



# OLMSTED LOCKS AND DAM

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## Olmsted Locks and Dam

The Olmsted Locks and Dam are located about 17 miles upstream from the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers at Olmsted, Illinois.

The demand for water-borne commerce on rivers requires periodic improvements in the waterways transportation infrastructure. Locks and Dams No. 52 and 53, located on the Ohio River between Paducah, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois, were completed in 1929. Temporary 1200-foot long lock chambers were added later. The antiquated design and age of these structures make it impossible to meet current traffic demands without significant delays at Olmsted. In 2011, more than 90 million tons of goods were shipped through this reach of the Ohio River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the navigation industry, in a continuing effort to provide for the nation's future navigation needs, will replace these aged facilities with one of the largest civil works projects undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This new locks and dam project is under construction near the community of Olmsted, Illinois at Ohio River Mile 964.4. Construction of the Olmsted Locks and Dam Project was authorized by the United States Congress on 17 November 1988, by the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-676).



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