

Project Factsheet for: Beardstown, Illinois - TERMINATED

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Project Location Information

Location: Beardstown, Illinois
River Basin(s): Illinois
State(s): IL
Congressional District(s): IL-18

Status

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure adopted a resolution (June 21, 2000) to perform a reconnaissance study to determine flood damage reduction, navigation, recreation, and related water resource needs. Funding from a Congressional add allowed initiation of a reconnaissance study in April 2003 to investigate alternatives for improved access to the existing harbor and the riverfront. The reconnaissance report was completed in June 2004 and approved in August 2004. The report concluded that a detailed feasibility study was not warranted due to a lack of economic justification.

Description

The Sangamon River Channel Diversion project, completed by the Corps of Engineers in 1949, diverted the Sangamon River into Muscooten Bay, just upstream of Beardstown. The project reduced flooding along the river as intended. Muscooten Bay and portions of the Beardstown Riverfront are currently dealing with issues of sediment load and filling. The River and Harbor Act of 1962 authorized the construction and maintenance of Muscooten Bay Harbor in Beardstown at the mouth of the Sangamon River for recreational vessels. The harbor access proved difficult to maintain due to heavy sediment deposits. In 1984, the Rock Island District created an access channel from the Illinois River to the harbor, including a diversion dike to reduce sedimentation. Maintenance of the access channel was a Federal responsibility as established in the 1983 Local Cooperation Agreement with the Beardstown Community Park District until the harbor was sold to private interests in the late 1980s. Due to severe sedimentation, access to the harbor is currently blocked during normal water levels. The city has purchased the harbor and plans to restore it to public use.

The Flood Control Act of 1950 authorized Construction of flood control improvements at Beardstown. The Sid Simpson Flood Control project was completed in 1967. The project included a concrete floodwall which blocks the community's view and limits access to the river.

Summarized Financial Data

	FY2006 RECON	FY2006 FEASIBILITY
Estimated Federal Cost	\$100,000	\$825,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$0	\$825,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$100,000	\$1,650,000
Federal Allocations through FY 2005	\$100,000	\$0
Budget Request for FY 2006	\$0	\$0
Allocation for FY 2006	\$0	\$0
Budget Request for FY 2007	\$0	\$0
Allocation for FY 2007	\$0	\$0
Balance to Complete	\$0	\$0

Authority

GI - General Investigations -- Flood Control Act of 1950 authorized Construction of flood control improvements at Beardstown.

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