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## Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Tieville-Decatur Bends, IA and NE



*View of existing oxbow lake to be expanded at the Tieville-Decatur mitigation site*

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### Location

8 miles west of Onowa, Iowa. The project is located on the east bank of the river in Monona County, Iowa and Burt County, Nebraska.

### Description

The Tieville-Decatur Bends project has been constructed on two adjacent river bends. The project contains 3,081 acres that have been obtained from willing sellers and public interests. The lands were formerly in agricultural production. The area is adjacent to the left descending bank of the Missouri River at river miles 694 to 686.

Historically, these bends contained side channels that spread the river across the flood plain. The side channels were closed in conjunction with the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP). Construction of the BSNP cut off

the flow through the side channels and allowed the land to accrete in this area. In 2002 to 2003, the Corps of Engineers constructed several backwater areas. Pumps were installed to provide water from the Missouri River to maintain the oxbow lake located on the site.

The Nebraska Game & Parks Department and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will assume joint operation and management of the constructed features. No motor vehicles are allowed on the site, but public foot access is available. This site is available for a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, bird watching, hiking and hunting when in season.

### Current Status

The Corps is working to acquire additional land adjacent to this site, just to the north on the Blackbird Bend. If these acquisitions are successful, this project could expand into the newly acquired areas.



*View of recently completed backwater area at the Tieville-Decatur mitigation site*