



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Hegewisch Marsh, Chicago, IL

Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration Habitat Focus Area

Project Location: The Hegewisch Marsh restoration area is located in northeast Illinois in Cook County. This restoration site is in southeastern Chicago adjacent to the Calumet River near the Thomas J. O'Brien Lock and Dam.

Project Description: Hegewisch Marsh primarily consists of degraded riparian wetlands 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 resurged to restore a mosaic of plant communities.

Nonfederal Partner: Chicago Park District

Project Benefits: The project will seek to naturalize altered geomorphology and hydrology over 130 acres in order to reestablish diverse native plant communities, which is the driver for attracting and providing habitat for fish, wildlife and migratory birds.

Project Status: Project is in feasibility phase. With optimal funding, the project could start construction in fall 2014.



Hegewisch Marsh proposed restoration location

Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$845,000
Nonfederal	\$455,000
Total	\$1,300,000

Project Milestones	
Approve feasibility report	Nov 2013
Award Construction Contract	Aug 2014

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