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Recently, Congressman Dan Lipinski brought Congressman Peter Visclosky (D-IN), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to the proposed Lucas-Berg dredging site in Worth in order to show the environmental and safety concerns for the community created by the proposed dumping of dredgings into the pit.

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water, Congressman Peter Visclosky plays a key role in the Army Corps projects and funding for dredging sites such as Lucas-Berg.

Visclosky's visit came at the request of Congressman Lipinski who has been working with all the principals who oversee the site in order to stop the future dumping of dredging for the Cal-Sag Channel.

"It is important that Congressman Visclosky see the impact that his dredging facility would have on the community in Worth," said Lipinski.

The Lucas-Berg Confined Dredged Disposal Facility (CDF) was constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers (Chicago District) in the early 1980s for the dumping of dredgings from the Cal-Sag Channel about 1200 feet from the pit in the heart of Worth.

"I am hopeful that we can find an alternative option for the Cal-Sag dredgings," said Lipinski. "This community deserves better than to have these dredgings dumped so close to their homes, schools, playgrounds, and businesses."