



Arkansas River Corridor, Oklahoma

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FACT SHEET as of February 6, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Section 3132, WRDA 2007.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Ecosystem Restoration

PROJET PHASE: Feasibility



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Inhofe and Coburn (OK); Representatives Sullivan, OK-1, and Lucas, OK-3.

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

BACKGROUND: The 42-mile long study area focus is along the Arkansas River, Keystone Dam to the Tulsa/Wagner County boundary, in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Extreme flow variability, resulting from Lake Keystone operations, has negatively impacted the aesthetic, environmental, and water quality conditions of the Arkansas River which limits the economic development potential along the river corridor. A component of Vision 2025, a regional initiative creating a greater Tulsa area, began the process to address some these issues. Following the 2003 voter approved Vision 2025 Proposition 4 the Indian Nations Council of Governments began a comprehensive public involvement and planning effort which culminated in the October 2005 Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan. In response to multi-community support for the Master Plan concepts, Congress created special authorization language in Section 3132 of WRDA 2007. Section 3132 authorized construction of ecosystem restoration, recreation, and flood risk management components identified in Master Plan. Implementation guidance for the project was provided on 4 Feb 09, which directed the completion of a feasibility study for the project. The effects of two proposed low water dams and modification of an existing low water dam, identified in Vision 2025 Proposition 4, will be included in the feasibility analysis of a comprehensive ecosystem restoration project to improve riverine, riparian corridor, and open water habitats; stabilize streambanks; and improve water quality.

STATUS: In FY 2010 a reconnaissance study was completed which found a federal interest to continue into the feasibility study phase. In October 2010 a feasibility cost share agreement was executed with Tulsa County as the non-federal sponsor. At this time the non-Federal sponsor (Tulsa County) is proceeding with development of plans and specifications on some of the elements of the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan while waiting for the Corps to initiate the feasibility study. The project was not funded in FY 2012.

ISSUES: Project requires funding in FY 2013 to begin the feasibility study.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):</u>	<u>FEASIBILITY</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	\$2,611,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	2,021,000
Total Project Cost	4,632,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	90,000
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	1,000,000
Balance to Complete	1,521,000

SCHEDULE:

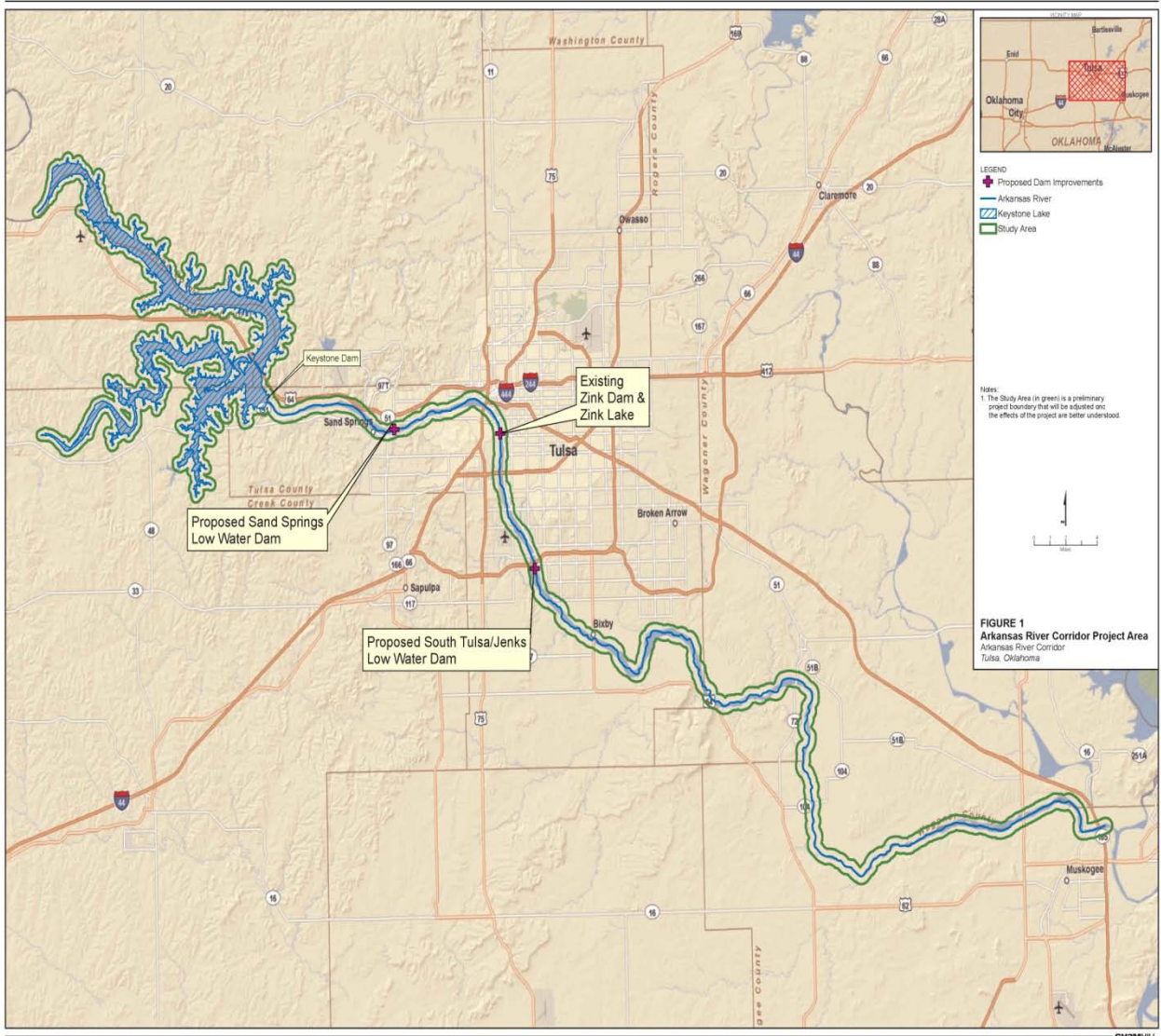
FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: Not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding is received in FY 2013 it would be used to undertake alternative formulation and screening, initiate NEPA study efforts, conduct incremental cost analyses, and initiate geotechnical studies and detailed alternative analysis.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding received beginning in June 2012 the study completion date is July 2015.

For more information regarding the Arkansas River Corridor Feasibility study, contact Cynthia Kitchens, Project Manager, at (918) 669-7042 or Cynthia.Kitchens@usace.army.mil.

LOCATION MAP ARKANSAS RIVER CORRIDOR, OKLAHOMA



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