

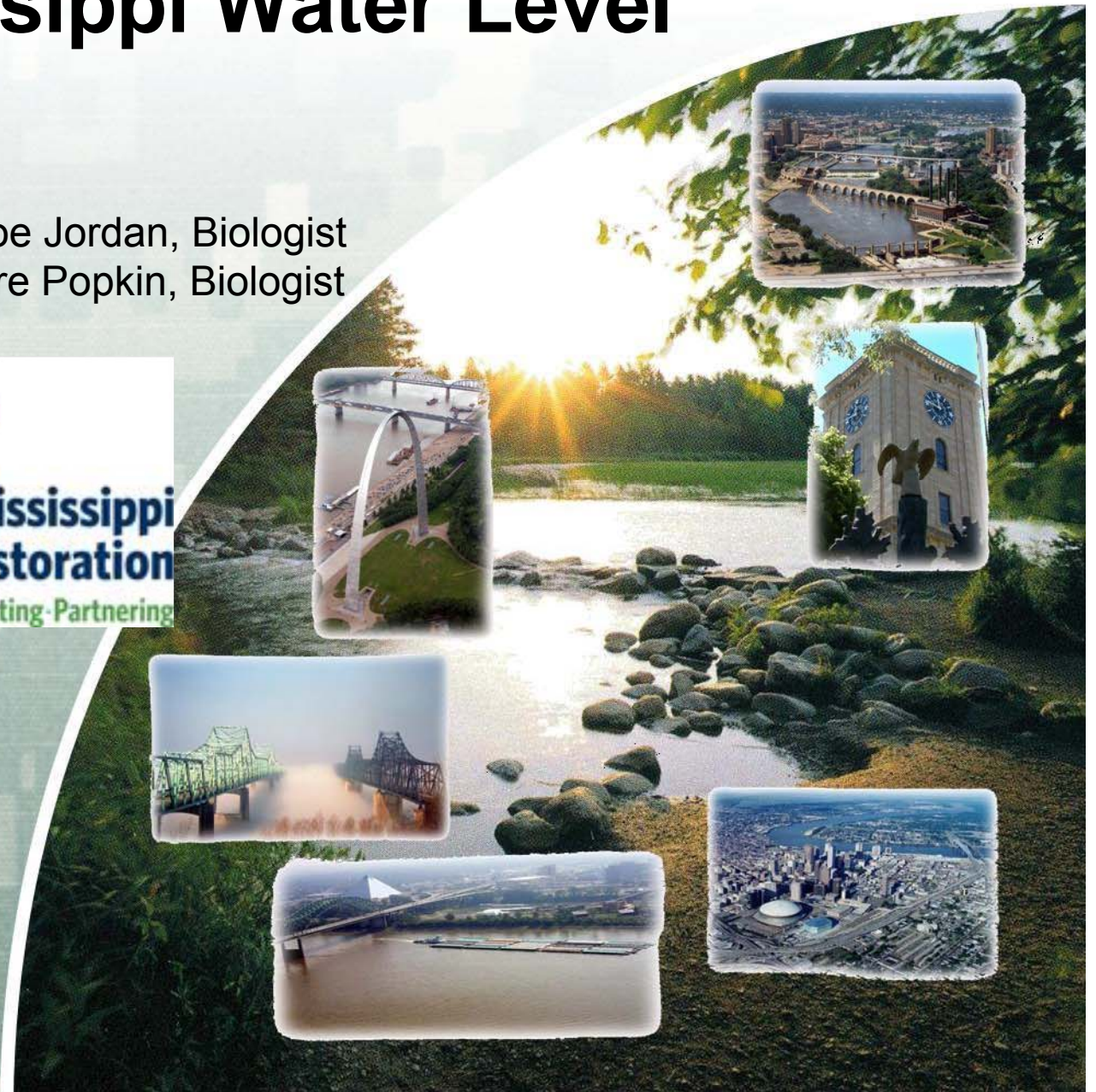
# Upper Mississippi Water Level Management

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# Objectives of Water Level Management

- Hydraulics
- Geomorphology
- Biogeochemistry
- Habitat
- Biota



*Andalusia Slough Pump Station*



# Hydraulics

- Water level manipulation
- Restore natural seasonal hydrology
- Reach highs and lows



