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New York District

Hudson River, Athens, New York Navigation Project

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The project area is located on the Hudson River in Athens, New York. Athens is on the west bank of the river and separated from the main Hudson River channel by Middle Ground Flats. Commercial activities in Athens require a deeper channel. Currently barges entering Athens cannot be fully loaded due to the existing depths in the Hudson River.

AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project was authorized in Section 110 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1997. The language called for the design and construction of a 300-foot wide channel to a depth of 24 feet (mean low water), extending from the existing Federal Channel in the vicinity of the Hudson City Light to the north dock at Union Street, Athens, New York. The project is cost-shared between the Federal Government and the non-Federal Sponsor in accordance with the cost sharing stipulated in the Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

STATUS: Funds totaling \$300,000 were allocated in 1997 to prepare an initial plan. The Project Viability Report and the Project Management Plan (PMP) outlining the design and construction efforts have been completed. A Design Agreement was executed in August 2000, between the Corps of Engineers and the Greene County Industrial Development Agency.

A survey of the river has been completed and sediment samples have been taken for chemical testing and geotechnical purposes. The initial plan and preliminary project cost have been developed, and an economic analysis has been completed. A public scoping meeting was held May 2002 as part of the development of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Funds for design and construction totaling \$8,700,000 were appropriated in Fiscal Year 1998 and \$3,000,000 in Fiscal Year 1999. The overall design effort (plans & specifications phase) will be completed after the issuing of a Design Report and Environmental Impact Statement for public circulation, which is expected for Fall 2004. A Project Cooperation Agreement for the construction of the project will be executed with a non-Federal sponsor after the Design Report is approved in early 2005.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost	\$19,658,300
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$10,902,700
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Total	\$30,561,000

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