



**US Army Corps
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New York District

Mohawk River Watershed Reconnaissance Study

**Environmental Restoration
and Flood Damage Reduction**

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The New York District Corps of Engineers has initiated a Federally-funded reconnaissance level study to determine if Federal interest in watershed-based flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, navigation and other allied water resources problems and opportunities are advisable for the Mohawk River Watershed, New York.

In light of the recurrence of fluvial flood damage over the past several years, including flooding, erosion, navigation impacts and road washouts from the storms of June 2005, October 2005, June 2006 and April 2007 the Corps of Engineers will examine the entire watershed. These storms resulted in damages to the Barge Canal, operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, as well as flood damages throughout communities and municipalities in the Mohawk River Watershed, such as the Village of Catskill, Village of Mohawk, Village of Ilion, and Towns of Frankfort and German Flatts, as well as many others.

This reconnaissance study will examine the current field conditions and study criteria to determine whether any watershed-based opportunities for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, navigation or other allied purposes exist for continued Federal participation during detailed evaluation and construction. As part of this study, the water resources problem(s) in the area will be identified as will potential solutions to the problem(s). Determination of Federal interest in the project will be based on the preliminary screening of alternatives, specifically the costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of those alternatives, as well as the extent of support by local officials and interested parties. If continued study and project development by the Federal government is justified, this study will be followed by a more detailed cost-shared feasibility-level study.

AUTHORIZATION: The New York District Corps of Engineers is conducting the study under authority of a resolution adopted on September 20, 2006 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives.

STATUS: The District initiated the Reconnaissance Phase in September. Three public meetings will be held by the District in January 2008, dates and locations are to be determined. The 905(b) reconnaissance report is scheduled to be complete in May 2008. The 905(b) reconnaissance report will define the problems, needs and opportunities for the study area and demonstrated Federal interest. The District is coordinating with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, County and Municipal agencies, and the New York State Canal Corporation to complete the report and eventually develop and negotiate a Project Management Plan (PMP) for the Feasibility Study.

PROJECT COST:

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| 905 (b) Reconnaissance Study | | \$ 200,000 |
| | Total | \$ 200,000 |

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