*Bay Island Water Control Structure*



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# Geomorphology

- Alter sedimentation
  - Dry out and consolidate
  - Reduce erosion
  - Stabilize
- Bathymetric diversity



*Lake Chautauqua*

# Biogeochemistry

- Using vegetation:
  - ▶ Aquatic and emergent
  - ▶ Nutrient cycling
  - ▶ Dissolved oxygen



*Keithsburg aquatic vegetation*

- Reduce sediment re-suspension

# Habitat & Biota

- Improve overall quality
- Make habitats available
- Restore diverse, native communities



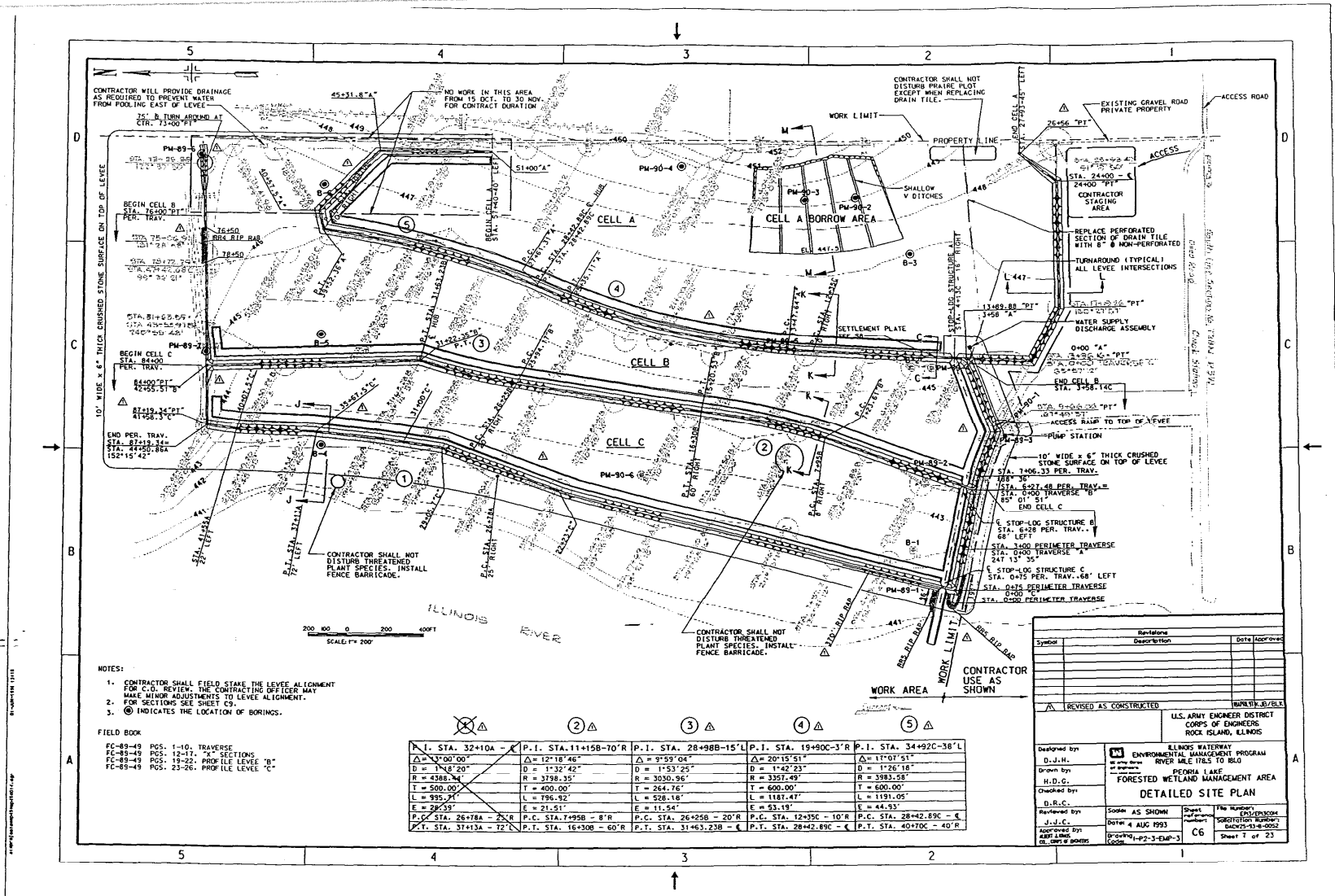
*Banner Marsh Muskie*



# Types of WLM

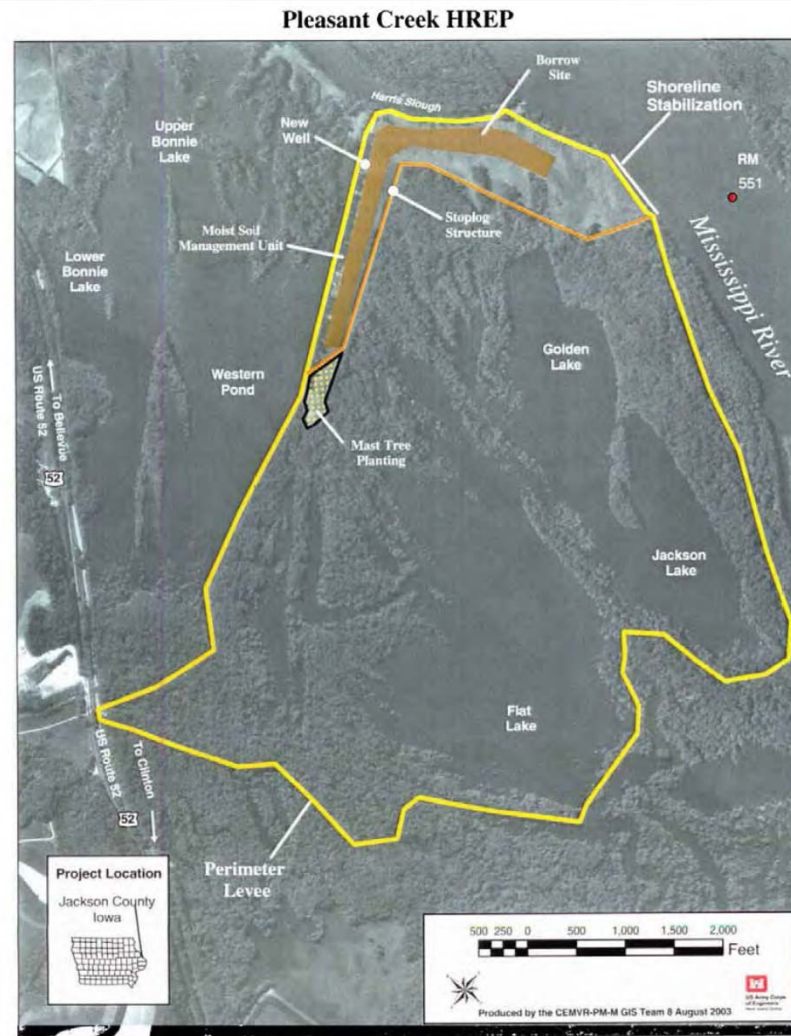
- Moist Soil Management
- Pool Level Changes
- Backwater Lakes

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# Backwater Lake



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# WLM Projects

Bussey Lake, IA	Bay Island, MO	Clarksville Refuge, MO	Huron Island, IA
Finger Lakes, MN	Chautauqua Refuge, IL	Cuivre Island, MO	Boston Bay, IL
Guttenberg Waterfowl Ponds, IA	Lake Odessa, IA	Dresser Island, MO	Delair Division, IL
Long Meadow Lake, MN	Peoria Lake, IL	Stump Lake, IL	Keithsburg Division, IL
Pool Slough, IA, MN	Pleasant Creek, IA	Swan Lake, IL	Turkey R. Bottoms Delta and Backwater, IA, WI
Rice Lake - MN	Potters Marsh, IL	Conway Lake, IA	Ted Shanks, MO
Small Scale Drawdown, WI	Princeton Refuge, IA	Bass Ponds, Marsh, and Wetland, MN	Rip Rap Landing, IL
Trempeleau, WI	Spring Lake, IL	North and Sturgeon Lakes, MN	Clarence Cannon, MO
Andalusia Refuge, IL	Batchtown, IL	Fox Island, MO	Glades Wetland Complex, IL
Banner Marsh, IL	Calhoun Point, IL	Rice Lake-IL	Godar Refuge, IL
			Red's Landing Wetlands, IL



