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Project: Chippewa River Diversion Dam Low Flow
Channel Rehabilitation

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In Reply Refer to: Regional Planning and Environment
Division North

1. Project Proponent. St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

2. Project Authority. The proposed actions were authorized under the authority of the Flood Control Act of 1936 (PL 74-738) and the Flood Control Act of 1944 (PL 78-934).

3. Project Location. The proposed action would be located in Chippewa County, Minnesota (Figure 1).

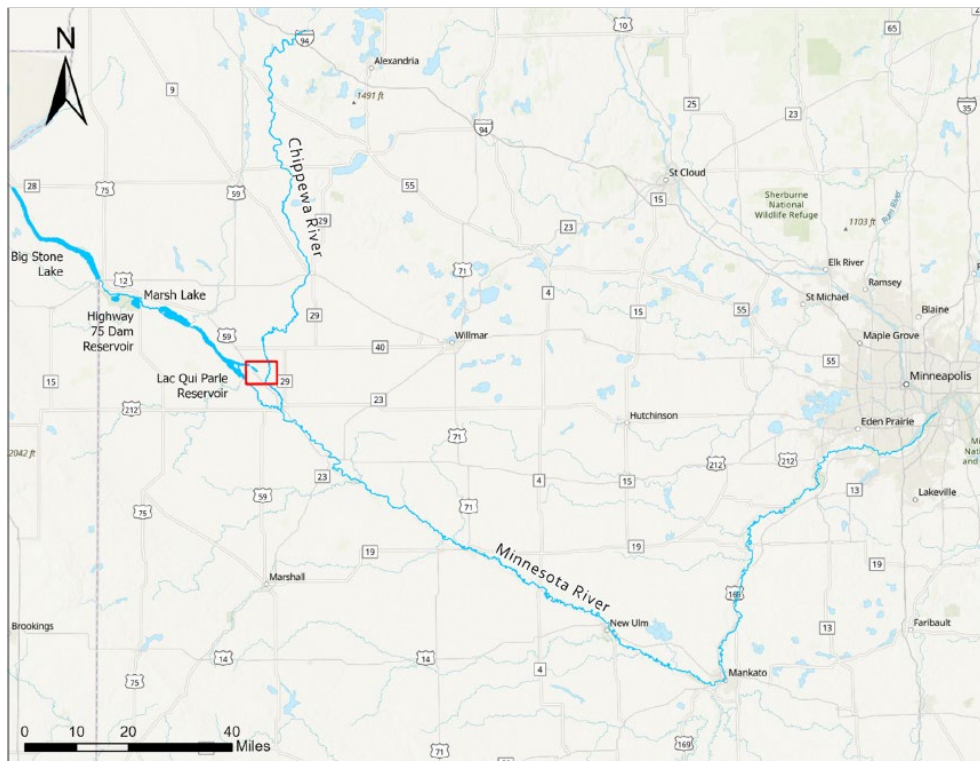


Figure 1. Project Location.

4. Summary of the Proposed Project.

The Chippewa River Diversion Dam is a part of the Lac qui Parle Project which has a primary purpose of flood risk management. Components of the dam need rehabilitation for project performance. Specifically, the low flow channel has experienced significant sedimentation that has lessened capacity for flow conveyance. Since it was last excavated in 2003, at least 6,000 cubic yards of material has accumulated.

The main purpose of the proposed action is to remove accumulated sediments to restore the channel to resemble its original configuration. This work is needed so the project can continue to function as designed and in accordance with the Lac qui Parle Project Interim Water Control Manual.

The proposed action would involve excavating a 1,200 foot-long reach of the low flow channel and placing the material at one or two nearby designated stockpile sites. After the material has dried, it would be graded within the boundary of the site and seeded with an appropriate seed mix for vegetated cover.

5. Construction Schedule. Construction of the proposed actions is planned to occur over one field season during low flows, lasting up to six weeks. Work months would be August through December. Due to funding uncertainties the proposed project could happen in 2026, 2027, or 2028.

6. Permits/Coordination.

a. General. The proposed action has been coordinated with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

d. Federal. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was prepared and coordinated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service occurred during the planning process.

7. Summary of Environmental Impacts. By ensuring the Chippewa Diversion Dam is fully operational as a component of the Lac qui Parle Project, the proposed action would result in long term positive effects to socioeconomic factors associated with flood risk management. Minor short-term adverse effects associated with earthen disturbance and operation of heavy equipment would be observed for air and water quality, terrestrial and aquatic habitat, and soils.

8. Report. A Draft Environmental Assessment that describes the project and the environmental impacts in detail is available to the public and can be viewed at <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Home/Public-Notice>. The report includes a detailed project description, a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and letters of coordination.

9. Review and Comment. If you have any comments on the environmental assessment they should be provided before the expiration date of this notice. Persons

submitting comments are advised that all comments received will be available for public review, to include the possibility of posting on a public website. Questions on the project or comments on the Environmental Assessment can be directed to CEMVP_Planning@usace.army.mil. Please address all formal written correspondence on this project to District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regional Planning and Environment Division North, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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