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New York District

**WILD BRANCH
OF LAMOILLE RIVER, VT**
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: Wild Branch of the Lamoille River is located in the Town of Craftsbury, Orleans County and the Town of Wolcott, Lamoille County, Vermont. Wolcott is approximately 23 miles north of the Montpelier. The Wild Branch is a tributary to the Lamoille River. The study area for the proposed restoration is a 7.2-mile reach of the Wild Branch.

The drainage area at the upstream limits of the study area is approximately 19 square miles. The existing water resource problem is that the Wild Branch is unstable, and this instability continues to severely degrade the aquatic habitat ecosystem. Deposition of silts and sediments, erosion of the streambanks, destruction of the riparian buffer and covering of the natural substrate all contribute to the deterioration of the aquatic habitat.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended. (33 U.S.C. 2330)

STATUS: The NY District completed a preliminary restoration report (PRP) in March 2003, which determined that there is Federal interest in continuing into the feasibility phase of study. In a letter dated February 18, 2002, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VTANR) indicated its willingness to act as the non-Federal sponsor. The position of the potential sponsor at this point in time is unknown.

Subject to the availability of Federal funds and identification of a non-federal sponsor, a feasibility study could be initiated in 2006.

STUDY COST:

Preliminary Restoration Plan (100% Federal)	\$10,000
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 Sen. Patrick Leahy, VT
 Rep. Bernard Sanders, VT