



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**

# Saganashkee Slough, Palos, IL

## Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration Habitat Focus Area

**Project Location:** The Saganashkee Slough and Fen restoration area is located in northeast Illinois in Cook County, 25 miles southwest of Chicago. This restoration site borders the Calumet-Saganashkee Channel near Palos, Ill.

**Project Description:** The project design would seek to restore lacustrine, fen, spring, and other wetland ecotypes. Key features would include: creation of lacustrine habitat heterogeneity with deep holes and islands; addition of woody debris, native aquatic beds, and gravel bars; eradication of non-native fish species; reintroduction of native slough fish species; eradication of non-native plant species; establishment of native aquatic and riparian plant species; removal of anthropogenic fill from spring and fen areas; and resurgence of spring and fen hydrology.

**Nonfederal Partner:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Project Benefits:** This 809-acre restoration project will improve lacustrine habitat and restore hydrology within the spring and fen habitat. The result would be more naturalized and stabilized native lake and wetland ecosystems that would provide environmental, economic and societal benefits to the Great Lakes Region. It is anticipated that restoration of the fen and spring area will improve available habitat for the federally endangered Hines Emerald Dragonfly. In addition, restoration of diverse lacustrine habitat will provide significant littoral zone habitat for fishes and enhance reproduction of several native fishes. Restoration of lacustrine habitat and native plant species would also provide significant habitat for shorebirds, migratory birds and aquatic insects.

**Project Status:** Project is currently in feasibility phase and with optimal funding can initiate construction in 2015.



Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$5,000,000
Nonfederal	\$2,693,000
Total	\$7,693,000

Project Milestones	
Approve feasibility study	Mar 2014
Award construction contract	Mar 2015

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