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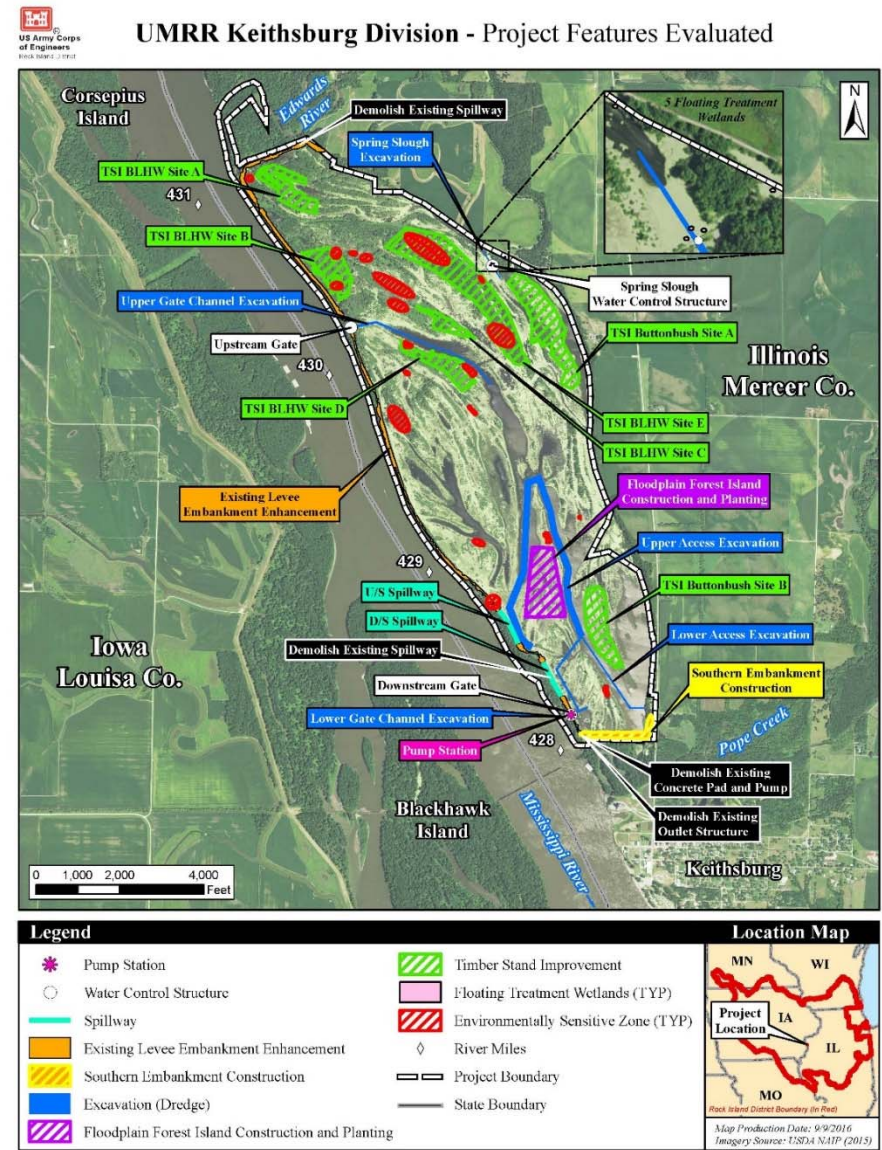


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# Lessons Learned Keithsburg Division

- Located at Keithsburg, Illinois RM 429
- Issues:
  - ▶ Levee/Levee Breach
  - ▶ Railroad bridge
  - ▶ Pump Stations
  - ▶ Spillway



# Lessons Learned: Keithsburg, Illinois

Timing	Action	Purpose
July to Sept	Maintain water levels	Expose mudflats for shorebird migration and allow for emergent vegetation growth
Oct to Nov	Gradually increase and maintain water levels	Provide access to aquatic food plants for migratory waterfowl
Dec to April	Decrease water levels*	Reduce ice damage on bottomland forest
May to June	Gradually decrease water levels	Prepare for aquatic plant germination

