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# Hegewisch Marsh, Chicago, IL

## Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration Habitat and Species Focus Area

**Project Location:** The Hegewisch Marsh restoration area is located in Chicago, Illinois adjacent to the Calumet River near the Thomas J. O'Brien Lock and Dam.

**Project Description:** Hegewisch Marsh primarily consists of degraded riparian wetlands adjacent to the Calumet River within a region once known for its vast complex of interconnected wetlands. The region currently consists of interspersed industrial, residential, and open spaces, with some remnant wetlands. Although Hegewisch Marsh has been modified from its natural geomorphic and hydrologic regime, there are many acres of surface and ground water hydrology that could be restored to a mosaic of plant communities.

**Non-Federal Partner:** Chicago Park District

**Project Benefits:** The project will seek to naturalize altered geomorphology and hydrology on an approximately 126 acre site in order to reestablish diverse native plant communities, which is the driver for attracting and providing habitat for fish, wildlife and migratory birds. The mandatory operation and maintenance of this project by the Chicago Park District will ensure permanent long term sustainable benefits to these resources. The first Bald Eagle nest in the City of Chicago since the 1880's was discovered in the southeast portion of the city, near Whitford Pond, in April 2012. The nest is within ½ mile of Hegewisch Marsh.

**Project Status:** Project is in feasibility phase. With optimal funding, the project could award a construction contract in September 2015.



*Hegewisch Marsh proposed restoration location*

| Range of Project Costs |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Federal                | \$1,400,000-2,600,000 |
| Nonfederal             | \$700,000-1,300,000   |
| Total                  | \$2,000,000-4,000,000 |

| Project Milestones                      |          |
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| Sign Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement | Feb 2014 |
| Approve feasibility report              | Mar 2015 |
| Award Construction Contract             | Sep 2015 |

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