

Meskwaki Pow-Wow Grounds, Iowa River, Tama County, Iowa

Rock Island District

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: IA-3

AUTHORITY: Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act (Public Law 79-526), as amended.

LOCATION: The Sac & Fox Settlement is located adjacent to the Iowa River, west of Tama in Tama County, Iowa.

PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES: Continuing rapid bank erosion from the Iowa River is threatening to destroy the historic Pow-wow Grounds, which are part of the original 80-acre settlement purchased by the Sac & Fox Tribe in 1857. This area has great historic, cultural, and social significance to the Tribe and is used for Tribal ceremonies throughout the year. The opportunity exists to stabilize the bank and protect the Pow-wow Grounds from further erosion.

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE: Planning for the project included the need to select measures to adequately protect the bank line while avoiding disturbance to the natural environment and cultural and historic properties. The recommended alternative will include placement of articulated concrete mats on 1400 feet of bank line to be planted with vegetation above the normal water line.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: The Planning and Design Analysis was initiated in March 2001 and is scheduled for completion in May 2004. Construction is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2004.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA: Federal Cost = \$466,000; Non-Federal Cost = \$229,000; Total Cost = \$695,000