



Arkansas River Levees

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FACT SHEET as of 06 February 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Water Resources Development Act of 1990

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management

PROJECT PHASE: Preconstruction, Engineering & Design

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Pryor and Boozman (AR); Representatives Crawford (AR-01), Griffin (AR-02), Womack (AR-03), and Ross (AR-04)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: N/A

BACKGROUND: Forty-two levees along the Arkansas River in Arkansas protect more than 753,180 acres of residential and farm land. Some are not adequately sized and have deteriorated drainage structures or failing side slopes. Many are past their 50-year economic life. Section 110 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990 authorizes rehabilitation and reconstruction to bring existing federal levees into compliance with current design standards. The 1991 Arkansas River Basin, Arkansas and Oklahoma, Feasibility Report updated in 1995 determined that rehabilitation of 13 levee units in Arkansas would be justified. Potential non-federal sponsors were identified, and a priority was established to accomplish the work based on levee conditions. The Arkansas River Levee Rehabilitation Study completed in 2005 examined four representative levees and determined the economics need to be updated for all of the levees along the Arkansas River between Pine Bluff and Fort Smith and that a new engineering assessment of the structural integrity of the levees needs to be performed. Funds were last allocated to continue this effort in FY05. The previous report recommended that plans and specifications be prepared for the Van Buren levee system and that economics be updated for all of the levee systems along the Arkansas River.

STATUS: The project was not funded in FY 2012.

ISSUES: The project is not included in the FY 2013 President's budget. Reconstruction of the levees along the Arkansas River can only proceed if additional funds are received and the project is cost-shared with two non-federal sponsors at 35 percent.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

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Federal Cost Estimate	\$2,086,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	0
Total Project Cost	\$2,086,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$1,231,000
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0 <u>1/</u>
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	0
Amount that could be used for FY 2013	\$ 450,000
Balance to Complete	\$ 855,000

1/ Funds in the amount \$150.58 were transferred to the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Account to repair damages at projects impacted by the 2011 Floods.

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 \$450,000 could be used to update and finalize the report (\$250,000) and to prepare plans & specifications (\$200,000) for four levees: Fort Smith, Van Buren, Crawford County and McLean Bottoms.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the project completion date is 2015

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