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PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Upper Delaware River Watershed,
New York**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. Hall (NY-19), Gillibrand (NY-20), Hinchey (NY-22).

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
General Investigations / Reconnaissance

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Watershed Planning

AUTHORITY: U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Resolution No. 2495, Upper Delaware River Watershed, NY adopted May 9, 1996.

LOCATION: The study area is located in southeastern New York about 45 miles southwest of Albany, N.Y. It encompasses the Delaware River, its tributaries and four major sub-basins.

DESCRIPTION: Initial impetus for the study was the January 1996 storm events, which caused extensive flood damage, especially in Delaware County, N.Y. Over \$15 million in damages to businesses, residences, roads and bridges occurred throughout the basin area.

STATUS: An expedited 905(b) reconnaissance study addendum has been approved. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has agreed to execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement for the Livingston Manor study.

Based on recent flood events and corresponding field visits of problem areas in the Upper Delaware River Watershed with other agencies, three interim feasibility studies would be initiated to 1) investigate flood damage reduction and environmental restoration for the Little Beaver Kill and Willowemoc Creek in the Town of Rockland (Livingston Manor) and 2) investigate flood damage reduction in the Upper Delaware River Basin by means of ecosystem restoration, i.e. reconnecting rivers and streams to their floodplains (Upper Delaware River Floodplain Reconnection) and the third would be a Comprehensive Upper Delaware River Watershed Study to evaluate alternatives in the larger watershed beyond those options considered in the floodplain reconnection study. The focus of this third effort will initially focus on the community of Callicoon.

FINANCIAL

DATA (\$000)

	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Reconnaissance	150	0	150
Update Reconnaissance	148	0	148
Feasibility (Livingston Manor)	500	500	1,000
Feasibility (Upper Delaware River Floodplain Reconnection)	1,000	1,000	2,000
Comprehensive Upper Delaware River Watershed	1,000	1,000	2,000

BUDGET

DATA (\$000)

		Comments
Thru FY06	150	
FY 07	0	
FY 08	689	
FY 09	TBD	

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SPONSOR: The NYSDEC will be the sponsor of the Livingston Manor Study. The Nature Conservancy will serve as the non-Federal sponsor for the Upper Delaware River Floodplain Reconnection study as authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. A combination of all or some of the following could serve as the non federal sponsor for a Comprehensive Upper Delaware River Watershed: NYSDEC, TNC, TU, OSI and others.

COMMENTS: All three interim feasibility studies require execution of Feasibility Cost Share Agreements.

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