



Hackensack Meadowlands Project

New Jersey

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DESCRIPTION

The Hackensack River Basin is situated in the northeasterly part of the State of New Jersey and the most southerly section of State of New York, west of the Hudson River.

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) is the regional planning authority for a 32 square mile district located less than 3 miles from New York City. Section 324 of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992 (P.L. 102-580), as amended by Section 550 of the WRDA 1996, authorizes the Secretary to provide



design and construction assistance to NJMC (at a cost share of 75% federal / 25% non-federal) in the following areas: mitigation, enhancement and acquisition of significant wetlands that contribute to the Meadowlands ecosystem; development and implementation of a regional systems to protect, preserve, and monitor wetlands; water quality monitoring; watershed cleanup at Bellmans and Penhorn Creeks; storm water management research and demonstration; tide gate improvement and reconstruction to control flooding in the Berry's Creek drainage basin; and research and development of a water quality improvement program.

STATUS

Congressionally added appropriations of \$2,500,000 and \$100,000 were made in Fiscal Years 1995 and 2004, respectively, under the Section 324 limit of \$20,000,000. After developing a General Management Plan and executing a Design agreement with the NJMC, the New York District, with the technical support of the Corps' Engineering Research and Design Center (ERDC) performed a hydraulic modeling study of the Hackensack River and its tributaries. The hydraulic modeling study also examined selected possible flood control projects, identified by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission. An overall "parent" model of the Hackensack and its tributaries was completed along with four accompanying detailed "child" models in 2004. At the specific request of the NJMC, the Corps evaluated possible flood reduction measures in the Berry's Creek and Route 7/Belleville Turnpike area of the Meadowlands. Subject to funding from Congress, additional flood control modeling and evaluations may be performed at additional areas within the Meadowlands pending the request and support of the NJMC.

PROJECT COST

Estimated Federal Cost	\$2,600,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	<u>\$ 866,667</u>
Total	\$3,466,667

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