



MOHAWK RIVER WATERSHED, NY

Reconnaissance Study

Environmental Restoration and Flood Damage Reduction

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DESCRIPTION

The New York District of the Corps of Engineers has completed a federally-funded reconnaissance level study to determine whether there is a federal interest in watershed-based flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, navigation, and other water resources problems and opportunities in the Mohawk River watershed of New York State.

In light of the recurrence of fluvial flood damage over the past several years, including that from flooding, erosion, navigation impacts, and road washouts associated with the storms of June 2005, October 2005, June 2006, and April 2007, the Corps of Engineers has studied the entire watershed. The storms cited resulted in damages to the Barge Canal, operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, as well in flood damages throughout communities and municipalities in the Mohawk River watershed, including the villages of Catskill, Mohawk, and Ilion, and the towns of Canajoharie, Frankfort and German Flatts, to name a few. The reconnaissance study investigated current field conditions and study criteria to determine whether any watershed-based opportunities for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, navigational improvement, or other purposes, exist for continued federal participation during detailed evaluation and construction. The study also identified the area's specific water resources problems and prospective solutions, and ultimately determined that there is a federal interest in a cost-shared watershed feasibility study.

AUTHORIZATION

The study was authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, adopted on September 20, 2006.

STATUS

The District initiated the Reconnaissance Phase in September 2008, and held public meetings in November 2008 and February 2009. The 905(b) reconnaissance report was completed in September 2009. The FSCA for a \$1.6M watershed feasibility study was executed on 29 March with the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District, representing all fourteen counties in the basin.

STUDY COST

Feasibility Phase	
Federal share	\$800,000
Non Federal share	<u>\$800,000</u>
Total	\$1,600,000

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