



Walnut Bayou, Little River County, AR

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FACT SHEET as of 06 February 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Flood Control Act of 1946

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management

PROJECT PHASE: Reconnaissance



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Pryor (AR) and Boozman (AR); Representative Ross (AR-4)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ARNC)

BACKGROUND: The Red River above the Fulton gage in southwest Arkansas drains about 54,331 square miles, including 49,691 square miles of controlled area. Walnut Bayou lies along the left bank of the Red River in the western most part of the county, west of Index, Arkansas. The project is authorized for construction by the Flood Control Act of 1946. The largest flood since the construction of Dennison Dam in 1944 occurred in May 1990. This flood caused approximately \$20 million in damages within Little River County. The project would place intermittent levees between high ground along the Red River, starting just east of the mouth of the bayou and going upstream to place a closure structure at Highway 87 in Oklahoma. It would offer flood protection to 20,000 agricultural acres and reduce transportation interruption losses.

STATUS: The project was not funded in FY 2012.

ISSUES: The project is not in the FY 2013 President's budget. Funding would allow study to work towards reducing flood damages to 20,000 agricultural acres and reduce transportation interruption losses in the Walnut Bayou area.

| <u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):</u> | <u>RECONNAISSANCE</u> |
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| 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 |

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 reconnaissance phase.

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

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