

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

I have weighed the outputs to be obtained from the full implementation of this restoration project against its estimated cost and have considered the various alternatives proposed, impacts identified, and overall scope. In my judgment, this project, as proposed, justifies expenditure of Federal funds. I recommend that the Secretary of the Army for Civil Works approve the proposed project to include the diversion of the Sugar River around Lake Belle View along an eastern route through construction of a berm, construction of riffles along the eastern shore, excavation of a new river channel, wetland enhancement, and 15 acres of lake dredging.

The current estimated first cost of the Recommended Plan is \$6,343,200. This total includes construction of the project features, planning, engineering and design, construction management, and real estate. Implementation would be cost shared 65% by Federal Government and 35% by the Non-Federal Sponsor, the Village of Belleville. The Federal contribution is estimated at \$4,123,000. It is the Village's responsibility to provide the real estate and conduct the operation and maintenance after construction. The operation and maintenance of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$16,268 annually.

At this time, I further recommend that funds in the amount of \$320,000 be allocated for the preparation of plans and specifications.

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