



FACT SHEET

February 2015

PROJECT: Burnham Prairie Annex, Illinois

TYPE: Aquatic Plant Control Research Program - Construction

AUTHORITY: Aquatic Plant Control Research (APC) Program, Section 104, Rivers and Harbors Act of 1958, as amended; Sections 103(c)(6) and 941, WRDA 1986, as amended.

DESCRIPTION: Burnham Prairie Annex is a 39-acre site located one mile south of Chicago city limits and one mile west of the Indiana state line within the Village of Burnham. The goal of the project is to restore the ecological integrity of the project area by removing invasive plant species and replacing them with communities dominated by native marsh, wet prairie, and wet-mesic prairie plants.

CURRENT STATUS: Construction contract awarded September 30, 2013. Initiating the second year of the 5 year construction contract.

FY 2015 WORK: (FY14 C/O - \$0; FY15 Conference Amnt - \$0; GLRI Allocation - \$100,000)

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funds are being used to:

- Continue construction and oversight

FY 2016 WORK: (FY15 C/O - \$0; FY16 Budget Amnt - TBD; FY16 Mgmt Plan Amnt - GLRI - \$230,00)

- If funds in the amount of \$230,000 are received, they would be used to continue construction and oversight

COST:

Total Project Cost	\$2,030,000
Federal Cost	\$2,030,000
Non-Federal Cost	\$0

SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE: Anticipate completion of the 5 year construction contract in FY 2019

BENEFITS: The project will serve as a demonstration project by implementing site-specific measures, in the form of an Invasive Species Control and Management Plan (ISCMP), for the control of aquatic and other invasive plant species within the Burnham Prairie Annex project area. Additional benefits include establishing native plant communities and floodplain habitat adjacent to the Grand Calumet River, expanding suitable foraging and breeding habitat for native fauna, providing a supply of diverse resources and habitat critically needed for migratory birds in an area otherwise occupied by industry and housing, removing invasive species that threaten the adjacent state dedicated Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve; and increasing aesthetic values by providing a heterogeneous mix of native wildflowers and grasses as well as attracting wildlife that would otherwise not have been present within areas currently occupied by invasive species.

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

ISSUES AND CONCERNS: FY 2016 work pending availability of GLRI funds

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