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# **SOUNDVIEW PARK**

## **Bronx, New York**

### **Ecosystem Restoration Study**

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#### **FACT SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** The lower Bronx River estuary once supported a network of saltmarshes, wetland and upland meadows, and oak-hickory forests. Soundview Park encompasses 158 acres along the east bank of the lower Bronx River as it empties into the East River. It has experienced extreme aquatic ecosystem habitat degradation due to coastal filling and shore hardening. Opportunities exist to restore part of the historic natural ecosystem in an area that has been adversely affected by intense development.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Section 206 of WRDA 1996, Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration [22 U.S.C. 2330].

**STATUS:** The District completed a Preliminary Restoration Plan, which concluded positive Federal interest. The next step, the feasibility study phase, in which ecosystem restoration options are investigated, has been initiated. In accordance with the Feasibility Phase Project Management Plan (scope of work), initial tasks including data collection began in September 2003. Due to programmatic funding constraints for Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206) projects, work on Soundview Park was suspended in 2004, but the feasibility study resumed in 2005, with data collection, field work and analysis. Completion of the feasibility report is scheduled for 2009.

#### **FEASIBILITY PROJECT COST:**

Estimated Federal Cost	\$900,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	<u>0</u>
Total	\$900,000

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