities, but is to be used for rehabilitation and training, a pro shop, concessions, office space for a professional sport's team and more. The facility is comparable to an arena, both in size, parking, and amenities; it does not belong in a park.  Additionally, the argument that similar ice facilities exist in other public parks in our region is an unsound argument. Existing public parks have only 1 ice rink and a very small footprint. I.e. the rink in Forest Park is located in the out of doors and measures 28,000 square feet. At 298,000 square feet, the St. Louis Ice Center measures more than 10 times the size of our region's largest public ice rink in a park. And St. Louis County Parks does have an indoor ice rink at Queeny Park, which is 20,000 square feet and currently struggles with a maintenance backlog due to systematic park budget restraints. Adding additional facilities of this size to a park department that is unable to maintain existing parks and facilities does not make sense. It should also be noted that no ice facilities were included in the County Park's master plan, nor the Creve Coeur Lake master plan.  Finally, developers of the facility have touted that this project is being paid for with private dollars. With a price tag of \$50 million dollars, the Ice Legacy Foundation should be able to afford 40 acres of private land and should not need to subsidize the property with public parkland paid for with taxpayers dollars. If the project is approved, developers should be required to contribute additional parkland to Creve Coeur Lake Park.  In summary, while the St. Louis Ice Center is a worthwhile project, this facility does not belong in Creve Coeur Lake Park. It is not outdoor recreation and approving this project for this location would not be in keeping with the intent of acquiring these acres for outdoor public recreation on land and water conservation.  We appreciate your consideration of our comments.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:01:58		Rick Jennings	St. Louis is building a reputation for excellent youth hockey much the same as we enjoy for soccer. The new ice complex would serve to further develop pride in our community and recreational opportunities.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:01:19		Glen Fisher	This is a wonderful way to bring new visitors and healthy new activities to a beautiful park in St. Louis County.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:05:26		Susie Gaal	This would be a much needed addition to the area! We have kids who play and support this fully!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:05:34		Courtney Menner	There are other areas that have already been developed on that this rink could be built on. Can we preserve our natural habitats at all? It's incredibly important for the community as well as an important sentiment for how we treat the natural areas on a larger scale. Building the rink in Creve Coeur Park sets a dangerous precedent and I believe the thoughtful decision would be not to do it.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:06:45		Linda Akers	Please do not take away the greenspace at Creve Coeur Park. This park is being used by people who enjoy an opportunity to get away from the confines of the city (i.e. traffic, noise, and large crowds). By putting an ice rink in the park, you are taking away from the experience many of us are looking for—appreciating nature without being in a commercial environment. This ice rink will cause traffic issues for people trying to get into the park, the construction will create noise and extra pressure on the roadways, and you will be destroying a portion of the landscape that serves as habitat for native plants and animals. There are many other locations throughout Maryland Heights and St. Louis County which could accommodate this ice rink, and probably offer easier access to the people who will use it. Again, please reconsider this proposal and leave the park as it is. Thank you for your consideration.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is low.  The EA acknowledges there will be some short term and temporary noise impacts as a result of the construction of the facility; however, the EA concludes that these impacts would be minor and temporary.  Due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:10:09		Lisa Drewel	There are plenty of places to RE develop rather than taking green space. Go take over that army off Vandeventer or expand the Hardees ice rink in Chesterfield.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:11:13		Annette Gast	Feel this project is unnecessary, and takes away too much from Creve Coeur Park.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:10:08		Lyn Johnson	Preserve the natural beauty of Creve Coeur Memorial Park by NOT building the proposed ice hockey complex. There are many other sites that would be more appropriate to build on that won't damage, destroy natural beauty.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:11:50		Aaron Perlut	The St. Louis region is in desperate need of new ice for the region's youth hockey programs and having the St. Louis Blues taking a leading role is not only a necessity and a great opportunity for our community, but a tremendous partnership between the organization and greater St. Louis.  The reasons include: -size The ice facility will be significantly larger by many multiples than any other facility in the Park -It is inaccurate to compare the facility to either the Stenberg or the Queeny Park rinks- again, the size of this facility makes it in a completely different category. -It is inaccurate to claim that the two detention basins will encourage wildlife. -Detention Basins by their design, are dry areas with plants that are appropriate for immersion in water for short periods of time. Clearly, the undeveloped park is a better habitat for wildlife. -It is inaccurate to fail to include the principle user of the facility- that is the Blues. Certainly, the team has fans throughout the community. However, the Blues are a privately owned company. Public underwriting of this facility located on Public property is in violation of the Public Good.	Comment noted.  The scenic integrity around the project site ranges from moderate to low and has already been lowered by human alteration such as the mowed field, the electric transmission lines, paved roads including a four-lane divided highway, traffic signals, a parking lot and its lighting, electric traffic signals and a railroad.  