

Joseph G. Minish Passaic River Waterfront Park & Historic Area Newark, New Jersey Project Status October 2008

Phase I construction of the Joseph G. Minish Passaic River Waterfront Park & Historic Area Project in Newark, New Jersey continued this year with the appropriation of \$2.952 million in federal funding. The Project is cost-shared with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, and the City of Newark. A construction contract, referred to as Contract 4A, was awarded in January 2008 and active bulkhead construction began in April 2008 in a base-bid area adjacent to Jackson Street Bridge in Newark.



Above Photo of July 2, 2008 Press Conference with Senator Lautenberg, Representative Sires, Mayor Booker, and Lt. Colonel

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, Representative Albio Sires, Mayor Cory Booker, and Lt. Colonel Kenneth McDonald spoke on-site of the current construction contract at a July 2, 2008 press conference. The government representatives highlighted the progress towards completion of Phase I shoreline stabilization and the community interest for advancement of Phase II/III Waterfront Walkway and Park Development.

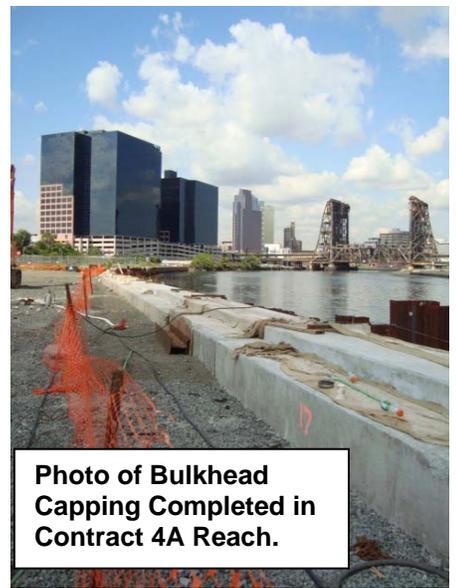


Photo of Bulkhead Capping Completed in Contract 4A Reach.

The completed concrete capping in the base-bid area of Contract 4A is shown in the photo to the left taken September 11, 2008. Construction Contract 4A includes additional bulkhead work further west and riverbank grading and planting activities on the east side of Jackson Street Bridge as shown in the map below. Award of this option work is currently delayed due to real estate access coordination.



Construction Contract 4A Project Area Map.

Phase I bulkhead construction is currently about 1/3 complete with just over 2,200 linear feet of bulkhead constructed. The project will provide 6,000 linear feet of bulkhead from Bridge Street to Jackson Street. Phase I also includes riverbank grading and planting construction for natural shoreline stabilization in Riverbank Park, east of Jackson Street Bridge. Approximately 3,000 linear feet of naturalized shoreline will be restored as part of Phase I construction.

Project partners met on September 23, 2008 to lay out the necessary steps to advance Phase II/II Waterfront Park & Walkway partnering agreements. Phase II/III construction would involve development of a waterfront walkway for bikers and pedestrians for the entire project reach from Bridge Street to Brill Street and would also include development of park amenities including interpretive signage, facilities, recreational elements, benches, and plazas.

For more information and current project photos, see District web page at: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/business/prjlinks/flooding/minish/index.htm>

