

PROJECT FACT SHEET
February 28, 2007

PROJECT: Marion Mill Pond, Marion, Michigan Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project

DESCRIPTION: This project is located on the Middle Branch River in Osceola County, Michigan, a tributary to the Muskegon River. The purpose of the project is to increase the upstream migration of fish and other aquatic organisms, and serve to address the thermal "pollution" issue on the greater Muskegon River watershed through the removal of an existing dam. According to the project sponsor, removal of the dam would restore habitat in approximately sixteen miles of Middle Branch River downstream of the Village of Marion. Project support has been obtained from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, various groups affiliated with restoration of the Muskegon River system, and area residents.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Camp (R) MI-4; MI Senators Levin (D) and Stabenow (D)

LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



NON-FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Marion, MI (POC: Doug Cutler, 231-743-6801)

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.

FUNDING:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	\$4,500,000	\$2,925,000	\$1,575,000
Funds Allocated prior to FY07	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 0
Funds allocated in FY07	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
FY08 Budget	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds that could be used in FY08	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 0
Funds required to complete (> FY08)	\$4,109,000	\$2,534,000	\$1,575,000

STAGE: Feasibility

STATUS: A detailed feasibility phase study was initiated in Oct 2003. The initial focus of the feasibility study was data collection, technical investigation, and the obtaining of hydrographic and topographic survey information. Hydraulic analysis and modeling was initiated along with conceptual design work. However, Section 206 funding restrictions in FY04-FY06 have impeded the ability to continue with Feasibility phase efforts. As such, FY07 funds could be used to continue the detailed Feasibility phase of the project.

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