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New York District

PORT JEFFERSON HARBOR

Oyster Habitat Restoration, Brookhaven, New York

Ecosystem Restoration Project

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: This study is currently underway in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven to evaluate the feasibility of restoring oyster habitat, potentially including an oyster reef and/or oyster spatfall area within Port Jefferson Harbor. The water quality and benthic habitat of Port Jefferson Harbor have been degraded over the past century due to sand mining activities, channel dredging, pollution, and the development of the port area. The study will identify a solution which restores the aquatic ecosystem structure, function and processes to a less degraded, more natural state, which can be implemented in a manner that minimizes project costs, maximizes environmental benefits, and is environmentally acceptable.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206 of WRDA 1996.

STATUS: The District has completed a Preliminary Restoration Plan in December 2000 and initiated preparation of an Ecosystem Restoration Report in April 2001. Interagency scoping meetings were held in June 2001 to identify candidate sites for restoration, and determine the necessary data collection. The study is presently on hold, as the District confirms the necessary environmental data collection with the regulatory agencies. The schedule for completing the planning, design and environmental analysis has not been established, due to the need to confirm the scope of the necessary environmental investigations.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Study Cost	\$140,000

Total Study Cost:	\$140,000

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