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Planning and Policy Division  
Planning Management Branch

Honorable Paul Ryan  
Representative in Congress  
20 South Main Street, Suite 10  
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This responds to your letter of March 7, 2001, (file number 124229) regarding the Rock-Koshkonong Lake District (RKLD) and the proposed aquatic ecosystem restoration project at Lake Koshkonong, Wisconsin. You asked that we provide the RKLD with information on obtaining Federal funding for the proposed project and advise you on the need for additional appropriations for the proposed project.

Our Rock Island District office has been working with the RKLD for about a year to develop the proposed project under the authority of Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The RKLD fully understands the process for securing Federal participation in the project, as well as the non-Federal sponsor requirements required by section 206. We currently estimate that the project will cost about \$2,080,000. Under section 206, the RKLD will be responsible for 35 percent of the total project cost, or about \$729,000. This includes the real estate costs necessary to implement the project. The RKLD is considering work-in-kind efforts and a potential state grant as options to help fulfill the required non-Federal cost share.

**We recently completed a Preliminary Restoration Plan for this project and, based on the favorable results, should begin the feasibility phase this April. When the feasibility study is completed in October 2002, we will consider funding this project as a new project to start within the Section 206 Continuing Authority Program. If the project meets the requirements for Federal participation and sufficient funds are available, we will begin preparing detailed specifications with construction of the project to follow. At this time, we are not aware of any Federal funding problems that would create a need for a project**

If I can provide any further assistance on this project, please do not hesitate to contact me. Details on the project and its progress can also be obtained directly from Ms. Dorie Bollman, Project Manager, Rock Island District, at (309) 794-5590.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Caver, Jr., P.E.  
Deputy Director of Civil Works