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Ms. Christine Weydig- Director
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Dear Ms. Weydig:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA Section 1002 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests a notification of feasibility study milestone schedules for all active studies that received Investigation appropriations from October 1, 2009 until June 10, 2014. Studies initiated after June 10, 2014 also require notification of milestones within 90 days of signing the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. Notification is also required when milestones have changed.

Similar to the letter you received from me on March 26, 2018, this certified letter provides the current study schedule for the five key milestones associated with the Flushing Creek and Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study and the Hudson Raritan Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study:

| Milestone | Milestone Date |
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| Release of Draft Feasibility Report | February 27, 2017 |
| District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report | February 11, 2020 |
| MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report | N/A |
| Civil Works Review Board (Senior Leaders Panel) | N/A |
| Chief's Report | May 26, 2020 |

As you are aware, the recommendations from the Flushing Creek and Bay Feasibility Study, as well as the HRE-Hackensack Meadowlands, HRE-Lower Passaic River, Bronx River Basin and Jamaica Bay, Marine Park, Plumb Beach Feasibility Studies, were incorporated in the Hudson Raritan Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (FR/EA), meeting the conditions established within each studies' Feasibility Cost Share Agreement.

The Final FR/EA and Chief's Report was approved by the Chief of Engineers, LTG Semonite on May 26, 2020 which recommended the restoration of 20 individual restoration sites and future feasibility studies. The Recommended Plan included restoration of approximately 381 acres of estuarine wetland habitat including 16 acres/six miles of tidal channels, 50 acres of freshwater riverine wetland habitat, 27 acres of coastal and maritime forest habitat, 39 acres of shallow water habitat and 52 acres of oyster habitat. Two fish ladders would be installed, and three weirs would be modified to re-introduce or expand fish passage (24 miles) and control flow rate and water volume along the Bronx River. Additionally, 1.6 miles of streambank restoration and 72 acres of stream bed and channel restoration is recommended.

Up-to-date study schedules will be posted and available to the public on the New York District website (<https://www.nan.usace.army.mil>). All schedules will also be submitted in an annual report to Congress. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Baron, Project Manager, at 917-790-8306.

Sincerely,



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