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New York District

# MONTAUK POINT, NY

Hurricane & Storm Damage Reduction

## FACT SHEET

**DESCRIPTION:** The Montauk Point study area, including the historic lighthouse, is located on a bluff at the eastern end of the southern fork of Long Island in the Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, NY. It is approximately 125 miles east of New York City. The Point separates the Atlantic Ocean to the south from the Block Island Sound to the north. The area surrounding the lighthouse is operated as a State park and is used primarily by fishermen and sightseers.

The Montauk Point Lighthouse was commissioned by President Washington and completed in 1796. It is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Since its construction, the lighthouse has served as an important navigation aid for the first land encountered by ships headed for New York Harbor and Long Island Sound, as well as other ports on the eastern seaboard. Its original position was approximately 300 feet from the eastern tip of Long Island, but the combined forces of storm induced erosion and long term constant erosion now leave less than 50 feet of land in front of the structure. The entire State park, which surrounds the lighthouse complex, is being increasingly threatened by the loss of protective beachfront land.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The Montauk Point study is authorized by a resolution of the Committee on the Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate adopted 15 May 1991. Project construction is authorized in Section 1001 (36) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

**STATUS:** A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed in April 2000 with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The recommended plan of improvement identified in the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (dated October 2005) entails the placement of an 840-foot long stone revetment to cover the most critically eroding area of Montauk Point, in order to avoid the eventual total loss of the historic lighthouse complex.

The Final Report of the Chief of Engineers on the Montauk Point, New York, Hurricane & Storm Damage Reduction Project was provided to Congress on March 31, 2006 for their information in considering construction authorization. A Design Agreement for the detailed design phase is currently being coordinated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**PROJECT COST:**

Estimated Federal Cost	\$7,126,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	<u>\$7,126,000</u>
Total	\$14,252,000

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