

Project Factsheet for: Lucas-Berg Confined Disposal Facility (CDF)

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Project Location Information

Location:Worth, Illinois
River Basin(s): Illinois
State(s): IL
Congressional District(s): IL-3

Status

This property contains a confined dredged material disposal facility designed in the late 1970's within the Village of Worth, Illinois. The Village of Worth has requested that the Corps reevaluate its requirements for the property. Due to the limited potential for accessible dredged material placement sites in this reach of the Illinois Waterway, the Corps needs to maintain the Lucas-Berg Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) for future dredging requirements.

The Corps has begun work on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the site. However these efforts are on hold pending additional ILWW Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) funding. No dredged material will be placed within the Lucas-Berg site until the EIS has been completed. The Corps is providing general maintenance of the site.

Significant local and Congressional interest has been and continues to be expressed with respect to the future of this site.

Description

The site is bordered by Southwest Highway (to the West), 111th Street (to the North), the Illinois Waterway (to the South), and the Burlington-Northern Commuter Railway (to the East and Southeast) within Worth, Illinois. The River and Harbor Acts of March 1945, July 1946, and July 1958 authorized the construction of the Cal-Sag Channel. As part of these authorizations, the local sponsor, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), was to provide the necessary disposal areas required for the maintenance of the project. MWRD made a former quarry, known as Lucas-Berg Pit, available to the Government for the disposal of the maintenance dredging material from the Cal-Sag channel. The Lucas-Berg CDF includes a placement site, three filter cells, water control structure and ground water monitoring wells around the placement site. The placement site is divided into two cells. The northern cell is undeveloped while the southern cell has a constructed clay liner. To date there has been no dredged material placed within the site. Pumps from the water control structure are in storage at the Starved Rock Lock and Dam facility. There are six parcels of land involved with this project in various stages of ownership. Parcels 1 & 2 (where the placement site is located) are owned in fee-title with a clause that reverts ownership to MWRD once the site is full. The Burlington-Northern Railroad owns parcel 3. The Corps had a 20-year lease on parcel 3, which expired in 1999. Piping from the placement site to the filter cells runs through parcel 3. Parcels 4, 5, and 6 are owned by MWRD with right-of-entry granted to the Corps.

Summarized Financial Data

Allocation for FY 2007	\$0
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Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

Advance preparation of EIS. All work placed on hold pending funding.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

No funding currently scheduled for this project. Should funds be made available preparation of the EIS would continue.

Authority

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