

Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Planning Process

What is a comprehensive conservation plan?

A comprehensive conservation plan is a document that outlines the environmental issues and management strategies in an area, in this case the Peoria Lakes. The plan relies on input from the public and many local stakeholder organizations, resulting in an inclusive, collaborative understanding for the future of the Lakes.

Where do the Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers come in?

The Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance, which is made up of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Heartland Water Resources Council, and The Nature Conservancy, is teaming up with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to manage the planning and communication processes for the final document. Each organization has its own role to play and perspective to give in Peoria Lakes issues.

Project Timeline:

- **April 2017:** Project kick-off
- **July 2017:** First open house to gather input
- **June 2018:** Public review of the draft plan and second public meeting
- **October 2018:** Comprehensive conservation plan complete

Where do you come in?

Community members are the main users of the Peoria Lakes, whether it involves on-lake activities such as boating and canoeing or more passive entertainment such as sightseeing and birdwatching. So, we need your input on how you perceive the Lakes now and what you hope them to be like in the future.

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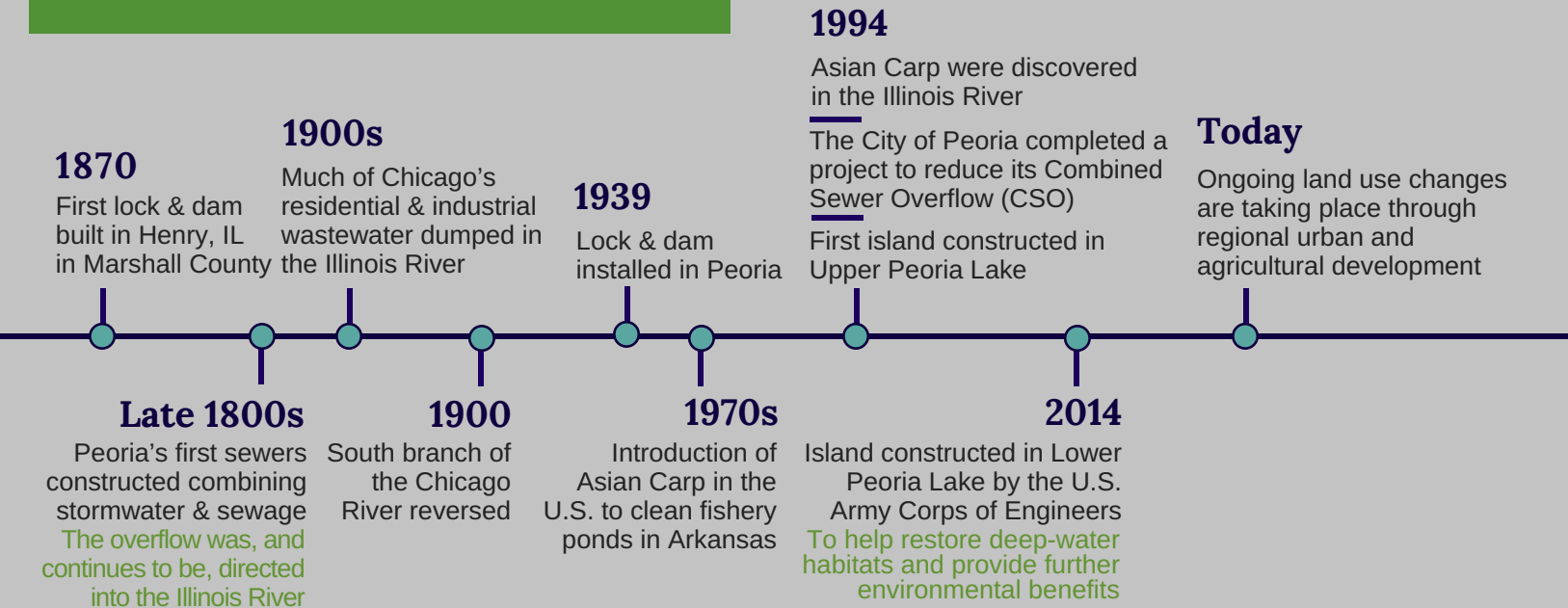


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What's the issue with the Peoria Lakes?

The Peoria Lakes, which refer to the widened sections along the Illinois River, have a degraded ecosystem as a result of sedimentation, poor water quality, altered hydrology, and invasive species. These are due to causes such as past Illinois River dams, sanitary issues, and changing land use practices that remain today.

Timeline of Peoria Lakes:



Peoria Lakes Conceptual Model:

