



Fourche Creek & Tributaries, AR

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FACT SHEET as of 06 February 2012

AUTHORIZATION: United States Senate Resolution, Committee on Public Works, 10 May 1967

TYPE OF PROJECT: Ecosystem Restoration

PROJECT PHASE: Reconnaissance



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Pryor (AR) and Boozman (AR); Representative Griffin (AR-02)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: City of Little Rock, AR

BACKGROUND: Fourche Creek and its tributaries are located in central Arkansas and drain 90 percent of the city of Little Rock. It has a 160 square mile drainage basin. Project purposes would include environmental restoration and flood risk management. The city of Little Rock, as sponsor, requested a reconnaissance study of Fourche Creek and its tributaries. This project would consider restoration of critical wetlands, regain the natural stream meander, and flood retention for one of only three remaining urban wetlands within Central Arkansas. More than 80 square miles of its drainage basin was not addressed for the purpose of flood control under the Fourche Bayou Basin project. Identified as one of only eight EPA Urban Rivers Restoration Initiatives project areas, partners also include Arkansas Audubon, who received multi-million dollar grants to build an education center.

STATUS: The project was not funded in FY 2012.

ISSUES: The project is not included in the President's FY 2013 budget. Without funding, environmental restoration and flood risk management efforts in the area near Fourche Creek and its tributaries cannot begin.

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
Amount that could be used for FY 2013	\$100,000
Balance to Complete	\$100,000

RECONNAISSANCE**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 study completion date is September 2013.

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