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C-GLFER-Elkhart River Dam, Elkhart, IN

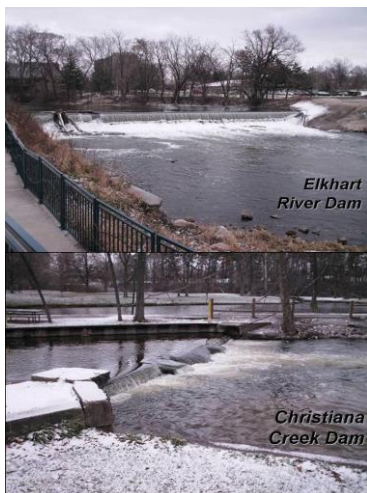
Project Location: The project is located in Elkhart County, in the City of Elkhart, Indiana. The Elkhart Dam fish passage and riverine restoration site is located northeast of Elkhart Avenue and Waterfall Drive.

Project Description: The Elkhart River is a tributary 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. The Elkhart Dam substantially alters the character of the riverine water system and has also played a central role in the decline of migratory aquatic species by severing their historic migration routes and preventing healthy recruitment. The dam effectively obstructs some 20-30 native fish species, including the state endangered Greater Red Horse and the highly prized Walleye. The restoration project would enable the passage of aquatic species to far reaching areas above the dam, improve the riverine habitat for endangered and threatened fish and mussel species, and stabilize the stream bank and naturalize sediment transport. This project is authorized under Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, as amended – Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER).

Non-Federal Partner: City of Elkhart, IN

Project Benefits: The restoration project would restore the historic migration routes of the state endangered Greater Red horse and other native fish species; improve fish access to over 47 miles of stream; improve the riverine habitat through a more natural hydrology, temperature, flow pattern and sediment load; and it would provide greater compatible educational and recreational opportunities.

Project Status: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funds were used to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA). The DPR was approved by LRD in March 2014. Per request by the City of Elkhart, the preparation of the PPA was delayed until mid-FY17. Preparation of detailed plans and specs began in FY17. Construction award planned in FY19.



Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	1,543,000
Non-Federal	855,000
Total	2,398,000

Project Milestones	
Feasibility Report Approved by LRD:	Mar 2014
Advertise construction contract:	Apr 2019
Award construction contract:	Jun 2019

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