



Blackhawk Bottoms, Pool 19, Iowa - CAP Section 206

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Location

Blackhawk Bottoms is located in south eastern Iowa, Des Moines County, near the confluence of the Skunk and Mississippi Rivers



State(s)

IA

Congressional District(s)

IA-2

Status

The Final Feasibility Report with Integrated Environmental Assessment was approved in August 2012 and the Project Partnership Agreement was executed in September of 2013. Contract was awarded September of 2014. The construction project is nearing completion.

Description

The State of Iowa owns and manages land near the confluence of the Skunk and Mississippi rivers that is a former agricultural field. The State is interested in creating a moist soil unit on this former field using dredged material from the Kemps-Craigel dredge cut. Low level berms would be created with the dredged material. In addition, construction of a water control structure would allow water from Spring Creek, which flows through the proposed project area, to pond water to a depth of approximately 18 inches at certain times of the year. A water level management regime similar to the natural cycle would allow the creation of quality moist soil plants. This habitat would be complimented by seasonal flooding to attract water-loving birds while they migrate. These flooded wetlands provide a food source for a multitude of species. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources would serve as the sponsor for this project. The State's real estate interest will satisfy at least some of their 35% cost share.

Summarized Project Costs

	Design & Implementation
Federal Cost	\$1,425,000
Non-Federal Cost	\$769,000
Total Project Cost	\$2,194,000
Allocation through FY 2016	\$1,375,800
Allocation for FY 2017	\$50,000
Balance to Complete after FY 2017	\$0

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Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2017: Finish Construction, develop the operations and maintenance manual, and the Sponsor will start monitoring and adaptive management activities for in-kind contributions.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2018: Sponsor will continue monitoring and adaptive management activities for in-kind contributions.

Authority Details

Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act, as amended (Environmental Protection and Restoration, Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration)

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