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New York District

EAST RIVER / QUEENSBRIDGE SEAWALL, NY

Shoreline Protection & Restoration

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: Built in the 1930's, the East River Seawall in Queensbridge Park is located in Long Island City across the street from the Queensbridge Houses, the largest Federal housing project in the nation. The seawall has been identified by the City of New York as a critical area of concern. The primary study area is located between the Queensboro (59th Street) Bridge and the Keyspan Power Plant in Long Island City and is approximately ¼ mile long. Cracks began to appear in the seawall in 1999. The seawall is now in a severely dilapidated condition and threatens the integrity and operation of the NYC Transit/Metropolitan Transit Authority's cathodic protection system, an integral component of the 63rd Street subway tunnel.

AUTHORIZATION: House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resolution, Docket Number 2689, dated May 22, 2002

STATUS: The District initiated the Reconnaissance Phase in September 2003. The favorable 905(b) reconnaissance report was completed in February 2004. The 905(b) reconnaissance report defined the problems, needs and opportunities for the study area and demonstrated Federal interest. The District is coordinating with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and the New York City Transit Authority to develop and negotiate a Project Management Plan (PMP) and execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) for the Feasibility Study. The draft PMP was provided to the potential sponsor in February 2006, but local interests have not yet made a decision to proceed.

PROJECT COST:

905 (b) Reconnaissance Study	\$ 100,000
Total	\$ 100,000

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