

Project Factsheet for: Blackhawk Bottoms, Pool 19, Iowa

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Project Location Information

Location: Blackhawk Bottoms is located in south eastern Iowa, Des Moines County, near the confluence of the Skunk and Mississippi Rivers

River Basin(s): Mississippi

State(s): IA

Congressional District(s): IA-2

Status

Approved and funded for the feasibility study.

Description

The State of Iowa owns and manages land near the confluence of the Skunk and Mississippi rivers that is a former agricultural field. The State is interested in creating a moist soil unit on this former field using dredged material from the Kemps-Craigel dredge cut. Low level berms would be created with the dredged material. In addition, construction of a water control structure would allow water from Spring Creek, which flows through the proposed project area, to pond water to a depth of approximately 18 inches at certain times of the year. A water level management regime similar to the natural cycle would allow the creation of quality moist soil plants. This habitat would be complimented by seasonal flooding to attract water-loving birds while they migrate. These flooded wetlands provide a food source for a multitude of species. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources would serve as the sponsor for this project. The sponsor has expressed a willingness to assume 25 percent of the project costs above the base plan. The State's real estate interest will satisfy at least some of the 25% cost share.

Summarized Financial Data

	Design & Implementation
Estimated Federal Cost	\$787,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$406,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$1,193,000
Allocation thru FY 2008	\$392,000
Allocation for FY 2009	\$80,000*
Budget Request for FY 2010	TBD
Balance to Complete after FY 2010	\$315,000

*This is a Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA) amount, subject to modification by an Appropriations Act.

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2009: Complete draft Feasibility Report and initiate agency technical review.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2010: Complete Feasibility Phase and initiate Design and Implementation.

Authority

CA - Continuing Authorities - Section 204 -- Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act, as amended (Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for Ecosystem Restoration)

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