William G. Stratton Lock & Dam

Plans for Lock & Gate Structure Improvements

McHenry County FR435

Project Summary

Date Awarded: April 24, 2014
Award Amount: $16,679,000
Construction Start Date: Mobilization began August 2014
Substantial Completion Date: November 1, 2016 (Contract End Date June 1, 2017)

The new larger size lock is now open and it will now hold double the number of boats from before so please listen for instructions from the lock master, if more vessels are needed to fill the lock please do so. Wait times will decrease if the lock is full every time. Remember that the lock area is still surrounded by a construction site that is off limits to the public for safety reasons.

July 2015 Summary

Major Tasks Completed and Ongoing since April 2015 update:

Renovation of the Lock house has been completed. New lock operational controls have been installed and are fully functional.
New intake structure has been completed and is fully functional.

All new lock and intake structure sluice gates have been installed and are fully functional. Lock extension is complete and has been fully functional since May 1, 2015.
Temporary construction access bridge deck has been removed for boating season. Deck can be reinstalled as needed upon IDNR authorization.

North Berm work is complete.
Gate structure Phase 1 Work to date includes: The cofferdam is in place and excavation and placement of Porous Granular Embankment is complete. The sheet pile cut off wall has been installed and shell piles have been driven and filled. The footing rebar has been placed and footing concrete has been poured.

Work anticipated in next 4 weeks: Pending a new state budget all future work on this project has been suspended as of June 30, 2015. IDNR personnel will continue with day to day operation of the lock.