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## CA's Lake Dredging Project Update

The Columbia Association (CA) lake dredging project for Lakes Elkhorn and Kittamaqundi continues to make progress. Beginning in August 2006, CA and its design and engineering consultant began presenting various dredging options to CA's Board of Directors, Owen Brown and Town Center Village Boards, and the CA Board's Planning and Strategy Committee, including access and staging sites for both lakes. One of the most difficult tasks is to develop staging areas that will create the least impact on the community and the citizens of Columbia. A staging area is not a dump site, but rather the area that will be used to; move equipment into the lakes, to locate mechanical equipment to dry sediments and for trucks to load the sediments and haul it away. Continually, CA staff and the consultant have examined different dredging methodologies and sediment handling options for possible use on the dredging projects. CA continues to diligently look for creative ways to locate staging areas that will minimize the project cost, be favorable to the community, and be permitable by local, state and federal agencies.

At this time there is no confirmed site as we attempt to make the best possible choices for Columbia. Recently CA's consultant submitted a proposed staging and access plan to Howard County as a preliminary "informal review". Examining a site for feasibility or possible use does not necessarily mean that the site will be selected. This proposed plan, like those presented earlier, are all considered options. To date, CA has presented several proposed dredging options to the CA Board and community. Those proposed feasibility plans include:

- Staging at GGP parking lots that are adjacent to the GGP office building and Lake Kittamaquidi (GGP declined to give permission to use the lots, but suggested the Crescent Property)
- Staging area at the Crescent Property (Merriweather Post Pavilion overflow parking areas) for the Lake Kittamaquidi project
- Staging and access at the rear of the residential Waters Edge neighborhood, on Vantage Point Road for the Lake Kittamaquidi project
- Staging at Hopewell Park, just south of the lake for the Lake Elkhorn project
- Feasibility of access and staging at south end of Lake Kittamaquidi below the dam
- Staging at parking lot area at Lake Elkhorn
- Staging below the dam at the lakeside Lake Elkhorn

CA will continue keeping the community informed as these projects move forward. For future updates and more information on the lake dredging project, visit CA's website @ [www.columbiaassociation.com](http://www.columbiaassociation.com)

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