



MANHASSET BAY

Town of North Hempstead

Nassau County, New York

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DESCRIPTION

The aquatic ecosystem of the study area has experienced degradation as a result of increased urbanization of the surrounding upland areas. The primary contributors to the loss of aquatic and wetland habitats are filling and bulkheading activities on property adjacent to the bay, increased sediment loading, and nutrient and contaminant runoff from the upland areas into the tributaries of the bay. These impacts are reflected in the apparent degraded state of the remaining habitats in and surrounding the bay.

AUTHORIZATION

Section 206 of WRDA 1996 [33 U.S.C. 2330]

STATUS

An aquatic ecosystem restoration feasibility study is underway. The Corps has conducted a series of field visits and coordinated with the non-federal sponsor, the Town of North Hempstead. It has been determined that the study will largely focus on Manhasset Valley Park and Whitney Lake. Data for existing conditions of the study area are being collected [topographic and bathymetric surveys and geotechnical data] Fiscal Year 2012 objectives are to continue collecting existing conditions data to determine suitability of proposed restoration measures and alternatives that address aquatic ecosystem restoration opportunities within the study area.

STUDY COST

Total \$708,000

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