



Lake Koshkonong, Wisconsin

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Location

Lake Koshkonong in Jefferson, Dane, and Rock Counties, Wisconsin, north of Janesville, Wisconsin.

State(s)

WI

Congressional District(s)

WI-1, WI-2

Status

The project sponsor petitioned the State of Wisconsin for an operating water level raise. Due to the contentious nature of this request, it is anticipated that this issue will not be resolved soon. A change in the operation water level will impact the design of the proposed project so the feasibility study is on hold.

Description

Lake Koshkonong, a large, shallow lake in south-central Wisconsin, has lost hundreds of acres of wetlands and aquatic vegetation, mainly due to wind and wave erosion. By building riprap backwaters and excluding rough fish in critical areas, existing wetlands can be protected and submergent and emergent vegetation can be restored. The project sponsor, Rock-Koshkonong Lake District (RKLD), has requested a water level raise for the lake. This is a contentious issue between environmentalist and recreation interests. An increase in the water level will impact the design and the habitat value of the proposed Corps project. The sponsor and stakeholders have been notified of this decision. The landowners adjacent to the proposed breakwater locations have expressed concern about possible condemnation of their lands for the project and about losing privacy due to boaters mooring to the breakwaters and possibly accessing their land. We hope to use the minimum estate possible such as a simple construction and operation and maintenance type easement that would not allow public use.

Summarized Project Costs

Federal Cost	\$292,451
Non-Federal Cost	\$0
Total Cost	\$292,451
Allocations through FY 2013	\$292,451
Allocations for FY 2014	\$0
Budget Request for FY 2015	\$0
Balance to Complete after FY 2015	\$0

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2014: Closeout.



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Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2015: None.

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