



# Des Moines & Raccoon Rivers, Iowa

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## Location

Downtown Des Moines, IA -- Central Place & Birdland Park levees; Downtown Closures

## State(s)

IA

## Congressional District(s)

IA-3, IA-4

## Status

Construction of the Birdland Park and Central Place levee improvements has been completed. The As Built Drawings and the O&M Manual have been completed and



provided to the City of Des Moines. These two levees constitute approximately 90% of the authorized project. Completion of the authorized project will require the construction of nine closure structures to protect the downtown Des Moines area.

The project was reauthorized in WRRDA 2014 for \$23,245,000. The current Section 902 limit is \$28,101,000. The current fully funded total project cost estimate is \$26,747,000. The project is currently constructing all nine closure structures. No additional funding is expected to be needed.

The 2010 Des Moines River Regulated Flow Frequency Study identified a high risk of flooding in the Des Moines area, significantly higher than previously estimated. The resulting hydraulics show that the existing levees in downtown Des Moines do not provide reliable protection against a 100-year flood. A Feasibility Study is currently underway to determine if there is a Federal interest in additional Flood Risk Management measures for the Des Moines Area. This subsequent study is discussed in a separate fact sheet.

## Description

The Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Feasibility Report, approved in 2005, recommended the reconstruction of 2.6 miles of levee systems at Birdland Park & Central Place and the improvement of Downtown Closures in existing Des Moines levee systems. The project was authorized for construction in WRDA 2007 and E&WDAA 2010.

## Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2016: Initiate construction of all nine authorized closure structures. All required funding received in the FY16 Workplan.

## Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2017: Complete construction of the downtown closures and perform close-out activities for the project.



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## Authority Details

Authorized for construction in WRDA 2007, Section 1001; and in E&WDAA 2010, Section 113; authorized project cost increased in WRRDA 2014.

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