AUTHORIZATION:

Section 1135, Water Resources Development Act of 1986, allows the Corps of Engineers to study, design, and construct restoration projects adjacent to and near Corps projects. The original project was authorized in accordance with House Document 232, Eighty-fifth Congress.

This authority focuses on modifications to Corps projects for improvement of the environment. The per-project Federal funding limit is $5M and the Section 1135 national program limit is $40M. These are two-phase projects – Feasibility and Design & Implementation. Feasibility studies that exceed $100,000 are cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal. Design & Implementation is cost-shared 75% Federal and 25% non-Federal.

Location and Description:

Lake Shelbyville is located in Shelby and Moultrie Counties in east-central Illinois. The authorized project purposes include flood damage reduction, water supply, water quality control, fish and wildlife conservation, and recreation. Existing natural and man-made wetlands in the Shelbyville Fish and Wildlife Area in the upper reaches of the project have been seriously degraded by frequent flooding from downstream flood control operation of the Lake Shelbyville Dam. Possible project features include low-profile berms, pumping capabilities, ditching, overflow weirs, and water control structures.