The detention basin proposed would be a wet basin (a retention lake).  The Blues are not the principal user of the facility. In fact, they would occupy only 2 to 3 percent of the total available ice time. The facility would be a public facility (owned by St. Louis County Parks).			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:22:15		Sandra Spiff	I am against this proposal, due to its negative effect on the Park, including, but not limited to, increased car traffic and exhaust in a place that has heavy pedestrian and bike usage.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is low.  The EA states that the effects on air quality would be very minor.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:23:28		Mark Blumenfeld	Building this facility in Creve Coeur Park would be a HUGE mistake. The lake is one of St. Louis's most valuable natural resources and it should be protected as such. I enjoy biking and walking my dog around the lake, and if that experience is diminished by development and hockey crowds it would be a huge loss for the St. Louis area. Creve Coeur Park is perfect the way it is, build this ice hockey facility anywhere else.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:26:47		Barbara Columbian	I speak as a hockey Mom of three former players. The experiences, lessons, friendships, etc., my sons had through the many years of playing hockey have been immeasurable. There are too many players in the St. Louis area who may miss out on this if we don't address the lack of available rinks.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:27:25		Eve Johnson	In support of the rink.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:29:51		Dan Ceynot	This is a well thought out well planned development which will benefit not only the youth hockey community, but the region as a whole. I have travelled to many cities for hockey tournaments and have seen first hand the benefits of similar facilities. STL must continue forward with this project.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:30:04		Karen Willson	Please don't deprive the migratory birds and local wild creatures of any more open green space. Don't do anything to further degrade the natural beauty of this park. There are plenty of places in the county that are in need of redevelopment and that already have most of the necessary infrastructure. I don't want my tax dollars used to destroy what is already good and ignore that which cries out for improvement.	Due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:30:18		Kate Beth Smith	Please do not construct this facility. The environmental impacts of such a project would be of serious concern and St. Louis already has an ice rink near the Mills Mall.	A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:31:48		Olivia Kurz	Let's preserve the beautiful natural spaces that are left. We are currently in the midst of an environmental and climate crisis, and natural spaces such as this are so important to our ecosystems. This decision affects the earth's health, including human health. Let's work on repairing buildings that already exist for recreation like ice rinks. Please do not build on this precious land.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:33:06		Chad Bliadow	Placing an ice rink in this park would ruin its character. Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park is one of the last open green space areas in West St. Louis County. Adding any building to this park ruins the open green space that residents from all over St. Louis County enjoy. The ice rink would detract from that enjoyment. There are plenty of other places to build the ice rink, it doesn't have to be in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.	The scenic integrity around the project site ranges from moderate to low and has already been lowered by human alteration such as the mowed field, the electric transmission lines, paved roads including a four-lane divided highway, traffic signals, a parking lot and its lighting, electric traffic signals and a railroad.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:34:08		Joel Ashrafzadeh	We need more ice in St. Louis and more places for youth sports. This is a perfect spot because it's close to the soccer fields and close to the lacrosse fields. We need all kinds of sports arenas and parks for all kinds of activities. Please build this and build other facilities for all kinds of sports like skateboarding and for all types of extreme sports.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:34:11		Maureen Davis	This is so great for the St. Louis sporting community. Looking forward to it!	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:35:39		Brigitte Gile	Creve Coeur park is a rare gem for St. Louis County. As it is today, traffic can be very hectic on weekends, the park's busiest time. Building such a huge development so close to the park will hurt traffic flow issues. This creates more headache for the neighborhood around the park, hurting property values. Property in this area is already at a disadvantage compared to west county or south county, so don't add the burden of the parkway north/pattenville school districts. Preserve what little natural beauty remains in the suburbs. Build this in earth city, which is not too far away.	A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:36:50		Bruce Kelly	Why waste tax dollars for a ice rink that is not needed. The ice rink in Chesterfield is not being used, the Blues are about the only ones that use the one at the Mills mall. St. Louis is a soccer and baseball town. Why ruin disappearing green space for something that the majority does not want. With all the empty strip malls let that special interest group build their own ice rink with their own money on commercial land they bought themselves. If it does happen the county should designate a clothing optional area in the park.	The Hardee's Ice Plex (rink in Chesterfield) is no longer in operation.  The Purpose and Need of the project identified a shortage of ice sheets in the St. Louis Area. Those mentioned in this comment are, as stated, good hockey "parks". However, the need for more ice sheets still exists.  The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).			
