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Philadelphia District

PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Musconetcong River Dam Removals
Bloomsbury, NJ**

September 2009

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. Garrett (NJ-5) and Lance (NJ-7)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
Continuing Authorities / Feasibility

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Ecosystem Restoration

AUTHORITY: Water Resources Development Act of 1996, Section 206, Aquatic Restoration.

LOCATION: The dams are located on the Musconetcong River near Bloomsbury, NJ.

DESCRIPTION: This project is investigating the removal of dams along a Federally-designated National Wild and Scenic River in an effort to restore the river to its natural condition and promote migratory fish passage. Free flowing rivers are nationally scarce. This project could reconnect approximately 13 miles of the Musconetcong River and provide new foraging and spawning habitat for migratory fish, such as American shad, river herring, and American Eel. Improvements to migratory fish passage are critical priorities to local, state and Federal resource agencies. In addition, the Musconetcong River is one of several rivers deemed eligible for designation as a “Waterway Trail” under the New Jersey State Trails Plan.

STATUS: FY09 funds were used to initiate a feasibility study and to identify which dams would be the best candidates for removal. Carryover funds and FY10 funds will be used to complete the feasibility study, execute a project partnership agreement, complete the plans and specs, and award a construction contract.

**FINANCIAL
DATA (\$000)**

	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Feasibility	200	100	300
Design & Implementation			TBD

BUDGET

DATA (\$000) Comments

Thru FY 08	0	
FY 09	100	
FY 10	TBD	

SPONSOR: To be determined.

COMMENTS: A coordination meeting was held in September 2009 with a partnership of agencies and organizations (Federal, state, and non-profit) that are leading the efforts to remove dams along the Musconetcong River. It was determined during the meeting that the Corps would focus the feasibility study on Bloomsbury Dam, located in the Borough of Bloomsbury and Greenwich Township.

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