



# Piasa and Eagles Nest HREP

## Dredging Contract Award w/ IL DNR



### SUMMARY

- Major milestone Stage 2 Dredging Contract Award
- 1,381 Acre Project Area – Pool 26 between Alton and Grafton, IL
- Creating and enhancing side channel, backwater, and historic island habitat (~70 acres)
- Illinois DNR project sponsor
- Marine based UMRR project

### PROJECT COSTS

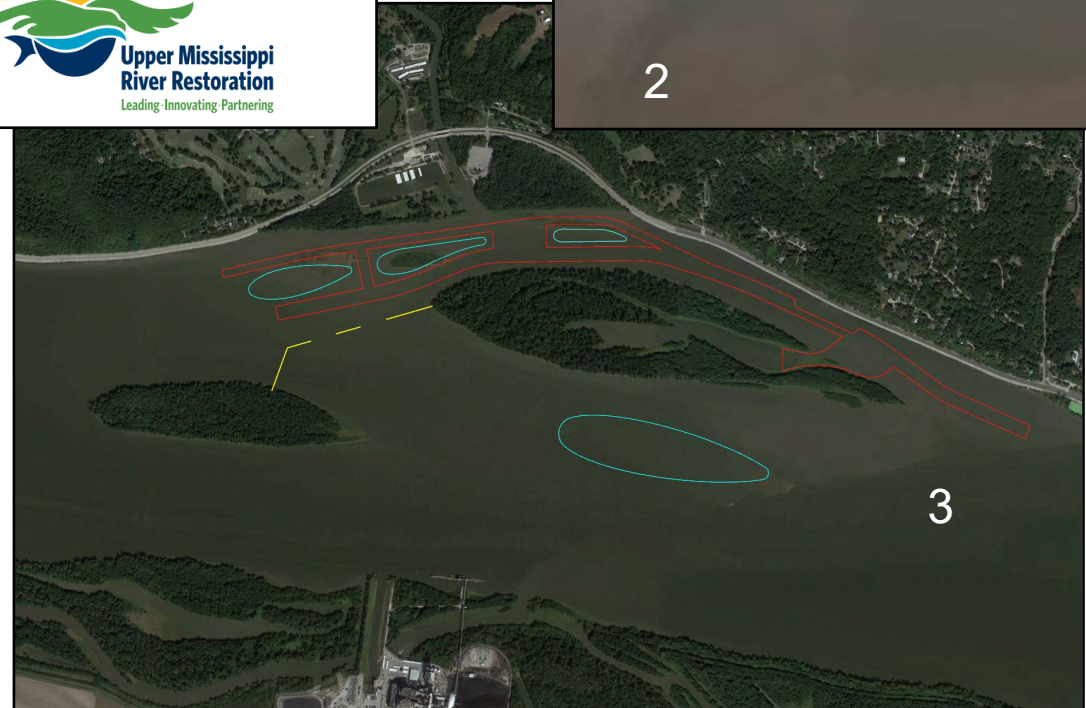
- Estimated Total Project Cost of \$26.7 million

### CHALLENGES

- Highly visible project with robust stakeholder support
- Adapting project scope due to unforeseen changes

### PICTURES

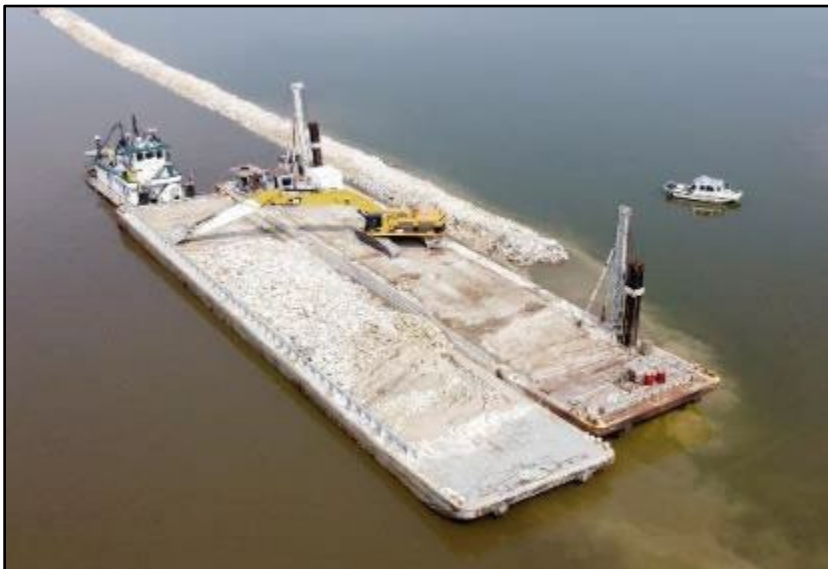
1. UMRR partnership. Primary partners include 5 federal agencies and 5 state agencies and numerous non-governmental organizations.
2. Stage 1 – Rock Contract
3. Piasa project features





