

Project Factsheet for: Honey Creek Watershed Restoration (Terminated)

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Project Location Information

Location: The project area is located primarily within Henderson County, Illinois. The origin and a small percentage of the watershed lies within Warren County. The 40,021-acre watershed joins the Mississippi River near Lomax, Illinois.

River Basin(s):

State(s): IL

Congressional District(s): IL-17

Status

Terminated.

Description

The NRCS has completed a Watershed Resource Plan for the Honey Creek watershed. The plan identified four major problems: flooding, soil erosion/water quality, wildlife habitat, and economics. Using the Corps Section 206 program, the problems can be addressed or minimized to some extent. The desired project outputs could be achieved with a Section 206 project that includes features such as stream bank stabilization, wetland restoration, stream restoration, and riparian habitat improvement. Benefits would be improvements to water quality through increased nutrient and sediment removal, and this would lead to improved wildlife habitat. The stream restoration component could include pool and riffle complexes created by weirs which would slow water flows, provide erosion control, and improve fish habitat. Additional benefits are reduced turbidity and increased oxygenation of the water. The riparian restoration would reintroduce native species, increasing value of the area for wildlife. A Preliminary Restoration Plan was completed in FY 2001. However, the county declined to be a cost-share sponsor due to fiscal limitations. Further project work was terminated.

Authority

CA - Continuing Authorities - Section 206 --

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