POS	7/22/2017 16:37:29		Craig Gile	I think the project would be a great addition to St. Louis and the community. Wonderful activity for the kids, hockey provides uniquely valuable life lessons and can be a life sport for adults as well.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:38:47		Dena Soffer	My cousin is a hockey player- this will be so great for the Saint Louis community!	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:39:05		Nate Young	Creve Coeur Lake is a St. Louis gem. I love walking with my family around the lake on the weekends, and this ice rink would severely harm the natural area around the lake. Please do not build it to save quality time for families and friends who live near the lake.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:39:13		Samuel Smith	This is going to be an amazing thing for the kids and the city. It's a win win situation.	Comment noted.			
N/A	7/22/2017 16:39:53		Rayne Young	I love walking around Creve Coeur park. I love the environment.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:40:24		Samuel Blumenfeld	I walk my dog in this park a lot and a big ice rink with all that parking would definitely hurt the nature feel of the park. I would rather a big ice rink facility built somewhere else. I feel like this proposal is more for financial reasons than for the benefit of the park users. I could understand a single outdoor rink and a small parking lot but this is a giant building with a ton of parking and it's going to make it less nice to walk through for the people who regularly use the park.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:41:36		Simon Crocker	This will be a great investment in the STL community!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:41:41		lit s	A facility that will bring more people to St. Louis to improve area business, make life easier for area families participating in sports, and improve facilities available to visitors to Queeny Park seems like a wonderful plan! I particularly appreciate the plan's attention to environmentally-responsible development. If there will be no negative environmental impact, and instead there is potential to improve the health of the surrounding ecosystem, I am in favor of this development.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:42:04		Wamsley Dale	I do not feel that Creve Coeur Park is the place for this project. I am totally against this proposal and the moving forward of this project. I truly hope the powers to be seriously take our commitments into great consideration. Thank you for your time. Mr. Wamsley Note, comment posted twice.)	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:42:48		Thomas OBrien	I am very unhappy that my elected officials in Maryland Heights gave the go ahead on this project. I do not think this fits well with this area. Please kill this project.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:43:10		Metel Whitney	What an amazing concept and a great addition to the city. A facility of this type is exactly what this area needs. That corner of the park is the perfect spot for it too. It will facilitate usage by all members of the public. And the park can be utilized by those parents whose children are practicing or otherwise using the ice center. It's a win-win-win-win for everyone!!!	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:44:12		Sandra Pursiful	I cycle a lot in the summer and bird watch in the winter. This development will just bring more road building and widening making the park much more commercial. One will be able to see the building with its members who are practicing or otherwise using the ice center. It's a win-win-win-win for everyone!!!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:46:23		bob Setpp	Hockey families and travel teams will bring lots of positive activity - including increased patronage to surrounding restaurants, shops and other small businesses.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:46:47		Don Soffer	This facility is a must if we want to continue to retain visitors to Creve Coeur park!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:47:46		Alex Reagan	This center would be huge for the community. Not enough ice centers distributed in the region for sure.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:48:23		Michael Goessling	I greatly support this project!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:48:42		Dorina Zanier	Yes this is needed!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:49:04		Whitney Behnen	We need another rink for our kids to play hockey!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:49:11		John Greenbury	This ice rink needs to be built, it will enhance Creve Coeur park and bring more people to the area. It also sits on park land this is currently not being used by anyone.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:50:15		Amelia Bonjak	Youth hockey is growing in St. Louis and I think this is a great use of park land that is currently just housing a big empty field and a metal shed.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:50:45		Inge Anem	I fully support the proposed ice rink complex at Creve Coeur Lake Park. It would be highly beneficial to the residents of Saint Louis and would provide an additional form of recreation for residents that frequent the lake and also bring people there that may not have an interest in the various other activities at the park such as the ropes course on the lake activities.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/22/2017 16:52:42		Alex Nienham	Myself and my family are 100% in support of this project. You have our full backing.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:54:31		Derek Pallardy	Leave the park alone. As a tax payer I do not support the Ice Rink.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:55:48		Mary Rives	This has to happen. I've been witnessing dreams come true for young players over the last few years and without available ice for the next wave of young hockey players, they won't be able to experience the same amount of joy and success from playing hockey. We want children in our community to learn life lessons as they participate as part of a team, make friends, learn new skills, and grow into the best versions of themselves. We need to do the right thing and help to provide these opportunities.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:57:38		Drew Davis	This project would be a tremendous asset to the community. I am all for it!	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:58:16		Lucy Chausin	I support the St. Louis Ice Center because I value youth sports in our area. I want kids to have every opportunity possible to be active and learn and exceed the great game of hockey. We owe it to the future of St. Louis.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 16:58:16		Jason Diehl	This is such a great opportunity for the St. Louis sports community and beyond - no doubt it will bring tourism to the city as well.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 17:01:31		Stacey Robinson	I support the Ice Center because it is actually adding 5 acres of water habitat via two detention lakes, the designers have mitigated flood risk and the Center as a whole will have a negligible overall environmental impact.	Comment noted.			
