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New York District

RAHWAY RIVER BASIN, NJ

Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Study

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The study area encompasses the Rahway River Basin located in northeastern New Jersey. The Rahway River Basin is 81.9 square miles and lies within the metropolitan area of Greater New York. Flooding within the Rahway River Basin is caused principally by the rapid development of the area, which has resulted in a large increase of storm water runoff.

The most damaging floods of record within the Rahway River Basin resulted from the storms of July 1938, May 1968, August 1971, August 1973, July 1975, June 1992, October 1996, July 1997 and September 1999. These floods have caused damage to houses, businesses, and public infrastructure. Portions of the Rahway River Basin have also suffered environmental degradation and opportunities exist for restoration.

AUTHORIZATION: U.S. House of Representatives Resolution Docket 2548, dated March 24, 1998, authorizes the study of the Rahway River Basin, New Jersey.

STATUS: The 905(b) Preliminary Analysis/Reconnaissance dated July 1999 determined Federal interest to proceed to the cost-shared feasibility phase and to further examine flood protection and ecosystem restoration measures. A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) was executed on March 14, 2002.

Initial Feasibility Study activities including, data gathering, surveys, and site visits within the project study are underway. Potential flood protection and ecosystem restoration alternatives are currently being prepared. A public scoping meeting will be held in Spring 2005 to discuss potential opportunities.

STUDY COST:

Estimated Federal	\$3,200,000
Estimated Non-Federal	<u>\$3,200,000</u>
Total	\$6,400,000

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