

Ecological Standing Committee Meeting

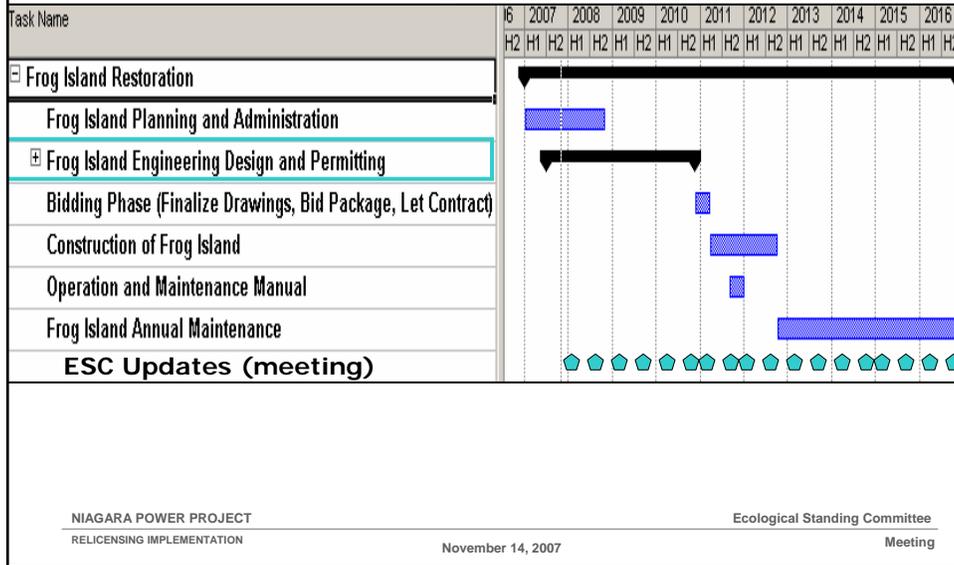


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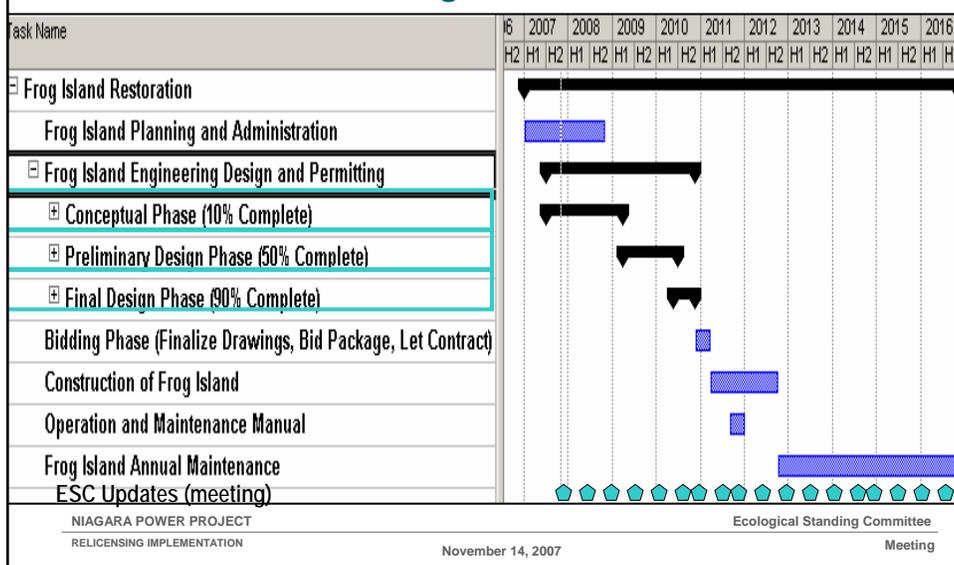
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