



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Saint Louis District

Information Paper Illinois Waterway

River and Harbor Acts of 1927 and 1930

Operation and Maintenance (NAV)

Location and Description: The portion of the Illinois Waterway within the boundaries of the St. Louis District extends from the mouth of the Illinois River at Grafton, Illinois to the tailwater of LaGrange Lock and Dam at mile 80.15. The project maintains a nine-foot navigation channel by dredging/channel patrol, water management, and river engineering. The project has stewardship responsibility for 16,000 acres of public lands.

- **FY23 Allocation:** \$3,319 (baseline service level \$2,348k).
 - Operate and Maintain project at baseline level of service.
 - Baseline Dredging and channel maintenance.
 - Minimal stewardship; management of cabin outgrants for public safety and authorized project purposes. Project has 16,000 acres of forest to manage that is mostly unfunded (253K, of which 161K is for boundary)
- **Activities after FY23** (top items listed)
 - Operate and Maintain the project.
 - Construction of river training structures at ILR 77-70.
- **Status**
 - River training structures at ILR 77-70 could reduce and regulate dredge planning and costs.
 - Water Management and Dredge Planning not sufficiently funded to address risk to channel.
 - No REC funding, below baseline ES funding, below baseline management of outgrant cabin sites causing public health risk, financial burden on local agencies.
 - Great Rivers Scenic Byway, 12,000 waterfowl hunters, 8 state managed areas.



Volunteer tree planting, Diamond Island, 2020. Project has 16,000 acres of forest resources to manage.



The Dredge Potter working critical routine dredging on the Illinois River

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
- Federal Allocation	\$2,089k	\$2,128k	\$2,113k	\$2,819k
- Supplemental	\$908k	\$0	\$0	\$0
- BIL	\$0	\$0	\$550k	\$0
- DRSSA	\$0	\$0	\$70k	\$500k
- Non Appropriated Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	TBD
- Total Visits	117,000	117,841	166,955	TBD

VALUE TO NATION	
Latest Ton miles	6,397,547,000
Latest Tonnage	32,946,060
Cost per Ton	\$.05
FY21 Visitor Spending	\$7,358,000
FY21 Jobs Supported (Rec spending only)	82
Rec Area Management	8
Acres Managed	16,000



Youth Waterfowl hunting. Project has over 12,000 waterfowl hunters annually