

Rio Grande - Riverbend, Laredo, Texas

Purpose: The goal of the project would be to identify a recommended restoration plan that could restore the once perennial flows that existed within Kickapoo Creek prior to the landscape becoming dominated with dense, water-loving brush species. In addition, the recommended plan could restore bottomland hardwood and transitional habitat within the watershed.

Sponsor: City of Laredo

Congressional District: Bonilla TX-23

FACT SHEET
CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL
(CONTINUING AUTHORITY PROGRAM-SECTION 206)

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Rio Grande - Riverbend, Laredo, TX

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206, Water Resources Development Act of 1996.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA: Feas./Plans & Specs/Construction

Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 3,801,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	1,452,500
Total Estimated Project Cost	5,253,500

Allocation thru FY 2004	349,000
Budget Request for FY 2005	0
Allocation for FY 2005	0
Budget Request for FY 2006	0
Balance to Complete After FY 2006	3,401,000
Amount That Could Be Used in FY 2006	400,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The City of Laredo is located in south Texas, approximately 160 miles southwest of San Antonio, Texas. The project area is within the city limits of Laredo adjacent to the Rio Grande River along a 90 degree bend in the southwest portion of the city. The project is approximately 130 acres in size.

ALLOCATIONS FOR FY 2005: We do not anticipate receiving any funds in FY 2005.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2006:

FY 2006 funds would be used to complete feasibility and plans and specifications and initiate construction.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project area has been adversely impacted due to gravel quarrying and subsequent infestations of exotic plants. The recommended plan would help to restore the degraded ecosystem by enlarging existing wetlands, removing exotic plants, revegetating the existing aquatic and terrestrial systems with native plants species and restrict vehicular access to the area. Implementation of the project would substantially improve habitat for local wildlife, including three federally endangered species and several state listed threatened and endangered species.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports this project.

CONGRESSIONAL INTERESTS: Congressman Bonilla, TX-23.