

PROJECT FACT SHEET (20 FEB 04)

PROJECT: Marion Mill Pond Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project

DESCRIPTION: This project is located on the Middle Branch River in Osceola County, Michigan, a tributary to the Muskegon River. The purpose of the project is to increase the upstream migration of fish and other aquatic organisms, and serve to address the thermal "pollution" issue on the greater Muskegon River watershed through the removal of an existing dam. According to the project sponsor, removal of the dam would restore habitat in approximately sixteen miles of Middle Branch River downstream of the Village of Marion. Project support has been obtained from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, various groups affiliated with restoration of the Muskegon River system, and area residents.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Camp (R) MI-4; MI Senators Levin (D) and Stabenow (D)

LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



NON-FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Marion, MI (POC: Doug Cutler, 231-743-6801)

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.

FUNDING:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	\$4,500,000	\$2,925,000	\$1,575,000
Funds Expended prior to FY04	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 0
Funds allocated in FY04	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
FY05 Budget	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds that could be used in FY05	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 0
Funds required to complete (> FY05)	\$4,089,000	\$2,514,000	\$1,575,000

STAGE: PDA (Planning and Design Analysis)

STATUS: A detailed feasibility study was initiated on 15 Oct 2003. The initial focus of the feasibility study was data collection, technical investigation, and the obtaining of hydrographic and topographic survey information. Hydraulic analysis and modeling is currently underway along with conceptual design work. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) was scheduled for completion early in Fiscal Year 2005. However, Section 206 funding restrictions have impeded the ability to continue with Feasibility phase efforts in FY04. As such, FY05 funds could be used to complete the Feasibility phase of the project.

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