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New York District

Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, NJ HIGHLANDS, NJ

Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Highlands study area, about .7 square miles in extent, is located at the eastern limit of the overall Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay study area and is bordered to the north by Sandy Hook Bay, to the west by the corporate limits of Atlantic Highlands, and to the east by the Shrewsbury River and Route 36 bridge. The Borough of Highlands is located in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Highlands is generally about 2,000 feet wide, and its topography is flat for about 1,500 feet onshore from the bay, after which the ground rises rapidly to an elevation of 240 feet NGVD. This is a fully developed community with most year-round residences and commercial establishments located on the low-lying area along the bay. Highlands has a history of devastating flood damages. Approximately 880 residential, trailer home, apartment, and commercial structures are subject to severe flooding with approximately 670 located below 8 feet NGVD. Many low-lying roadways are flooded during severe storm events, cutting off access to large portions of Highlands.

AUTHORIZATION: The current study is authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, U.S. House of Representatives, adopted August 1, 1990.

STATUS: The Feasibility Cost Share Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the non-federal sponsor, was executed on 11 October 2001 that allowed for the Feasibility study to begin. A public Environmental Scoping Meeting was held on February 9, 2004 to solicit input from interested parties. Project area field surveys are ongoing including economic, hydraulic, and environmental analyses necessary to establish baseline conditions and formulate preliminary alternatives.

STUDY COST:

Estimated Federal Cost	\$1,745,900
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	<u>\$1,745,900</u>
Total	\$3,491,800

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