

Project Factsheet for: Dubuque Ice Harbor, Iowa (Mississippi River Museum Discovery Wetland)

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Project Location Information

Location: Dubuque Ice Harbor at approximate RM 579.5, Pool 12 of the Mississippi River. The project is located in Dubuque County, Iowa. Dubuque, Iowa is located at RM 580.5.

River Basin(s): Mississippi

State(s): IA

Congressional District(s): IA-1

Status

Wetland project completed.

Description

The Dubuque Historical Society (Society) undertook the renovation of an existing museum to create and build the new National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. The construction of a demonstration wetland was included in the Museum expansion project. WRDA 99, Section 323 authorized the construction of the wetland demonstration project to serve the 3 million visitors to the Upper Mississippi River. This project is within a commercial boat harbor, Dubuque Ice Harbor, authorized by the River and Harbor Act of 14 July 1960, P.L. 86-645, and originally built by the Corps in 1885. Through various exhibits, aquaria, and the outdoor wetland demonstration, the visitor can experience and learn about the environmental, economic, and cultural history of the Mississippi River. The wetland exhibit demonstrates the environmental values of this habitat type to the biologic diversity of the river. The wetland project was completed in 2003 by the Society without any fiscal contribution from the Corps. The Society also completed the construction of the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium and had a grand opening in June of 2003. The Museum is the only major interpretive center for the entire upper Mississippi region. Additionally, the Society and the Corps entered into a Partnership Agreement in November 1998. That Agreement was updated in June 2004. The Museum is now designated as one of 19 Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers in the country under the Coastal America umbrella. The CELC designation also links the Museum to federal agency partnerships through a Coastal America Memorandum of Agreement. The Rock Island District participates in Museum activities and programs in support of that partnership. Most recently, the District provided staff support for the very successful Student Ocean Conference events in May 2005. The Corps is working with the museum to develop an EMP display which is scheduled to be completed in March 2008. The museum is also developing plans to expand into surrounding buildings in the near future.

Summarized Financial Data

Federal Cost	\$0
Non-Federal Cost	\$0
Total Cost	\$0

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2009: None. Project completed

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2010: None. Project completed

Authority

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