

Today, Congressman Mike Quigley submitted his list of projects for inclusion in the Water Resources Development Act of 2010 to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Water Resources Development Act authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct local studies and projects that boost environmental protection, restoration, and infrastructure; reduce flood and storm damage; protect shorelines; enhance the water supply network and hydropower capabilities; promote recreation, and improve navigation.

A detailed list of these project requests can be found below:

Project: Gompers Park Wetland and Shoreline Restoration and Protection

Non-Federal Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Project Description: Will improve and restore a one-acre wetland, and 5290 linear feet of unstable, eroding and inaccessible shoreline along the North Branch of the Chicago River at Gompers Park. Riverbanks will be re-graded and stabilized to prevent erosion and allow park users to access the waterway. In addition, the stream channel cross-section will be widened to provide additional flood storage capacity.

Project: Horner, California and Richard Clark Park Shoreline Restoration and Protection

Non-Federal Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Description: Will restore and stabilize 6,700 linear feet of eroding, unstable, and inaccessible shoreline along three Albany Park area sites of the North Branch River. Riverbanks will be re-graded and stabilized to prevent erosion and allow park users to access the waterway.

Project: River and Ronan Park Shoreline Restoration and Protection

Non-Federal Sponsor: Chicago Park District

Description: Will restore and stabilize 3,200 linear feet of eroding, unstable, inaccessible, shoreline along River Park and Ronan Park on the North Branch of the Chicago River. Riverbanks will be re-graded and stabilized to prevent erosion and allow park users to access the waterway.

Project: Village of Elmwood Park Flood Control Damage Reduction Project

Non-Federal Sponsor: Village of Elmwood Park

Description: Installation of underground storm water storage facilities to provide flood mitigation relief to structures and streets due to combined sewer backup during storm events.

Project: Northlake Wetland Mitigation Project

Non-Federal Sponsor: City of Northlake

Description: Will create 2.5 acres of new wetland, remove two low flow dams, re-meander 3,200 feet of creek and restore over 8,200 feet of eroded shoreline, providing regional flood control benefit. In addition the project will have the added benefits of creating quality flood plain wetlands, provide a diverse native prairie buff, restore channel function, and repair highly eroded stream banks to improve water quality and habitat.

Project: Northlake Watermain Replacement Project

Non-Federal Sponsor: City of Northlake

Description: This project will replace 7,600 lineal feet of 4" water mains in the oldest section of Northlake with industry standard 8" ductile iron pipes. Replacing the 4" cast iron pipes with 8" ductile iron pipes will improve water flow, increase fire flow capacity, reduce costly repairs and loss of water and eliminate concerns of potential water contamination. Ductile iron pipes are stronger, last longer, and have better corrosion resistance.

Project: Village of Franklin Park Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements

Non-Federal Sponsor: Village of Franklin

Description: This project will make sewer and wastewater infrastructure improvements on Westbrook Drive, reducing community sewer back-ups and maximizing wastewater capacity to reduce water damage caused by flooding and sewer backups. Upon completion of the necessary wastewater improvements the community will see a significant reduction in annual costs due to damage caused by flooding and sewer back-ups. The damage sustained by the community on an annual basis as a result of flooding and sewer backups is estimated to be more than \$150,000.

Project: Erosion Control Project for the North Branch of the Chicago River

Non-Federal Sponsor: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Description: This project will study and assess the North Branch watershed and develop a wetland restoration plan from Foster Ave. on the south to Willow Road on the north. The plan would identify best management practices needed to reduce the negative impacts of rainstorm events that lead to gully formation, soil runoff, habitat destruction and flooding.

Project: Albany Park Flood Risk Management Plant

Non-Federal Sponsor: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Description: Authorizes a study to determine the feasibility of carrying out a project for flood risk management in the Albany Park Community.

Project: Invasive Species Eradication

Non-Federal Sponsor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Description: Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to implement and construct the recommendations in the Efficacy Study, authorized under section 3061 of WRDA 2007, and to implement emergency measures, including the use of pesticides, to prevent the movement of aquatic nuisance species. This work would be done at full federal expense so there would be no non-federal cost-share.

Project: Chicago Waterway System Restoration

Non-Federal Sponsor: City of Chicago

Description: This proposed program would provide the Army Corps of Engineers the authority to identify and act on opportunities to restore the Chicago Waterway System and provide benefits to the natural, physical, and human environment. The Chicago Waterway System is an internationally significant resource that provides commercial navigation, commerce, and recreation for millions of people within and visiting the City of Chicago and the many municipalities in the basin.