

Project Factsheet for: Mill Creek South Slough, Illinois

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Project Location Information

Location: Rock Island, Illinois
River Basin(s): Mississippi
State(s): IL
Congressional District(s): IL-17

Status

The City of Rock Island has requested Federal assistance in reducing flooding that is impacting their sewage treatment plant, water lines, and related facilities that may be caused by sediment and obstructions in the Mill Creek South Slough channel.

Federal maintenance of the Mill Creek South Slough channel has not occurred for several years and the channel has become partially obstructed and filled with sediment. A study completed by the Rock Island District in May 1995 under the authority of Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 found there was no Federal interest in continued maintenance of the project or improvements to the project and recommended the project be deauthorized. The project was never deauthorized. It is expected that the channel would need to be cleaned at least every 10 to 15 years to maintain adequate channel capacity.

Description

The Mill Creek South Slough project was authorized in the River and Harbor Act of 1930 to reduce flood damages resulting from construction of the Illinois and Mississippi (I&M) Canal, which cut off the natural channel of Mill Creek into the Rock River. The flows from Mill Creek were diverted into the Mississippi River via an improved channel through South Slough completed in 1932. Since abandonment of the Illinois and Mississippi (I&M) Canal in 1951 and restoration of the Mill Creeks natural channel into the Rock River in 1963, the Mill Creek South Slough Project is no longer required to mitigate impacts from the I&M Canal nor to provide flood protection from Mill Creek. The FY08 Appropriations Act specified that \$148,000 from the Mississippi River Project O&M funds would be allocated to this project. Reprogramming transaction in process.

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

Prepare an appraisal report to determine if continued maintenance is economically justified and environmentally acceptable. Appraisal report will identify and evaluate alternatives to reduce flooding in the project area.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

If the appraisal report recommends further federal action, any O&M funds appropriated for this project would be used to complete environmental coordination, prepare contract documents, and perform the dredging/excavation of the channel.

Efficient FY10 funding: \$1.5 million to \$2 million

Authority

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