

Watershed Operations

October 2009

Northeast Yellow River Watershed Site P-11, Alabama

Introduction

This project is located in the Wiregrass area of Alabama, one of the primary agricultural regions of the state. Soils in this watershed are deep sands and surface water runoff results in massive head cutting gullies.



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Site P-11 is located in Covington County, Alabama.

Project Description

- **Location:** Covington County, 2nd Congressional District
- **Federal Funding:** \$255,000

Site P-11 is one of 29 gullies that produce a combined sediment load of 28,000 tons per year entering the stream systems of the Northeast Yellow River Watershed.

Partners

- USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Covington County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Covington County Commission

Benefits

This gully is located adjacent to and endangering a 3 acre farm pond. Stabilization of the gully will eliminate sedimentation, restore approximately 1.2 acres to a useable condition and protect the farm pond.

Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, this project is part of the Obama Administration's plans to modernize the nation's infrastructure, jump-start the economy, and create jobs. NRCS is using Recovery Act dollars to update aging flood control structures, protect and maintain water supplies, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands. NRCS acquires easements and restores floodplains to safeguard lives and property in areas along streams and rivers that have experienced flooding.



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Economic Opportunities

Funding for the Northeast Yellow River, Site P-11 project will create or save jobs in construction and will generate revenue for businesses through increased sale of supplies. Once completed, the project will provide \$7,000 in average annual benefits.

Statewide Perspective

This project encompasses one of the prime agriculture areas in the state. Stabilization of the gully on Northeast Yellow River, Site P-11 will increase the amount of productive farm land, increase property values, reduce sedimentation entering the stream systems, improve water quality and benefit fish and wildlife habitats. Investing in the long-term sustainability of the environment will protect the highway and bridge infrastructure system and improve public safety.

For More Information

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