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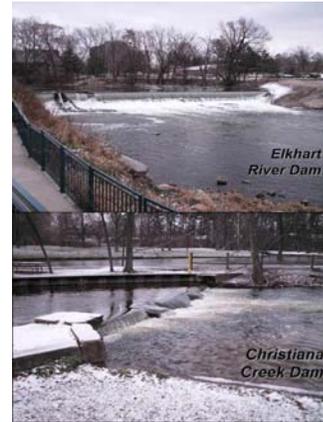
PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET February 2011

PROJECT: Elkhart River & Christiana Creek Dams, Elkhart, Indiana - Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restoration (C)

DESCRIPTION: The sites for this project are located in north central Indiana in Elkhart County. The Elkhart Dam fish passage and riverine restoration project is located northeast of Elkhart Avenue and Waterfall Drive in Elkhart, Indiana. The proposed Christiana Creek riverine restoration is located northeast of East Crawford and Cassopolis Street in Elkhart, Indiana. The Elkhart River and Christiana Creek are two tributaries to the St. Joseph River, which extends a total of 210 miles through portions of northern Indiana and southern Michigan before flowing into Lake Michigan. Both the Elkhart River and Christiana Creek have dams located in Elkhart that substantially alter the character of the riverine water system; they have also played a central role in the decline of migratory aquatic species by severing their historic migration routes and preventing healthy recruitment. The dams effectively obstruct some 20-30 native fish species, including the state endangered Greater Redhorse and the highly prized Walleye. The restoration project would enable the passage of aquatic species to far reaching areas above the dams, improve the riverine habitat for endangered and threatened fish and mussel species, and stabilize the stream bank and naturalize sediment transport.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Donnelly (IN-2); Senator Coats (IN), Senator Lugar (IN)

LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



NON-FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Elkhart (POC: Daragh Deegan, 574-293-2572)

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Section 506 of WRDA 2000, as amended - Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER)

FUNDING:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate:	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 700,000
Funds Allocated prior to FY11:	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 0
FY11 Energy and Water Allocation:	\$	\$	\$
FY11 GLRI Allocation:	\$	\$	\$
FY12 Budget:	\$	\$	\$
Funds required to complete (>FY12):	\$ 2,380,000	\$ 1,680,000	\$ 700,000

STAGE: Feasibility

STATUS: A Preliminary Restoration Report (PRP) was approved in FY09. FY10 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funds have been used to initiate the detailed feasibility phase, which is currently underway. The feasibility phase will result in preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR), and is being regionally pursued by both Chicago and Detroit District personnel.

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