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New York District

# AUSABLE RIVER BASIN, NY

## Flood Control & Environmental Restoration Study

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### FACT SHEET

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Ausable River Basin and Tributaries located in Essex and Clinton Counties, New York, in the northeastern corner of the state. This area is situated approximately 200 miles north of Albany. The problems in the Ausable River Basin study area include flooding and streambank erosion due to high river stages and high velocity flows. The Ausable River Basin covers approximately 500 square miles of land area in the Adirondack State Park. The headwaters originate in the Adirondack Mountains and flow in an easterly direction to the mouth of the river, which discharges into Lake Champlain.

This mountainous northern region is affected by both fluvial and ice jam flooding as is evident by the damages caused in the January '96 snowmelt / ice jam flood event and the November '96 fluvial flood event. Areas within the basin are also plagued by continual erosion of the streambanks due to the steep channel gradients. In January 1998, this region was granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration due to freezing rain, icing and flooding which led to widespread power outages. Most recently, a disaster declaration was issued for the June 1998 flood event that caused the washout of roadways and many small bridges.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The study of the Ausable River, Essex and Clinton Counties, New York is authorized by U. S. House of Representatives Resolution, Docket 2528 dated May 7, 1997.

**STATUS:** The State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has expressed its intent to sponsor this project and is prepared to enter into a feasibility cost sharing agreement (FCSA) for project feasibility, via letter dated 27 May 1997. The Corps finalized the section 905(b) in September 1998, and is currently finalizing the Project Management Plan for conducting the Feasibility Phase. The NYSDEC recently programmed funding for the feasibility study. The NY District and the NYSDEC will sign a FCSA once the project management plan is finalized, and funds have been programmed.

**PROJECT COST:** To be determined (Project Management Plan currently being finalized).

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