



Blackhawk Bottoms, Pool 19, Iowa

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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. Plans and specs are underway with an anticipated contract award in August of 2014.

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
Estimated Federal Cost	\$1,251,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$674,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$1,925,000
Allocation thru FY 2012	\$0
Allocation for FY 2013	\$0
Budget for FY 2014	\$0
Balance to Complete after FY 2014	\$1,251,000



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Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2014: Proceeding with design, scheduled to award construction contract this FY.

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2015: Initiate Construction.

Authority Details

Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act, as amended (Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for Ecosystem Restoration)

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