



# MISSOURI NATIONAL RECREATIONAL RIVER

## *Corps of Engineers Fact Sheet*

### Background

- Authorized by a 1978 amendment to the National Parks and Recreation Act (PL 95-625) which amended the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (PL 90-542)
- Corps is authorized to construct recreational development, bank stabilization, and other recreational river features as necessary to support the values for which the river was designated
- Life-of-project funding ceiling of \$21 million; approximately \$4 million spent to date
- The National Park Service is the overall administrator of the MNRR; however both agencies have management responsibilities
- The Corps and National Park Service signed a 1980 Cooperative Agreement outlining each agency's responsibilities
- The General Management Plan has recently been updated (1999) with an environmental emphasis. Bank protection remains a project component, primarily to protect MNRR values.

## Construction Projects

- Bank protection projects (100% federal) to date are as follows:
  - *Stabilization of 3 habitat sites – demonstration timber structures (feasibility / design phase FY 02 - 03)*
  - Eagle nest bank protection (2000 - \$20,000)
  - Ponca breakwater structures (1999 - \$200,000)
- Environmental construction projects (100% federal) to date are as follows:
  - *Ponca backwater / wetland construction project (design FY 02 - 03; construction FY 04)*
  - Tern and plover island construction / protection (1991 - 1995)
- Recreational construction (50-50 cost share<sup>1</sup>) to date is as follows:
  - *Ponca Research and Education Center (Sept 01 contract award; \$5.5 million total estimated cost)*  
*<http://www.channellconstruction.com> "site cam"*
  - Riverside Park river access, park, and picnic area (1991 - \$1,280,000 total cost)
  - Myron Grove river access and picnic area (1987 - \$60,000 total cost)

## Environmental Studies

- *Cottonwood regeneration study (mapping / identification of sites FY 02; plant regeneration areas FY 03 and beyond)*
- *Water quality / turbidity study (baseline data collection FY 01 - 02; alternatives analysis FY 03)*

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<sup>1</sup> Section 103 of WRDA 1986 requires cost-sharing for recreational projects, including those under this authority

- *Ongoing funding support for Cumulative Impact Study on the Effects of Bank Stabilization (began FY 01)*
- *Funding support for Bighead Carp study (FY 01 - 02)*
- Ponca backwater / wetland restoration study PRP (2000)
- Habitat erosion protection analysis (2000)
- Freshwater mussel survey (1999)
- Eagle nest survey (1999)
- Benthic (bottom-dwelling) fish study (1996 - 2000)
- Tern and plover studies (1988 – 1990, 2001)
- Aquatic habitat mapping (1981)

#### Additional Studies / Projects

- *Real Estate Design Memorandum (began FY 02)*
- *Magnetometer survey for sunken steamboats (FY 01- 02)*
- *Real estate reports / actions (landowner interest survey FY 01)*
- Funding support on Geomorphological Effects of Bank Stabilization (2001)
- Canoe Trail / Visitor Management study (with NPS; 2001)

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