

Project Factsheet for: Blackberry Creek Watershed, Illinois

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Project Location Information

Location: 73-square-mile watershed in Kane and Kendall Counties, Illinois

River Basin(s): Illinois

State(s): IL

Congressional District(s): IL-14

Status

Authorized study. No appropriation of funds to date. Study being completed as a component of Illinois River Basin Restoration Section 519 authority.

Description

The Blackberry Creek watershed is mostly agricultural, but urban land uses are projected to increase the urban portion from the current 16 percent to 27 percent by 2005. In July 1996, Blackberry Creek, a 73-square-mile watershed in Kane and Kendall Counties, experienced extremely heavy rainfall, causing significant flood damages. The heaviest recorded rainfall occurred in Aurora, where 16.9 inches of rainfall in less than 24 hours was reported. Residential flood damages totaled nearly \$14 million, and 235 homes experienced first floor flooding. This flood event, along with increasing concerns regarding the impacts of urbanization, prompted formation of the Blackberry Creek Watershed Committee, a coalition of municipal, county, and local organizations and private landowners. The Blackberry Creek Water Conservation District, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) have worked jointly to develop information and prepare a watershed management plan that recommends options for reducing flooding problems, improving water quality, and restoring aquatic and floodplain resources. The USGS has carried out selected watershed planning activities for the Blackberry Creek watershed.

Summarized Financial Data

Estimated Federal Cost	\$100,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$0
Total Estimated Cost	\$100,000
Allocations through FY 2006	\$0
Balance to Complete	\$100,000

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2007: None.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2008: None.

Authority

GI - General Investigations -- Resolution of the committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives, adopted 16 March 2000

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