POS	7/22/2017 17:01:41		Kat Dockey	This will be a great addition to St. Louis.	Comment noted.			
NEG	7/21/2017 18:25		Kat Dockey	See Attached Creve Coeur Park Coalition Comment	Comment noted.  SECTION 1.2 The Foundation has identified the major tenants who will be leasing ice time as identified in the Ice Usage Breakdown attached to the PO/ESF but have not identified individual user fees at this time. However, all fees charged will be reasonable and comparable to other similar facilities. The Ice Center will not require membership so that it remains accessible to the public. Section 1.5- The St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation (Foundation) is a not-for-profit organization which has been formed for the primary purpose of teaching children and others important life skills through ice sports, which includes mentoring individuals and providing them opportunities to develop and improve character, cognitive skills, concentration and attention. The Foundation will oversee the operation of the Ice Center. Section 2.2: St. Louis County is fostering a central youth sports corridor that is accessible via highways. Improving proximity between organized sporting opportunities will help these facilities function together promoting athletics and recreation overall. It also helps ensure users can get to and move through the corridor from one activity to the next. Section 3.6.3 Noise Receptors: The Crystal Springs Golf Course was not included as a noise receptor because it is more than 500 feet from the proposed site and noise generated at the site would attenuate to background levels between the site and the golf course. Section 3.7 Groundwater: Groundwater levels could vary over time due to the effects of seasonal variation in precipitation, recharge, the stage of the Missouri River. The flood study prepared for the project site demonstrated that there is a net No Rise with the proposed site improvements. In fact, there will be a decrease of .04 ft under the 100 yr / 20 yr storm event. As stated in the EA, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be prepared and submitted as part of the stormwater permitting process. Components of the SWPPP will contain BMPs, such as silt fencing, for minimizing and controlling erosion and managing sedimentation. Additionally, a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) will be prepared and followed to address and reduce impacts to soil and groundwater from diesel fuel and other chemicals stored at the facility. Jurisdictional wetlands identified during the wetland delineation will not be impacted by development activities. Section 3.9 Biological Resources: Due to the large amount of similar habitat in the region, the construction and operation of the project is not expected to substantially impact the local population of any wildlife species, including migratory birds that may use the existing forested and grassland habitats within the project area. Although forested habitat within the project area would be removed, adjacent areas provide forested habitats that would accommodate displaced biota. The comment also questions only one bar root tree. Wildlife biologists concluded that there is only one suitable bar root tree on the site. Figure 3-1 Land Use: The figure has been revised to correct the zoning for the park. 4.4.2.1 Traffic: A traffic study was conducted, which determined that the development, as planned, would not adversely affect traffic flow. The peak times of use of the facility would be during the winter months, which historically is when park visitation is lower. 4.6.2.1 Noise Construction: The Draft EA states that there will be some short-term noise impacts resulting from construction. However, the EA further states that impacts are temporary, intermittent and during daytime hours. Tremaine Shelter would see a minor rise in noise level but not to a level deemed significant. The disc golf course would not have noise impacts because grading operations of the site would also cause the disc golf course to be temporarily closed while the course is regraded. 4.6.2.2 Noise Operation: Noise levels of 51 dBA are typical of background noise levels. The commenters comment related to the residence is not understood. Regarding Tremaine Shelter, the noise impact is stated and it is also stated that a barrier could be constructed to mitigate the impact. The reason there are no noise impacts at the disc golf course is because the noise generating equipment is not in a line of sight from the golf course. The building itself acts as a barrier between the condenser and the disc golf course. This is stated in the Draft EA. 4.9.2 Biological Resources: the site will be landscaped with native plantings. The plantings will comply with Maryland Heights requirements. 