



# WRECK POND WATERSHED

## Monmouth County, NJ

### Ecosystem Restoration & Flood Risk Management

*As of: February 2012*

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

The New York District Corps of Engineers has completed a Federally-funded reconnaissance level study to determine whether there is a Federal interest in watershed-based ecosystem restoration, navigation, flood damage reduction, and other allied water resources problems and opportunities for the Wreck Pond Watershed, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

In light of significant loss of aquatic and wetland habitat, as well as recurring water quality problems throughout several municipalities (including multiple beach closings) and flood damage from storms in Fall 2005 and Spring 2007, the Corps of Engineers examined the entire watershed, which includes the Boroughs of Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, and Wall Township. All four municipalities participate in the steering committee.

The reconnaissance study examined existing research, field conditions and watershed study criteria to determine whether any watershed-based opportunities for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, multiple purpose navigation or other allied purposes exist for Federal participation in detailed evaluation and construction. As part of this study, the water resources problems in the area were identified. The determination of Federal interest in the project was based on the preliminary assessment of watershed problems and opportunities, as well as the extent of support by local officials and interested parties. This study will be followed by a more detailed cost-shared feasibility-level study.

#### **AUTHORIZATION**

The New York District Corps of Engineers is conducting the study under authority of a resolution adopted on October 26, 2005 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives.

#### **STATUS**

The District initiated the reconnaissance phase in January 2010. The 905(b) report was approved by North Atlantic Division in February 2011. The District is collaborating with the non-Federal partner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and members of the Wreck Pond Brook Regional Stormwater Management Plan Committee in the preparation of a Project Management Plan (PMP) for a watershed feasibility study.

#### **STUDY COST**

Reconnaissance Phase		\$ <u>100,000</u>
	Total	\$ 100,000

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#### **CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION**

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