

**FACT SHEET
PEORIA RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
(ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION)**

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: Potential WRDA 02 authorization for construction and constrained budget

LOCATION: Illinois River between Henry and Naples, Illinois with specific focus on Peoria Lake from Illinois River Mile 181.0 to 158.0 and tributaries draining into Peoria Lake.

CURRENT STATUS: Feasibility Study authorized and funded.

BACKGROUND: The State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources, is the sponsor for this feasibility study initiated in Oct 99. The principal goal is to improve depth diversity enhancing aquatic habitat in Peoria Lake with ancillary recreational benefits. In addition, restoration options for Farm Creek are included. Alternative plans include dredging within Lower Peoria Lake to create deepwater habitats and islands as well as restoration along Farm Creek to provide wetland habitat. Alternatives were explored to address these conditions as they relate to the Peoria Riverfront Development Project, a public and private effort to revitalize downtown.

MAJOR WORK ITEM (FISCAL YEAR 2002) Complete feasibility phase. If State and Federal interest is identified in additional work, then Pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) will be initiated and construction authorization sought in WRDA 2002.

MAJOR WORK ITEM (FISCAL YEAR 2003) Continue Pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) moving towards completion of the first stage plans and specifications.

AUTHORITY: Resolution 2500 of Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, adopted May 9, 1996, and Section 216 of the 1970 Flood Control Act.

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