

Purpose

To provide non-Federal partners with planning, engineering and construction support in the development of Great Lakes fishery and ecosystem restoration projects.

A wide range of environmental projects could be executed under this program, including riparian wetland restoration, dam removal to re-establish free flowing tributaries, construction of fish passage over existing structures, improving spawning and nursery habitat, erosion and sedimentation control, and construction of facilities to preserve historic fish stocks.

Objectives

Preserve and restore aquatic and associated riparian habitat as part of an ecosystem approach to fishery management.

Restoration of ecosystems to promote naturally reproducing fish communities based on native or high value naturalized fish populations.

Control the introduction and/or spread of invasive aquatic species.

Restore beneficial uses to Areas of Concern in the Great Lakes.

Authority

Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

Authority Provisions

All of the Great Lakes, connecting channels, tributaries, and historically connected tributaries.

Planning, design, and construction of projects to support the restoration of the fishery, ecosystem, and beneficial uses.

Projects are cost-shared with non-Federal Sponsors (65% Federal, 35% non-Federal)

Local governments, non-profit entities, and private interests are eligible to provide non-Federal share.



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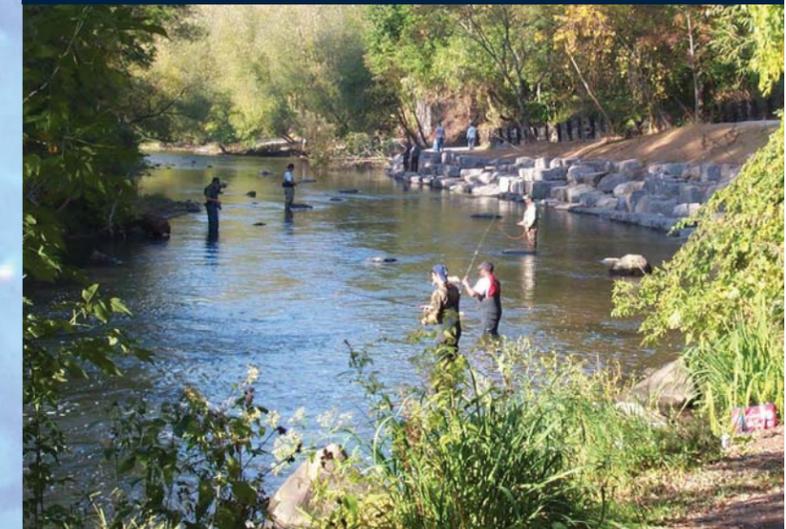
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GREAT LAKES FISHERY AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION (GLFER) PROGRAM



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the support of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission providing planning, design and construction expertise for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes fishery and ecosystem.



Types of Eligible Projects

Regional Collaboration

This program involves regional collaboration with representatives from State and other Federal natural resource agencies and tribal authorities, as well as local governments and non-profit groups. A Project Review Committee was established, consisting of representatives from across the basin and facilitated by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. This unique partnership plays an important role in helping the Corps of Engineers best serve Great Lakes fisheries and natural resource interests.



