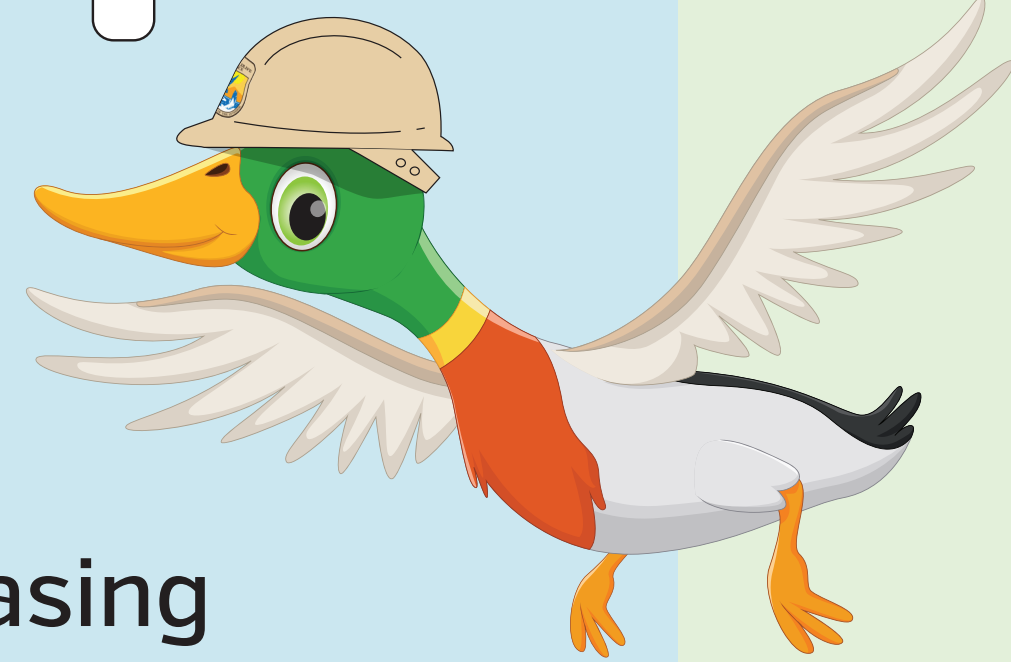


# CONSTRUCTION ZONE

## ON THE MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

What the heck is going on?



With increasing flood events and erosion, aquatic plants disappeared, leaving flooded and degraded habitat.

This project will help to lower high water levels through the installation of culverts and water control structures. These structures will provide the ability to adjust water levels to help plants grow and create quality feeding and resting habitat for waterfowl.

**Construction scheduled to be completed by 2022.**



Example of a water control structure to manage flows

Habitat Improvements!

**Bass Ponds, Marsh and Wetland Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project**



The National Wildlife Refuge system works with others to conserve fish, wildlife, plants, and restore habitats for future generations through restoration projects like this one.

Approximately 2,000 acres of quality feeding and resting habitat for waterfowl will be restored across three lakes and one marsh by installing water level management features and earthen plugs to control water levels.



### RESTORING THE RIVER TOGETHER

The Bass Ponds, Marsh and Wetland Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project is federally funded through the **Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program**, which has built more than 50 ecosystem restoration projects in the last 30 years.