4.10.2 Endangered Species: Appendix E identified one potential bar root tree. 4.11.2 Wetlands: GEOTEC/H2O/DQ/D 4.12.2 Surface Water: A flood study was conducted for the proposed project. The site will be raised 3.5 feet to be out of the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. There will be detention basins designed as part of the development. The flood study indicates that there will be no adverse effect on the 100-year floodplain of Creve Coeur Creek. The Howard Bend Levee District has also approved the project hydraulics. 4.15.2.1 Visual Environment: The "slight" visual discord mentioned in the Draft EA includes the context of the other features visible at the project site. In addition to trees, field and open space, there is a high tension power line, a four-lane divided highway and a railroad line.			
NEG			Herbert	Many of the comments made on the PO/ESF have already been addressed in this response or in other similar responses. The following responses pertain to specific comments made by the commenter: Item 11 Unique Ecosystem: the project site is not part of a unique ecosystem. Item 12 Unique or important wildlife habitat: the project site is not part of any unique wildlife habitat. Item 22: local environmental groups' plans to replant the site as a wetland prairie are not part of the St. Louis County Parks plans. Item 24: the commenter suggests that light and noise pollution from the site would disrupt the main central flyway. It should be pointed out that there are numerous other users in the park (soccer fields) that currently generate light and noise. Comment noted.				
N/A			Herbert	See Attached St. Louis Audubon Society Comment dated 7/18/2017				
				Public facilities may be included in Section 6(0)(3) protected areas, like Creve Coeur Lake Park, where the public facility results in a net gain in outdoor recreation benefits, enhances the outdoor recreational use of an entire park, and is compatible with the outdoor recreation resources and opportunities in a Section 6(0) protected area. The EA and PO/ESF describe the various ways that the proposed Ice Center will provide increased benefit to public outdoor recreational opportunity and otherwise meets these criteria in response to Section 3C question 1 of the PO/ESF and throughout Chapters 1 and 4.16 of the EA.  The NPS may allow enclosed ice rinks to be developed on parkland under the LWCF when the proposed development enhances outdoor recreational uses. The proposed development is consistent with this criterion. The proposed development use is consistent with LWCF program goal to enhance outdoor recreation and is consistent with the use of other major St. Louis County parks (e.g., Queeny park, and Kennedy Recreation Complex).  A site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area. The Ice Zone at St. Louis Mills is a privately-owned facility whose future is not dependent upon the St. Louis Blues as a tenant due to their extremely limited use of ice at the Ice Zone coupled with the significant demand for ice from the Ice Zone's existing customer base and other regional users. As such, the Ice Zone will not be vacated. Its current ownership plans to operate the facility into the future and the St. Louis Blues will be moving their training operation to the St. Louis Ice Center where they will rent less than 3% of the ice available for all users of the facility.  Regarding the comment as to why close North County rink, a site location study was conducted that considered other sites besides the one being proposed. It was determined that this is the most feasible location while also meeting the need for additional ice rinks in the St. Louis area.  Land ownership will remain with County Department of Parks and Recreation who will lease the property to a not-for-profit organization that will oversee the maintenance and operation of the facility. The lease is anticipated to contain an initial 30 year term with an option to extend for an additional 25 years. The proposed Ice Center will be accessible to the public. It will charge reasonable fees and will not require memberships. The Ice Center also offers opportunities to participate in a varieties of types of recreation beyond hockey, such as figure skating, speed skating, ice dancing, synchronized skating and more. Additionally, during the off season the facility will offer indoor field hockey, floor hockey, indoor lacrosse, indoor soccer and in-line skating. All of these uses are under-served in the community.				
NEG			Brewer Steve	See Attachments to AIA 7/21 submittal				

