



TEN MILE RIVER WATERSHED

Dutchess County, NY and Litchfield County, CT

Watershed Study

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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 risk management, ecosystem restoration, and other allied water resources problems and opportunities for the Ten Mile River Watershed, Dutchess County, New York and Litchfield County, CT. In light of the recurrence of fluvial flood damage over the past several years, including that from inundation, erosion, and road washouts from the storms of October 2005 and the severe storms of April 2007, which resulted in damages to the Towns of Amenia and Dover, NY, the Corps of Engineers examined the entire watershed.

The reconnaissance study has examined the current field conditions and study criteria to determine whether any watershed-based opportunities for flood risk management, ecosystem restoration or other allied purposes exist for continued federal participation during detailed evaluation and construction. As part of this study, the water resources problems in the area were identified, along with potential solutions to such problems. Determination of federal interest in the project is based on the preliminary screening of alternatives, as well as the extent of support by local officials and interested parties.

AUTHORIZATION

The study was authorized by a Resolution of the House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Docket Number 2753, dated April 5, 2006.

STATUS

The District initiated the Reconnaissance Phase in September 2007. The reconnaissance report, released in September 2008, determined that there is a federal interest in proceeding into a watershed-based feasibility study. The next step toward initiation of such a study would be the execution of a Project Partnership Agreement with a non-federal sponsor, which has yet to be identified.

STUDY COST

905 (b) Reconnaissance	\$ <u>100,000</u>
Total	\$100,000

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