## Additional bottomland hardwood and buttonbush management



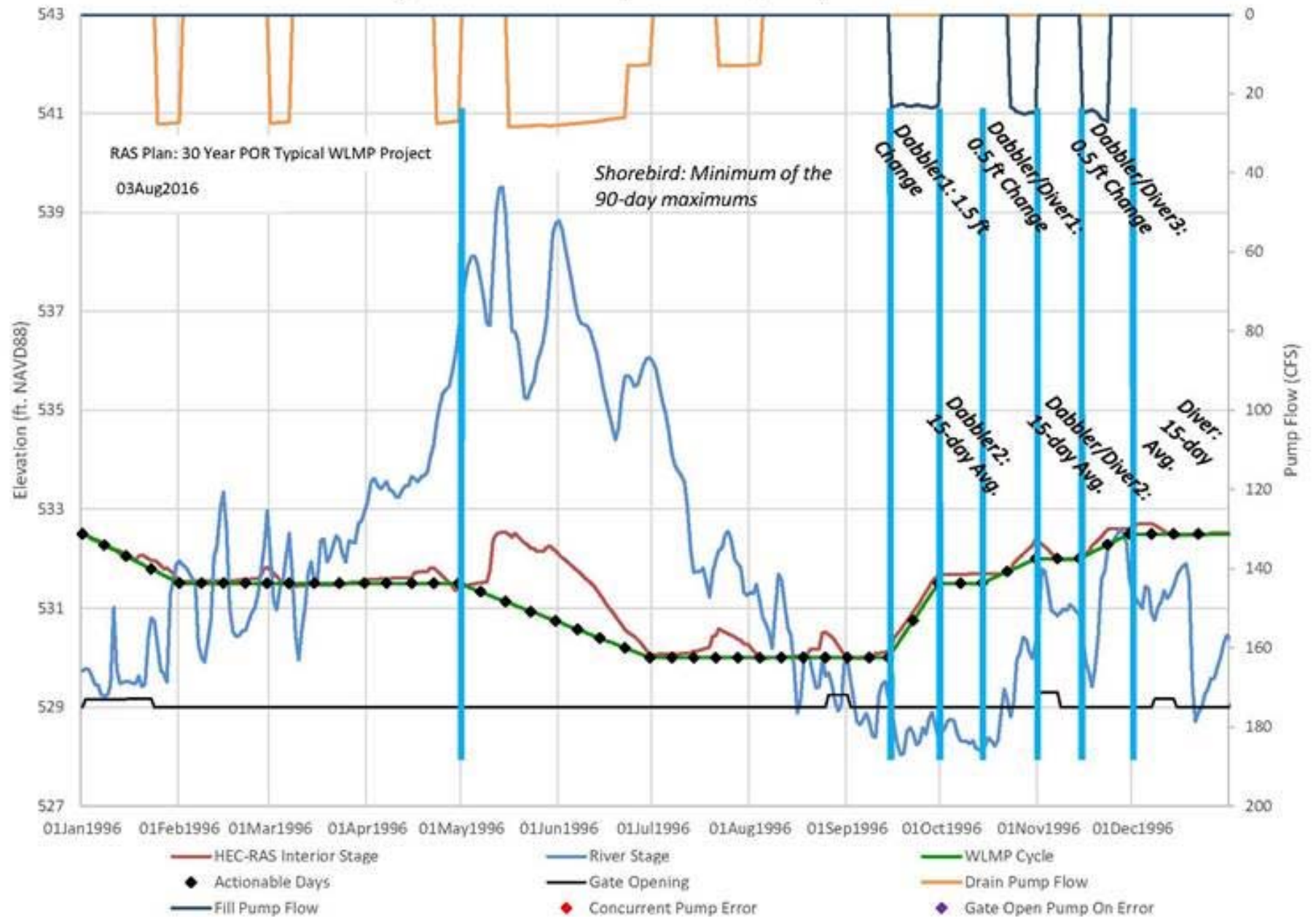
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# Keithsburg HREP HEC-RAS Project Results (1996)



# Comments?



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