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New York District

Hudson-Raritan Estuary, Liberty State Park Jersey City, New Jersey

Ecosystem Restoration Study

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Hudson-Raritan Estuary, Liberty State Park (LSP) study area is located in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, on the western side of Upper New York Bay. The direct project area is approximately 234 acres of mostly undeveloped semi-degraded parkland within a fenced-off portion of LSP. LSP has experienced severe habitat degradation due to past fill activities, which converted an estuary into an upland environment. In the absence of Federal action, it is anticipated that the study area ecosystem will remain in a degraded condition, with wetland areas dominated by invasive species. In addition, some areas that are currently of higher functional value are expected to degrade in the long term without significant management measures. Restoration alternatives under investigation include reintroduction of tidal wetland habitat, protection and enhancement of freshwater wetlands, and management of allied terrestrial buffer habitats.

AUTHORIZATION: Liberty State Park constitutes an interim response to the Hudson-Raritan Estuary Environmental Restoration Study (HRE-Overall) being carried out under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' General Investigations (GI) Program. That study was authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, dated 15 April 1999, Docket 2596. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is the non-Federal sponsor for the HRE-Overall study; the State of New Jersey will be the sponsor for LSP construction. The LSP project was authorized in WRDA 2007.

STATUS: The Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for Liberty State Park was completed in fall 2005, and approved by HQ. Congressional Authorization to advance to construction was achieved in WRDA 2007. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will be the non-Federal sponsor for the project, and has advanced the pre-construction and engineering design phase (PED) through the Corps' IIS program. Contingent upon funding, construction could begin at LSP in 2009.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost (65%)	\$20,800,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost (35%)	\$11,200,000
Total	\$32,000,000

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