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PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Schuylkill River Estuarine
Philadelphia, PA**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. Brady (PA-1), Fattah (PA-2)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
General Investigations / Reconnaissance

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Watershed Planning

AUTHORITY: Resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives on the Schuylkill River Basin, Pennsylvania, adopted March 16, 2000, Docket 2626.

LOCATION: The Schuylkill River estuary, located in Philadelphia, southeastern Pennsylvania, drains a 2,100-square-mile watershed encompassing ten counties and empties into the Delaware River. The focus of this study includes the tidal portion of the river and environs, from the Fairmount Dam to its meeting with the Delaware River, and including approximately 8 linear miles of waterway and the surrounding floodplain.

DESCRIPTION: The Schuylkill River Estuary has been heavily urbanized since the early 19th century and the shoreline altered by human activity. A Reconnaissance Study initiated in the spring of 2003 determined Federal interest in further feasibility studies regarding environmental restoration and protection, stream corridor management, flood control, recreation, water quality control, and other related water resources issues and needs of this primarily urban river ecosystem. This study involved a comprehensive review of existing and new information, and ongoing endeavors in the study area. A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) is being negotiated with the City of Philadelphia Water Department to facilitate initiation of the Feasibility Phase. During the Feasibility Study, measures to restore and protect the tidal Schuylkill River will be evaluated. Measures may include restoration of streambanks, riparian and wetland areas, brownfields re-use, providing public access to the waterway and dedicated greenway corridors, and acquiring critical lands to serve as buffer zones. The Reconnaissance Phase is scheduled for completion in 2007 with the signing of a FCSA.

STATUS: FY 2009 funds could be used to sign a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement and initiate the feasibility study and FY 2010 funds would be used to continue the feasibility study.

FINANCIAL

DATA (\$000)	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Reconnaissance	235	0	235
Feasibility	650	650	1,300

BUDGET

DATA (\$000)		Comments
Thru FY 04	195	
FY 05	40	
FY 06	74	
FY 07	0	
FY 08	0	

Schuylkill River Estuarine, Philadelphia, PA *(continued)*

SPONSOR: The City of Philadelphia, Water Department, Office of Watersheds

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