



Little Black Ditch, Naylor, MO

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FACT SHEET as of 06 February 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended

TYPE OF PROJECT: Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Blunt (MO) and McCaskill (MO); Representative Emerson (MO-08)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Naylor Drainage District

BACKGROUND: The Naylor Drainage District requested the Little Rock District conduct an aquatic ecosystem restoration study on the Little Black Ditch. The Little Black River, over a period of years, has changed its course due to flooding events, and created a connection to an existing drainage ditch. This ditch (which is called the "Little Black Ditch") discharges into Ditch #2 and then back into the Little Black River, approximately seven miles downstream. The Little Black River currently discharges a significant flow, perhaps a majority of flow, through the connection to the Little Black Ditch. The effect to the River is that flow levels through the main river channel have reduced so that boat access within this seven mile stretch is no longer possible. The drainage ditch does not have the capacity of the river, which results in flooding of agricultural land and public roads at levels below historic levels. Little Rock District approved a CWA Section 404 permit for the drainage district to install a weir where the Little Black River and ditch intersect to help restore flow into the creek and the Missouri Department of Conservation provided the design to the Drainage District. The Drainage District is seeking grant funds from multiple agencies for construction. However, this will only provide a temporary solution to the problem. The Little Rock District is providing additional regulatory assistance so that the local communities can also clear the river of snags to increase in-stream capacity.

STATUS: The project is not funded in FY 2012.

ISSUES: The project is not included in the President's FY 2013 budget. If funds are not received to initiate the feasibility phase, the project will be delayed and the flooding of agricultural land and public roads will continue.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

Federal Cost Estimate	\$100,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	0
Total Project Cost	\$100,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	0
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	0
Capability for FY 2013	\$100,000
Balance to Complete	\$100,000

FEASIBILITY

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Project is not included in the President's FY 2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: Project is not included in the President's FY 2013 budget. Funds in the amount of \$100,000 could be used to initiate and complete the Feasibility phase.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the study completion date is 2013.

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