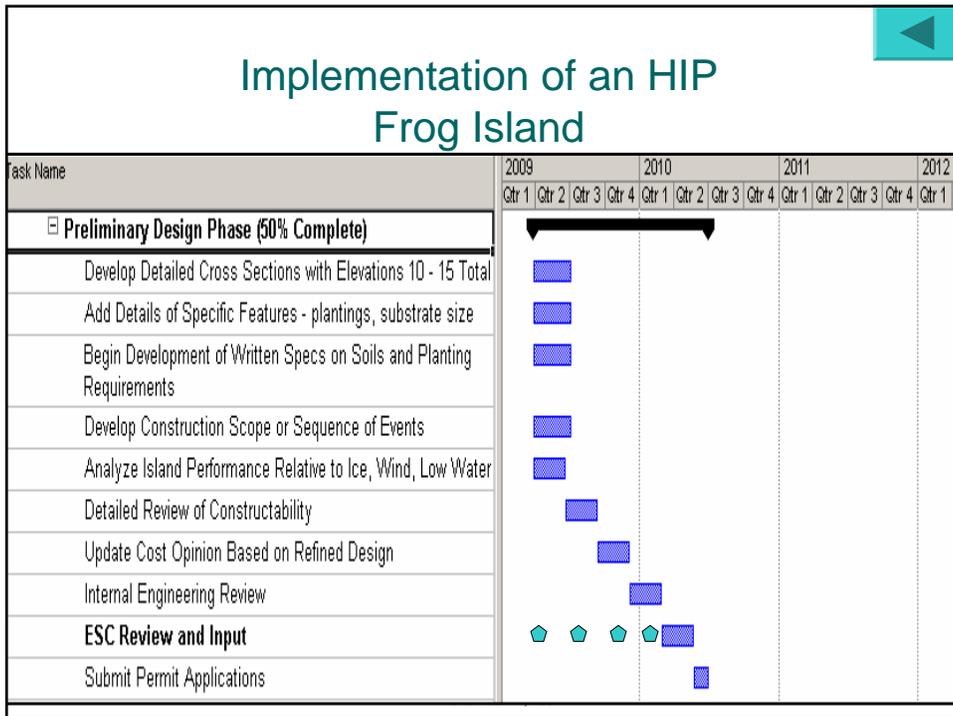
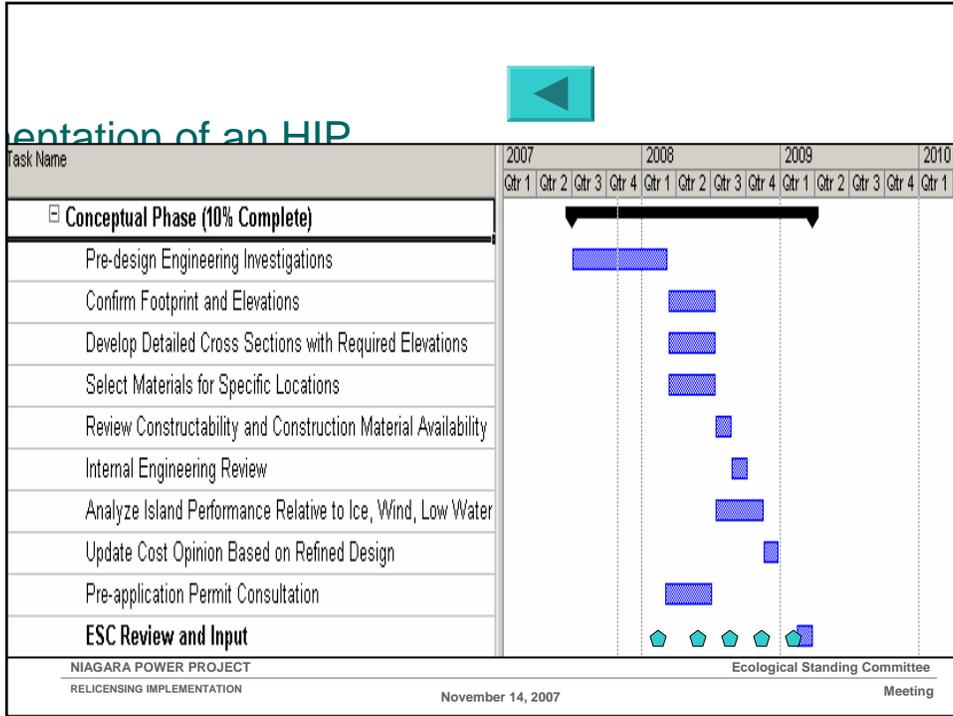
- The process for implementing an HIP
- HIPS Expenditure Report
- The mechanism for setting up and implementing the HERF

