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PROJECT FACT SHEET

New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway Environmental Restoration

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. LoBiondo (NJ-2), Saxton (NJ-3).

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
General Investigations / Feasibility

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Ecosystem Restoration

AUTHORITY: House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 12, 1996.

LOCATION: The study area includes a 70-mile portion of the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway (NJIWW) located between Great Bay on the north and Delaware Bay on the south.

DESCRIPTION: Decades of maintenance dredging along this Federal navigation project have generated millions of cubic yards of dredged material. This material has been placed in numerous upland and overboard disposal sites located in environmentally sensitive areas within the shallow bays, waterways, and wetlands along the NJIWW. Dredged material disposal has become increasingly difficult as existing sites are filled to capacity while more stringent environmental regulations restrict some dredging and disposal activities. Many of these disposal areas have negatively impacted the local habitat and thus present a significant opportunity for ecosystem restoration. However, dredged material can be a valuable resource for beneficial uses such as habitat creation and erosion protection. Current and future dredging requirements must consider environmentally acceptable disposal options to assure adequate capacity. This study has identified opportunities for ecosystem restoration throughout the NJIWW and bay system, as well as modifications to current O&M practices with an emphasis on beneficial uses of dredged material.

STATUS: A draft feasibility report was submitted for policy review in April 2004. NAD/HQ reviewers recommended a complete restructuring of the report. After receiving non-Federal sponsor concurrence, the District requested and was approved for additional funds of \$300,000 (\$150K Federal, \$150K non-Federal) in FY06-FY07 to revise the feasibility report. A revised draft feasibility report will be submitted to NAD in November 2008 with a recommendation to implement the selected plan under Section 204 of the Continuing Authorities Program. Remaining General Investigation funding will be reprogrammed.

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FINANCIAL

DATA (\$000)	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Reconnaissance	100	0	100
Feasibility	1,590	1,590	3,180

BUDGET

DATA (\$000)	Comments
FY 02	150
FY 03	0
FY 04	0
FY 05	0
FY 06	84
FY 07	66

SPONSOR: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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