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Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt, IA. - The project will provide central Iowa and the City of Des Moines with environmental protection of scarce river bottom timberlands and greatly enhance opportunities for recreation. The project is for the development, operation, and maintenance of a recreation and greenbelt area on, and along the Des Moines River, Iowa, between the point at which the Des Moines River is intersected by United States Highway 20 to the point downstream at which relocated United States Highway 92 intersects the Des Moines River. The project shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the construction, operation, and maintenance of recreational facilities and streambank stabilization structures; (2) the operation and maintenance of all structures constructed before the date of authorization of this project (other than any such structure operated and maintained by any person under a permit or agreement with the Secretary) within the area described in the Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt Map and on file with the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives; (3) such tree plantings, trails, vegetation, and wildlife protection and development and other activities as will enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes; and (4) the prohibition or limitation by the Secretary of the killing, wounding, or capturing at any time of any wild bird or animal in such areas as may be directed by the Secretary.

In carrying out the project described in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary may acquire by purchase, donation, exchange, or otherwise land and interests therein, as the Secretary determines are necessary to carry out such project. If the Secretary purchases any land or interest therein from any State or local agency, he shall not pay more than the original cost paid by such State or local agency for such land or interest therein. No land or interest therein may be required by the United States to carry out such project without the consent of the owner and nothing herein shall constitute an additional restriction by an owner upon the use of any land or any interest therein which is not owned by the United States.

An advisory committee shall be established for consultation with the Department of the Army and shall include: (A) five persons appointed by the Governor of Iowa; (B) two persons appointed by their respective board of supervisors to represent each county within the study area; (C) one person appointed by the Mayor of the City of Des Moines and one additional person appointed by the mayor of each other incorporated municipality within whose boundaries a portion of such recreation area lies; and (D) three employees or officials of the Corps of Engineers.