



**US Army Corps  
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New York District

**GREAT SOUTH BAY,  
Town of Babylon, New York**  
Coastal Protection

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**FACT SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Babylon, is located on the south shore of mainland Long Island in Suffolk County, New York. The Town has a 3.4 mile shoreline along the Great South Bay and an extensive canal system. The bay itself is separated from the Atlantic Ocean by a line of barrier beaches interrupted by five inlets. Frequent tidal flooding occurs on low-lying areas with extreme events causing more wide spread flooding. The problem area is densely populated, with a large number of residences situated along the shoreline and canals. Hundreds of residences in the Great South Bay area are affected by even moderate tidal storms experiencing basement and main floor flooding. During these events, submerged streets isolate homeowners and restrict access to emergency vehicles. After the December 1992 northeaster, \$10 million in damages were sustained in the Town of Babylon. Tides rising approximately 4 to 6 feet above normal caused damages to beaches, town properties, and homes.

**AUTHORIZATION:** This study is authorized by a resolution of the US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, adopted 24 September 1997. The purpose of this study is to identify possible solutions to flooding problems in the area.

**STATUS:** A reconnaissance study was initiated in April 1998 and completed in September 1998. The reconnaissance study assessed the flooding problems in the area and determined a likely Federal interest. Coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation indicated that they will act as the non-Federal sponsor for the cost-shared feasibility study. However, funds were not included in the current State budget so the feasibility phase will not be initiated in FY 2003.

**PROJECT COST:( Reconnaissance completed; Program for the Feasibility Study being developed)**

Estimated Federal Cost ( Reconnaissance Phase):	\$100,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$0
Total	\$100,000

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