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U. S. Army Corps Of Engineers Announces The Extension Of The Comment Period For The Draft Integrated Feasibility Report And Environmental Assessment For The Hudson River Habitat Restoration Study

NEW YORK – Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (NY District), is currently conducting a Habitat Restoration Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study of the Hudson River Basin from the Troy Lock and Dam to the Governor Mario M. Cuomo (formerly Tappan Zee) Bridge. The non-Federal project partner for the study is the New York Department Environmental Conservation. The study was authorized by section 551 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-303).

The New York District, announces the extension of the comment period of Hudson River Habitat Restoration Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (Draft FR/EA) for an additional 30-days to close on August 26, 2019.

The District is requesting comments and information to assist in gathering data to further inform the decision making process and the refinement of the restoration plan.

Purpose: The NY District has evaluated and prepared a Draft FR/EA for the Hudson River Basin. Alternatives developed were evaluated and compared to identify a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP). The TSP consists of ecosystem restoration at five sites including:

- Restoration of 2 side channels with adjacent wetlands (38 acres) and wetlands (144 acres) at Binnen Kill and Schodack Island;
- Restoration of shorelines (0.5 miles) and wetlands (4 acres) at Henry Hudson Park; and
- Restoration of Tributary Connectivity through the removal or partial removal of 4 dams and or impediments along Rondout and Moodna Creeks opening up a total of 17 miles of high quality habitat for migratory fish.

The report and associated documents are available on New York District's web site:

<https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Restoration/Hudson-River-Habitat-Restoration/>

Please submit comments¹ on this Draft Integrated FR/EA via email to HRHR_FREA_Comments@usace.army.mil

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¹ Comments submitted will assist in the agency's evaluation of the project changes and will be reflected in the project record. All written comments, including contact information, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers' Internet website. Due to resource limitations, this office generally cannot acknowledge receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comments.