



Gerritsen Creek–MARINE PARK, NY Ecosystem Restoration Project

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Description

This ecosystem restoration project seeks to improve the aquatic and coastal grassland habitats located in the



northeastern section of Marine Park, Brooklyn, NY near the junction of Gerritsen Creek and Mill Creek, immediately west of Floyd Bennett Field. The project purpose is to ameliorate the adverse impacts of past filling activities related to the construction, maintenance, and improvement of the large network of navigation channels within Jamaica Bay. The recommended plan is designed to increase the twice-daily tidal inundation across of the project site, and to convert the *Phragmites* dominated areas that lie adjacent to the existing salt marsh fringes to more healthy tidal ecosystems. The project will restore 31 acres of salt marsh and 23 acres of rare coastal grassland. Located adjacent the Marine Park Nature Center, this project will provide a highly visible and accessible contribution to the overall restoration of greater Jamaica Bay.

Authorizations

Section 1135 (b) of WRDA 1996, as amended [33 U.S.C. 2309(a)]

Status

The Ecosystem Restoration Report (ERR) with integrated Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed in October 2003, and the Plans and Specifications phase was initiated in early Fiscal Year 2004. A Project Cooperation Agreement for construction implementation was executed with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the non-Federal sponsor, on 30 September 2004. Federal funding to complete this project was allocated in 2008, and the initiation of construction began December 2009. Final planting activities are expected to be complete by June 2011. Project will be opened to the public in late 2012, after restored vegetation is sufficiently established.

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