

OSPREY LAKE

Osprey Lake: Osprey Lake is a borrow pit. This area was a 45-acre corn/soybean farm in 1997 before being purchased by the city of Greendale. Soil was borrowed from the farm and used to build the levee along US Hwy 50. The resulting 23-acre hole was left behind and is now called Osprey Lake.

Because Oxbow, Inc. partnered early with Greendale to buy the pit and remaining farmland back from the city when the construction of the levee was complete, we were able to request design modifications in the digging of the pit that benefitted the wildlife now using the area. At Oxbow's request the pit was dug with an irregularly shaped shoreline to increase the linear feet of available shoreline habitat and provide micro-environmental changes in the coves and curves of the shoreline.

Also at Oxbow's request, a series of small islands were left in the middle of the pit and the pit was dug deeper on the southwest side and much shallower on the northeast side edge. These modifications created nesting islands, expanded shoreline, and modified habitats for diving birds and short legged shorebirds as well as varied habitats for turtles and fish. The result was a designer wetland, built at little or no additional cost to Oxbow, Inc. Both Greendale and Oxbow benefited from the close partnership.

For more information, visit www.oxbowinc.org or call 812-290-2941.

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