

Project Factsheet for: Des Moines & Raccoon Rivers, Iowa

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Project Location Information

Location: Downtown Des Moines, Central Place and Birdland Park
State(s): IA
Congressional District(s): IA-3

Status

A cost-shared feasibility study was completed in December 2005. The feasibility report recommends reconstruction of levees at Birdland Park and Central Place and improvements to closures in the Downtown levee system. PED activities are underway and area scheduled for completion in FY 2007. If the project is not authorized for construction in a Water Resource Development Act in 2006, PED activities could continue in FY 2007 using General Investigations funds, however execution of a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and other construction activities could not proceed..

Congressional authorization and appropriation of Construction funds is required to allow execution of a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and initiation of construction. Construction would also require completion of real estate acquisition.

Description

The city of Des Moines, located in Polk County, Iowa, has several flood-prone streams that traverse the city, including the Des Moines River, Raccoon River, Walnut Creek, Fourmile Creek, and Leetown Creek. The areas adjacent to these streams frequently sustain substantial flood damages. During the Great Flood of 1993, Polk County suffered more than \$152,000,000 in flood damages, mostly in the Des Moines metropolitan area. In addition, Des Moines was without water service for more than a week causing the closure of most of the businesses and industry in the city. More than 3,000 properties were inundated. The city of Des Moines is seeking ways to reduce the potential damage from future floods.

Summarized Financial Data

	FY2007 PED	FY2007 Construction
Federal Cost	\$1,005,000	\$7,347,000
Non-Federal Cost	\$335,000	\$3,953,000
Total Cost	\$1,340,000	\$11,300,000
Federal Allocations through FY 2006	\$265,000	\$355,000
Budget Request for FY 2007	\$0	\$0
Federal Allocation for FY 2007	\$0	\$0

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2006 Continue PED activities, including preparation of final plans and specifications.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2007: (If funding is available) Complete PED activities, and pending authorization for construction and appropriation of Construction, General funds, execute a PCA and acquire real estate.

Authority

GI - General Investigations -- The study was initiated pursuant to the Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act of 1998 and was authorized by Section 216 of the 1970 Flood Control Act. The project is not authorized for construction.

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