

Watershed Operations

May 2009

Fox Creek Multiple Purpose Structure Number 4, Kentucky

Introduction

The Fox Creek Multiple Purpose Structure (MPS) #4 is one of five dams in the 50,400-acre Fleming County area and was constructed in 1968. This project supports the Fleming County area with a dual purpose of flood control and recreation.



The Fox Creek Multiple Purpose Structure No. 4 is located in Fleming County, Kentucky.

Project Description

- **Location:** Fleming County, 4th Congressional District
- **Federal Funding:** \$4,092,880
- **Sponsor Funding:** \$344,900

Partners

- USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Fox Creek Watershed Conservancy District
- Fleming County Fiscal Court
- Fleming County Conservation District

Benefits

When completed, this project will increase public safety and flood protection for 16 homes, a church, cropland, and public infrastructure. The Fox Creek Watershed MPS #4 also provides water-based recreation, wildlife habitat benefits, and public camping facilities.

Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, this project is part of the Obama Administration's plans to modernize the nation's infrastructure, jump-start the economy, and create jobs. NRCS is using Recovery Act dollars to update aging flood control structures, protect and maintain water supplies, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands. NRCS acquires easements and restores floodplains to safeguard lives and property in areas along streams and rivers that have experienced flooding.



Partial view of the 75-acre lake that provides flood control and water-based recreation, including an adjacent campground.

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Economic Opportunities

The Fox Creek Watershed MPS #4 provides the community camping, hiking, boating, and fishing opportunities, and averages 6,500 user days per year. This project has the potential to create or save jobs.

Statewide Perspective

Population in Fleming County is approximately 15,000 and the county seat, Flemingsburg, is 3,010. About 19 percent of the population is below the poverty level. This 50,400-acre watershed area provides flood protection, recreation and

wildlife habitat for the local and tourist populations. Fleming County is noted for its historical covered bridges and in 1998 was designated by the Kentucky General Assembly as the Covered Bridge Capital of Kentucky.

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