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HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

Aquatic Habitat Restoration

Town of North Hempstead,
Nassau County, New York

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The aquatic ecosystem of the study area has experienced degradation as a result of increased urbanization of the surrounding upland areas. The primary contributors to the loss of aquatic and wetland habitats are filling and bulkheading activities surrounding the Harbor, increased sediment loading, and nutrient and contaminant runoff from the upland areas into the tributaries of the Harbor. These impacts are reflected in the apparent degraded nature of remaining habitats in and surrounding the Harbor. The proposed project consists of several separate features intended to restore specific areas of degradation, including creation of low tidal marsh habitat, removal of riprap, and the creation of filtration marsh area.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206 of WRDA 1996 [33 U.S.C. 2330].

STATUS: An environmental restoration feasibility study is underway. The project was postponed in FY2004 due to lack of Federal funds. The study will resume subject to the availability of funding, at which point the schedule will be reassessed.

STUDY COST: \$750,000

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