



RAHWAY RIVER, NEW JERSEY

Ecosystem Restoration Study

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FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: Located in the City of Rahway, Union County, New Jersey, the Rahway River ecosystem restoration study area is situated immediately north of the Milton Avenue Bridge on the east bank, about 1,200 feet north of the confluence of the north and south branches of the Rahway River. The existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project, consisting of an almost 4,000 ft. levee along the west bank of the Rahway River, has significantly reduced flood damages within the area, but has inadvertently contributed to environmental degradation in the study area through accelerated loss of riparian habitat and wetlands. Potential solutions may include shoreline stabilization, restoring existing wetland habitat and creating new wetland habitat to allow for an increased ability of the entire area to function as a tidally influenced riparian marsh ecosystem. The non-Federal sponsor, the City of Rahway, has indicated intent to study and implement a potential project in partnership with the Corps of Engineers.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 1135 (Modifications for Improvement of Environment) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2309a).

STATUS: The feasibility study was initiated in January 2001. Subject to availability of funding, the Corps will complete the Feasibility Report in late 2005.

STUDY COST:

Estimated Total Cost: \$800,000

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