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**PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET**  
**February 2011**

**PROJECT:** Marion Mill Pond, Village of Marion, Osceola County, Michigan - Section 206 (C-CAP)

**DESCRIPTION:** This project is located on the Middle Branch River in Osceola County, Michigan, a tributary to the Muskegon River, in downtown Marion. The purpose of the project is to remove obstacles to the 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. 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 (MI-4); Senator Levin (MI), Senator Stabenow (MI)

**LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:**



**NON-FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR:** Village of Marion and Michigan DNRE (POC: Jack Nehmer, 231-743-6801)

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** Section 206, Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended – Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

**FUNDING:**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate:	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 2,925,000	\$ 1,575,000
Funds Allocated prior to FY11:	\$ 545,000	\$ 545,000	\$ 0
FY11 Energy and Water Allocation:	\$	\$	\$
FY11 GLRI Allocation:	\$	\$ 58,000	\$
FY12 Budget:	\$	\$	\$
Funds required to complete (>FY12):	\$ 3,897,000	\$ 2,322,000	\$ 1,575,000

**STAGE:** Feasibility

**STATUS:** A Preliminary Restoration Plan was completed and approved in 2004. E&W funds will be used to complete a Project Management Plan and prepare scope for a Feasibility Study Contract. Feasibility work to be done with Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding. The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed in FY12.

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