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Delaware River Basin Comprehensive NY, NJ, DE & PA

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APPROPRIATION / PHASE:

General Investigations / Reconnaissance/Feasibility

BUSINESS PROGRAM:

Watershed Planning

AUTHORITY: On July 20, 2005 the United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works requested that the Secretary of the Army review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Delaware River and its tributaries, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, published as House Document 179, Seventy Third Congress, Second Session.

LOCATION: The Delaware River Basin is located in 28 counties in portions of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania and drains an approximate area of 12,765 square miles.

DESCRIPTION: The Delaware River Basin has experienced considerable degradation over the past two hundred years due to urbanization and industrialization; however, it remains a vast and valuable ecosystem, which includes the Atlantic flyway, the final stopover for millions of migratory birds. This study will use a comprehensive approach in cooperation with recent and ongoing initiatives to address restoration needs including: ecosystem restoration, protection and enhancement; beneficial use of dredged material; water quality control (including acid mine drainage abatement with dredged material); floodplain management and flood damage protection; and associated land resources. The objectives of this study are to: restore and protect the watershed; preserve open space and farmland; reclaim abandoned mines and wells; adopt sound land use planning practices; make infrastructure investments that do not promote sprawl; and invest in restoring public lands. The reconnaissance study was initiated in February 2002 and completed in May 2003. It assessed the Federal interest for further feasibility studies regarding potential solutions in accordance with Section 729 of WRDA 1986. A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was signed for New Jersey in July 2006. In order to complete the reconnaissance phase and proceed into the Feasibility Study Phase in Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware, Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreements must be signed.

STATUS: FY07 funds were used to continue the feasibility study and collect background data. FY08 funds are being used to establish without project conditions and FY 09 funds will be used to determine alternative solutions.

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FINANCIAL DATA (\$000)	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Reconnaissance	450	0	450
NJ Feasibility	2,000	2,000	4,000

BUDGET DATA (\$000)		Comments
Thru FY 04	450	
FY 05	72	
FY 06	124	
FY 07	350	
FY 08	247	

SPONSOR: The non-Federal sponsor for the feasibility phase in New Jersey is the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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