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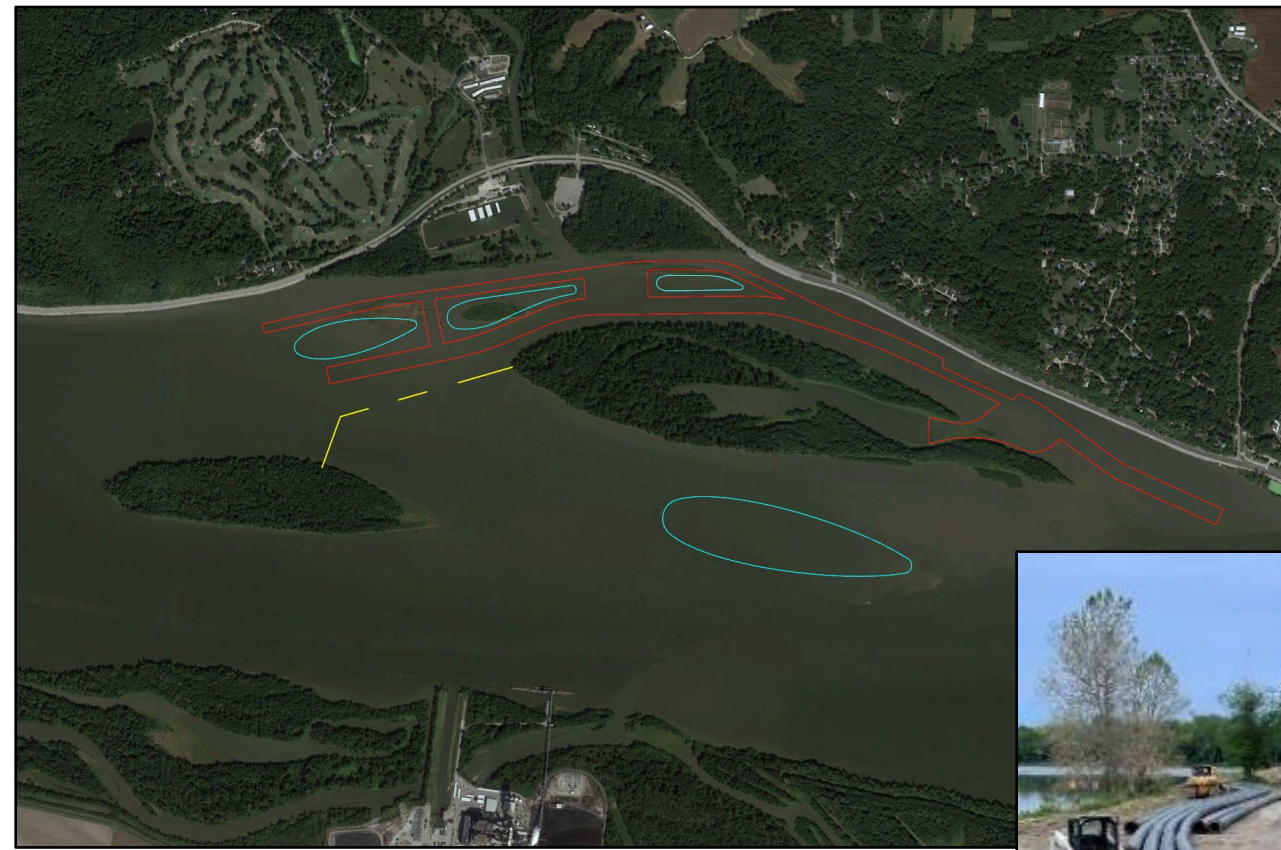
Stage 1:  
Island Rock Protection  
COMPLETE, Spring 2022





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Stage 2:  
Hydraulic Excavation of Side Channel  
NTP March 2023, ONGOING





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- Hosted island naming competition in conjunction with Rivers Project Office Interpretive Services and Outreach Program rangers, PAO, stakeholders, and local schools



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## PROJECT SCOPE

- The Project is located on the left descending bank, Mississippi River Pool 26, Miles 207.5-211.5, Madison & Jersey County, Illinois
- Sponsor: IL Department of Natural Resources
- Congressional: Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Representative Rodney Davis
- The project consist of side channel, wetland, and island habitat
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$26,746,000

## MILESTONES

- ✓ Fact Sheet Complete
- ✓ Feasibility Complete
- ✓ MOU Executed
- ✓ Design Complete Stages 1 & 2
- ✓ Stage I Construction Rock Structure contract complete
- ✓ Stage 2 Construction Dredging contract awarded Feb 2023
  - NTP 20 March 2023
- OMRR&R
- Project Closeout

## CHALLENGES

- Robust public and stakeholder support
- Highly visible project along National Scenic Byway
- Prominent recreation area: boating, fishing, hunting
- Adapting to unforeseen changes in project scope during construction, supplemental EA

## PATH FORWARD/DECISIONS

- Task Order Issued initial work – Stage 2 dredging
- Proactively manage funding and seek opportunities to accelerate funding availability
- Continue Communication with Sponsor and Stakeholders
- Contractor will use approximately 500,000 cubic yards of dredged material to fill three island rings
- Anticipated to fund remainder of dredging next FY