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# BRONX RIVER BASIN, WESTCHESTER & BRONX COUNTIES, NY

**Ecosystem Restoration Study**

## FACT SHEET

**DESCRIPTION:** The study area occupies 55 square miles in central and lower Westchester County and Bronx County of the City of New York. The communities lying wholly or partly in the watershed include the Towns of North Castle, Scarsdale, Mount Pleasant, and Greenburgh, the Cities of Yonkers, White Plains, and Mount Vernon, and the central part of Bronx County. Local communities throughout the Bronx River Basin have suffered flooding and environmental degradation as a result of storm events. These storm events produce flooding, riverbank erosion, and habitat loss. The degraded environment has an adverse effect on the general well-being of the watershed.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The study of the Bronx River Basin, Westchester and Bronx Counties, New York, is authorized by the U.S. House of Representatives Resolution 2551 adopted March 24, 1998.

**STATUS:** A Feasibility Study Cost-Sharing Agreement (FCSA) was executed between the Corps of Engineers, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and Westchester County in November 2003.

A programmatic assessment of the entire Bronx River watershed is currently being developed to evaluate spin-off or fast-track sites, in order to demonstrate that projects are being implemented in a logical manner.

The focus of the feasibility study for this fiscal year includes the completion of an existing conditions report for the Bronx River watershed, as well as an assessment of existing conditions and ecological baseline establishment; and the finalization of a process model for generic measures and screening, including target and threshold levels for success criteria. The next step in the feasibility study would be the screening and prioritization of sites and corresponding measures, in terms of their relative abilities to provide restoration improvement.

### FEASIBILITY STUDY COST:

Estimated Federal Cost	\$2,250,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$2,250,000
Total	\$4,500,000

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