

Project Factsheet for: Henderson #3 (Terminated)

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Project Location Information

Location: Pool 18, Upper Mississippi River Miles 411.6 - 414.6
River Basin(s):
State(s): IL
Congressional District(s): IL-17

Status

On hold due to the State's current fiscal limitations which prevent acquisition of the private lands necessary to implement this project. The NRCS is in the process of negotiating a 30-year easement for wetland restoration under the Wetlands Reserve Program. Enrollment of the lands into the WRP will prevent the Corps plans for dredged material placement, at least until such time as a mutually agreeable solution could be found. Continued coordination between the Corps, NRCS, Illinois DNR, and the private landowners is critical.

Description

Henderson County Drainage #3 was built in 1913 and contains approximately 2,550 acres of former floodplain habitat. Approximately 2,250 acres are under agricultural cultivation with only about 300 acres of old slough and bottom land forest remaining. The southern end of the drainage district abuts Corps lands which were acquired as part of the Corps of Engineers 9-foot Channel Navigation Project and known as the Oquawka Refuge. The refuge is managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The construction of the Henderson #3 Levee and Drainage District separated the floodplain from the river. Riverine species adapted to the ebb and flow of the river need this connectivity to thrive. Agricultural practices, riparian clearing, and sedimentation have dramatically impacted the area's habitat. The project would re-connect the river to the 2,550 acreage. Using dredged material from the 9' Foot Channel Project, small berms and cross dikes would be constructed to create four major habitat types. The current agricultural regime would be changed to areas of open water with submerged and emergent aquatic plants, hemi-marsh, wet prairie, and a small acreage of upland prairie. This project, in combination with the completed Oquawka Refuge Habitat Restoration Section 1135 Project, will dramatically improve the regional habitat values along this portion of the Mississippi River.

Summarized Financial Data

Federal Cost	TBD
Non-Federal Cost	TBD
Total Cost	TBD
Scheduled Federal Allocation for FY 2005	TBD
Balance to Complete	TBD

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2007: Continued coordination between the Corps, NRCS, Illinois DNR, and the private landowners is critical.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2008: Same as 2006.

Authority

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