



Black River and Tributaries, AR

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FACT SHEET as of 06 February 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Committee on Public Works, United States Senate, May 11, 1962, and House Report Language FY84

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management

PROJECT PHASE: Reconnaissance

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Pryor (AR) and Boozman (AR); Representatives Crawford (AR-01) and Emerson (MO-08)

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

BACKGROUND: The study area includes the Black River and its tributaries throughout northeast Arkansas and southeast Missouri. The floods of 2008 and 2011 caused extensive damages in the study area. In 2008, over 130,000 acres were flooded, including farm facilities, crops, orchards, livestock, houses, churches, roads, bridges, transportation infrastructure, and recreation facilities. Portions of U.S. Hwy 167, a major north/south between two states, were closed for 3 days. Crop damages were estimated at more than \$100M. Repeat flooding in 2011 has resulted in even greater damages, but final estimates are unknown at this time. Past reports on White River Basin identified cost justified projects on 9 levees on the Black River and its tributaries to reduce flood damages. The reconnaissance phase would allow for the development of a project management plan to negotiate a cost-shared feasibility agreement.

STATUS: The project was not funded in FY 2012.

ISSUES: The project is not in the FY 2013 President's budget. Funding would allow a study to work towards reducing flood damages to farms, residences, transportation infrastructure, and recreation facilities in the area of the Black River and its tributaries.

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

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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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