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## **Old Kaskaskia River Channel Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**Carlyle Lake** – The Carlyle Lake Project and the City of Carlyle will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Old Kaskaskia River Channel Pedestrian Bridge, on Wednesday, November 10, 2010. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m., and will take place at the General Dean Bridge Recreation Area located on Old Rout 50 east of Carlyle.

The Old Kaskaskia River Channel Bridge project was funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2010. The 180'x9' steel pedestrian bridge was erected over the Old Kaskaskia River Channel located southeast of the existing river channel. The bridge was constructed for pedestrian access to the existing multi-use trails on the west and east side of the Kaskaskia River in conjunction with other multi-use trails located at Carlyle Lake.

The placement of the Old Kaskaskia River Channel Pedestrian Bridge has created an additional 1.5 mile trail segment that connects the West and East Spillway Recreation Areas. This segment also provides a connection directly to the Carlyle City Park and the City of Carlyle making this multi-use trail more accessible to the residents and visitors of Carlyle and providing increased opportunities for fitness and recreation.

For more information on the event, contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or email at [carlylelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@usace.army.mil).

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