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PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Rancocas Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project
Burlington County, NJ**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Rep. Saxton (NJ-3)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
Continuing Authorities / Feasibility

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Ecosystem Restoration

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

LOCATION: Mill Dam is located in Mount Holly, Burlington County, New Jersey on the North Branch of Rancocas Creek. This dam represents the first blockage to migratory fish on the North Branch of Rancocas Creek. Rancocas Creek is a major tributary of the Delaware River in Southern New Jersey.

DESCRIPTION: The goal of the Rancocas Creek Fish Passage Project is to provide passage for migratory fish including American shad, blue-back herring, alewife, and American eel. Fish passage options at Mill Dam, including a fish ladder or dam removal, will provide access to approximately eight miles of stream.

Fish passage facilities would allow migratory fish into former spawning and foraging areas upstream and greatly benefit the entire Rancocas Creek ecosystem. Many anadromous fish spawning runs located throughout the mid-Atlantic states, including New Jersey, have been lost through the construction of dams that are impassable to such species as American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*), alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) and blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*).

STATUS: FY08 capability funds in the amount of \$50K would be used complete an Environmental Assessment and further progress on the plans and specs for the project.

**FINANCIAL
DATA (\$000)**

	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Feasibility	175	75	250
Design & Implementation	650	350	1,000
TOTAL	825	425	1.250

BUDGET

DATA (\$000)	Comments
Thru FY 06	135
FY 07	0
FY 08	140
	FY08 Capability

SPONSOR: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has been identified as the tentative non-Federal sponsor.

COMMENTS: Including environmental status, critical issues/concerns, other districts involved

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