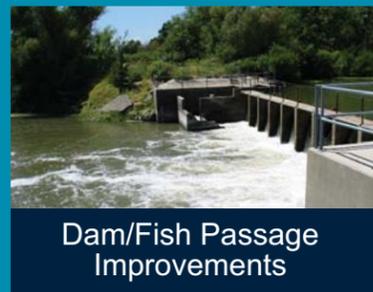
Wetlands/Nursery Habitats



Streambank/Channel Improvements

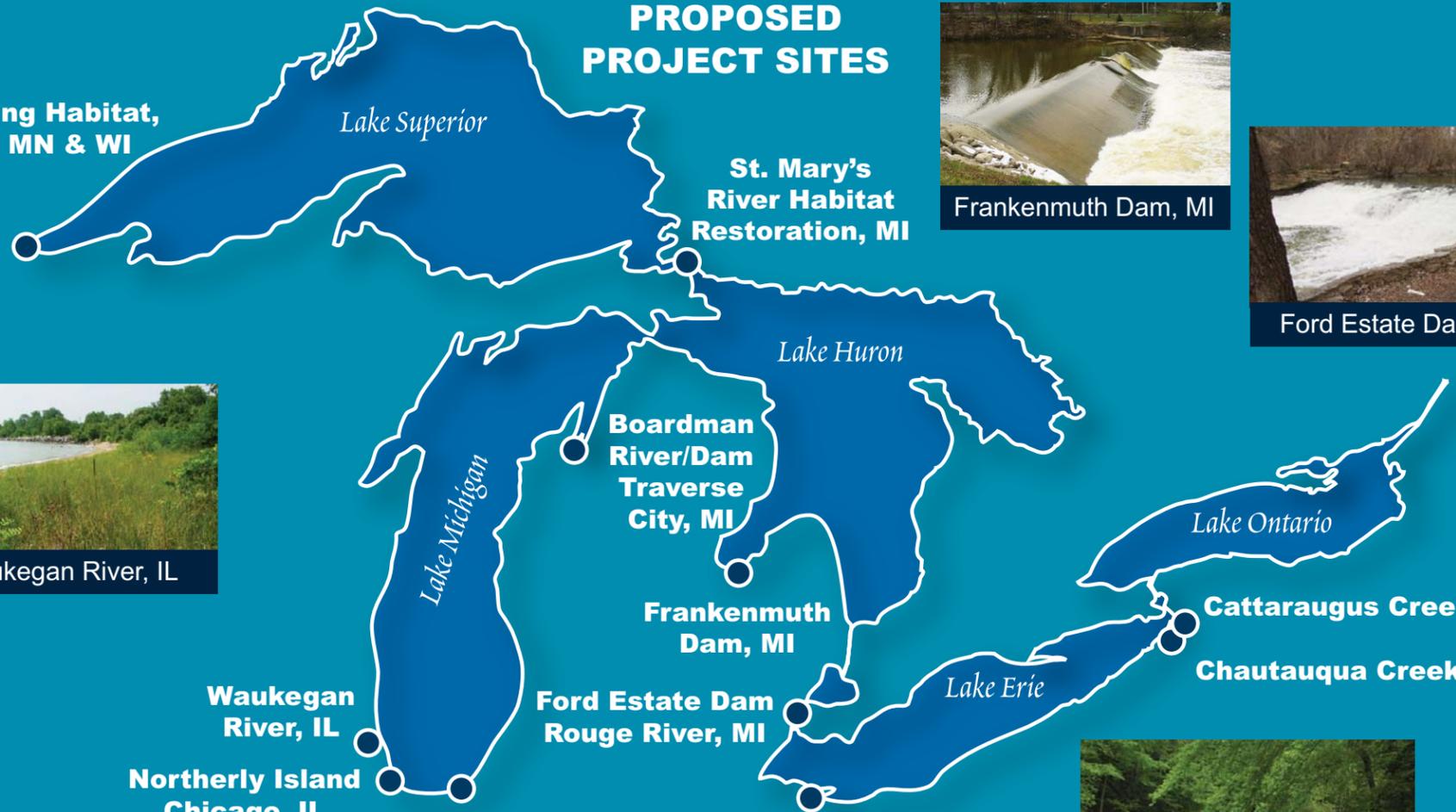


Fish Passage Ladders



Dam/Fish Passage Improvements

Sturgeon Spawning Habitat, St. Louis River, MN & WI



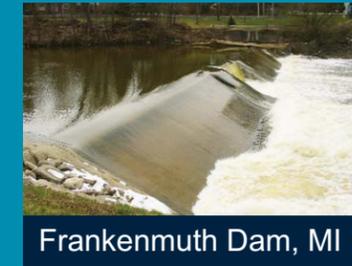
Waukegan River, IL



Red Mill Pond, IN



Ballville Dam, OH



Frankenmuth Dam, MI



Ford Estate Dam, MI



Chautauqua Creek, NY

PROPOSED PROJECT SITES

St. Mary's River Habitat Restoration, MI

Boardman River/Dam Traverse City, MI

Frankenmuth Dam, MI

Ford Estate Dam Rouge River, MI

Ballville Dam Fremont, OH

Waukegan River, IL
Northerly Island Chicago, IL

Red Mill Pond, IN

Cattaraugus Creek, NY
Chautauqua Creek, NY