Implementation of an HIP Frog Island

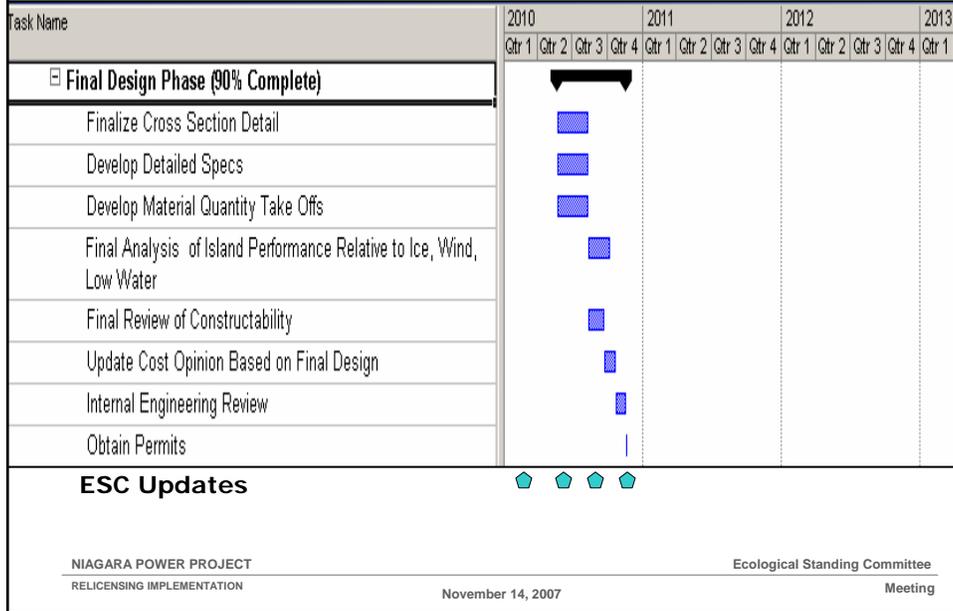


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Implementation of an HIP



HIPS Fund Expenditure Report

Niagara Settlement Obligations	Total	
	Estimated Cost	Spent To Date (9/31/2007)
Beaver Island Wetland Restoration	\$3,400,000	\$66,786
Strawberry Island Wetland Restoration	\$3,700,000	\$9,294
Frog Island Restoration	\$6,800,000	\$90,952
Motor Island Shoreline Protection	\$3,500,000	\$61,055
Invasive Species-Buckhorn and Tiffy Marsh	\$1,800,000	\$2,882
Osprey Nesting Platforms	\$680,000	\$16,332
Common Tern Nesting	\$3,500,000	\$16,574
Fish Attraction Structures	\$330,000	\$9,163
Native RTE Plant Restoration Feasibility	\$64,000	\$21,786
Cayuga Creek Restoration	\$200,000	
<u>Total HIPs</u>	<u>\$23,974,000</u>	<u>\$294,800</u>

Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Fund (HERF)

- ❑ Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the New License or license issuance, whichever is later, the Power Authority shall establish a Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Fund ("HERF"), in the amount of \$16,179,645 (NPV 2007), in an interest-bearing account at an accredited bank in the State of New York
- ❑ The ESC must identify and approve select projects and activities to be funded by the HERF
- ❑ Proposals for funding shall not replace natural resource management programs funded by the General Fund of the State of New York or DEC Environmental Programs
- ❑ Project proponents must consult with the chief elected official or a designated representative of any affected municipal, county, Tribal and appropriate State and Federal agencies and provide written documentation in the form of a letter of such consultation with any application for funding

Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Fund (HERF)

- ❑ Envisioned projects include but are not limited to:
 - future HIPs
 - land acquisition
 - habitat improvement
 - habitat research
 - fish, wildlife, and indigenous plant species restoration
 - stewardship activities throughout the Niagara River including within the Niagara Gorge, its headwaters at Lake Erie, the mouth of the river at Lake Ontario, its tributaries between these two points, and their associated watersheds

Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Fund (HERF)

- The following criteria shall be considered when determining whether to fund projects under the HERF:
 - Projects that address a demonstrated Project impact
 - Projects that preserve RTE plant, aquatic, terrestrial species and/or their habitat in the Niagara Basin
 - Projects with a strong scientific foundation
 - Projects that contribute to long-term protection and enhancement of RTE plant, aquatic, and terrestrial species and/or their habitat in the Niagara Basin
 - Projects that achieve multiple ecological goals
 - Projects that preserve and restore Haudenosaunee cultural, religious, and historic features
 - Projects that involve multi-stakeholder collaboration
 - Projects consistent with applicable local, State, and Federal resource management plans
 - Projects that feature matching resources
 - Projects that are time-sensitive
 - Projects that have documented municipal, county and Tribal support
 - Projects that are feasible from a cost/probability of success perspective