



Project Factsheet for: Des Moines Recreational River & Greenbelt, Iowa (Recreation)

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Project Location Information

Location: Des Moines, Iowa
River Basin(s): Des Moines / Skunk
State(s): IA
Congressional District(s): IA-3, IA-4

Status

Congress appropriated funds in FY03 through FY06 to resume development of priority Greenbelt projects, as discussed below:

- Fort Dodge Riverfront and Trails -- The Rock Island District is preparing an Engineering Documentation Report (EDR) scheduled to be complete in February 2007 to develop a project design, and cost estimate.
- Des Moines Riverwalk -- An Engineering Documentation Report has been completed and approved. The City is proceeding with development of a recreational trail that will connect the downtown to Gray's Lake, and has renovated the Union Railroad Bridge which provides a pedestrian link across the river between east and west downtown. Corps construction is scheduled to start in September 07.
- Simon Estes Amphitheater ADA Modifications -- Construction is complete with the exception of several finishing items.
- Cordova Center on the Rock -- Preparation of an EDR is underway. A consultant has prepared a master plan and is now developing conceptual designs for the interpretive exhibits and facilities. The EDR is scheduled to be completed in June 2007.
- Red Rock Trail Segment 4B -- . A trail construction contract is scheduled for award in FY 2006 to construct another portion of the trail. This 4-mile long trail is part of the Cordova Center development and will link Cordova Center to other facilities at Lake Red Rock.

Description

Fort Dodge Riverfront Development and Trails - Fort Dodge has completed a Riverfront Master Plan to transform a former industrial area into a low-intensity recreational development. The Master Plan includes recreation trails, fishing and boating facilities, pedestrian bridges, a campground, passive recreation areas, and a trail connecting the Fort Dodge riverfront to Brushy Creek State Recreation Area. The preliminary cost estimate for the initial phase of the project is \$13.7 million, excluding the trail to Brushy Creek State Recreation Area which would be part of a subsequent phase. Planning, design, and construction necessary to develop appropriate recreational facilities would be conducted at a 50% Federal cost share.

Des Moines Riverwalk . The City of Des Moines and The Principal Financial Group have developed a Master Plan for the Des Moines Riverwalk indowntown Des Moines that includes a 1.2 mile multipurpose trail loop with more than 2 miles of connecting trails, bridges, parks, promenades, and related facilities. These facilities are intended to increase interaction with the river and create opportunities to connect adjacent development and neighborhoods. Preliminary cost estimates for the first phase of development is approximately \$36.0 million. The Principal Financial Group has \$committed funds to help fund a significant portion of this development. Planning, design, and construction necessary to develop authorized recreational facilities would be conducted at a 50% Federal cost share.

Cordova Center on the Rock - The Marion County Conservation Board, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Central College and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seek development of a cooperative environmental learning center and associated facilities at Lake Red Rock. Potential components of the project include: an environmental learning center, performing arts amphitheater, trails, outdoor interpretive facilities, cabins, picnic facilities, and entrance road relocation. All of these facilities are to be located on Federal lands. The four-mile long Volksweg Trail Expansion (Red Rock Trail 4B), will connect the Cordova Center area with other Lake Red Rock facilities. The cost estimates for the Cordova Center development and Red Rock Trail 4B are \$35.6 million and \$7.7 million, respectively. A substantial portion of the Cordova Center estimate is allocated to the environmental learning center, which under current Corps of Engineers regulations is not eligible for cost sharing. Planning, design, and construction necessary to develop appropriate recreational facilities would be conducted at 100% Federal expense.

Simon Estes Amphitheater Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements - A platform lift, designated wheelchair seating, ramp to the stage, and assistive listening devices will be added to meet Department of Justice requirements. Construction will be complete Jan 2007.

Summarized Financial Data

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SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:	CONSTRUCTION
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 53,740,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$43,660,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$97,400,000
Allocation through FY 2006	\$23,816,000
Allocation for FY 2007	\$,000
Budget Request for FY 2008	0
Balance to Complete after FY 2008	\$29,924,000 ¹
¹ Financial data does not reflect restoration of any reprogrammed funds	

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2007: See Status, above.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2008: Not in the President's Budget. If funds are added, they would be used to complete preconstruction engineering and design activities for Fort Dodge Riverfront and Trails, continue construction of the Des Moines Riverwalk, continue preconstruction engineering and design activities for Cordova Center, and continue construction of Red Rock Trail Segment 4B as described in the 2007 Annual Program Management Report .

Authority

CG - Construction General -- Public Law 99-88, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985, Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference accompanying the Conference Report for H.R. 2577; Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1958 as modified by Section 111 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1976; Section 102 of Public Law 99-500; Section 604 of WRDA 1986; and Section 122 of Public Law 108-7.

Additional Information

Without continued funding in FY08, efforts will cease on the projects at Des Moines, Fort Dodge, and Marion County/Red Rock Lake. Recreation projects are currently a low Federal priority.

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