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December 2, 2002

Col. William J. Bayles, Commander  
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Rock Island Arsenal Clock Tower  
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**Re: Final EA of Proposed Lease , Coralville Lake, Johnson County, Iowa**

Col. Bayles:

**I ask you to immediately stop any further action on this proposed EA Assessment and Lease until you have totally reviewed and updated your RESOURCE MASTER PLAN dated April 1977 for the Coralville Lake, Johnson County.**

That is the very Plan on which most of your guidelines for land-use in the study were based. Besides, you have a responsibility to do this update based on your own unmet update rqrmts. See p.1, Para. 1 of the Master Plan as required by your ER 1120-2-400 Code dated Nov. 1971.

I have reviewed that 1977 Plan, along with others, and find it to be so totally out-of-date that it would never stand the challenges of present day data applied to almost all of the criteria you used for Land Use in the Daybreak EA study. *That 1977 Plan was done when people drove 6000# curs and pulled the crank on an adding machine.*

Let me remind you of your own statements made in the 1977 Master Plan study and what COE said about the 1966 Master Plan that it replaced. *Paraphrasing - This(1977 Revision) is needed because so many changes have occurred since 1966 as to make its(1966 data) use out-of-date.* That was only 11 years later - relatively slow years compared with today.

You can't imagine the frustration resulting in downright anger followed by contempt because of the application of those totally antiquated and out-of-step Land Use rules. An example is the attached write-up from the North Liberty city council meeting last week.

Also, tell me its not true that no one, absolutely no one from your office or your EA Contractors office failed to even talk to an effected council member or mayor in North Liberty during this EA study period - or even before?.

I have always had a high regard for your organization and have worked hard to support many of our common needs in the past. You know that - so I hope I've established some credibility and can be listened to. But this one goes far beyond me and COE - its for the good of the community/country as well as world changes since 9/11.

**We will actively work towards helping you stop any further decision on this EA and Lease until the out-dated criteria is re-evaluated for Land Use and Public Needs.**

Please respond SAP as to what you are going to do as a result of this letter. Thanks

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayors, Neighbors, Elected Officials

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# N. Liberty opposition raised to camp plan

By Steve Riley 11/27/02  
News correspondent

**NORTH LIBERTY** - City residents joined North Liberty City Council members Tuesday in criticizing a plan to build a Muslim youth camp at Coralville Lake.

Residents and council members also expressed disappointment with an Army Corps of Engineers study released last week, which said 106-acre Muslim youth camp would not damage the environment.

Council members decided to meet in a meeting with Corps of Engineers officials, as well as Muslim Youth Corps of America representatives.

Comments at Tuesday night's council meeting ranged from the negative impact the camp would have on parking to the damage that could be done to Scales Bend Road to what residents say could be a heavy demand on city services.

"They're proposing putting a large building that wouldn't even fit in the area," said Mayor Clair Mekota. "The road going out there is not suitable for the amount of traffic, and the area is not suitable for that amount of people to park out there. We don't need buses sitting all over town."

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**Mayor Clair Mekota**

The Muslim Youth Corps of America wants to build the overnight camp offering programs for youth through the summer and facilities for conferences and meetings the rest of the year. The camp would be built on property leased from the corps off Scales Bend Road about two miles north of North Liberty. The road also serves private

"The biggest disappointment I have is the arrogance of the Corps of Engineers," said Brian Pedrick, who lives on Cumberland Ridge Road in the area. "In my opinion, they've laughed in the face of the county."

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The Muslim Youth Corps of America application was filed in 1999. In July 2000, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors forwarded to the corps concerns about traffic and environmental impact.

Bob Dunn, who lives on Elm Drive in North Liberty, said he is concerned about fire protection.

"You put this out there and our firefighters will be spread too thin," he said.

Council member Bill Dorst is concerned that officials with the Muslim camp would want to use parking at the Recreation Center.

"The last thing we want to do is burden the parking in the rec center," he said.

The Corps of Engineers' support does not necessarily guarantee the group will be granted a lease, a corps spokesman said last week.

The proposal submitted to the Corps of Engineers states the camp would have a maximum capacity of 204 people overnight.

The Corps of Engineers Environmental Assessment is available for public review and comment until Jan. 2 at post offices in Solon, Swisher, Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty and Tiffin, and at public libraries in Iowa City, Solon, Coralville and North Liberty.

The assessment and related documents are also on the Internet at [www.usace.army.mil/Payback](http://www.usace.army.mil/Payback).

Written comments can be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Attention: Karen Haggerty, Project Manager, Clock Tower Building, 111 Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-0204.

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