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Scajaquada Creek, Buffalo, NY

Section 1135 Habitat Focus Area

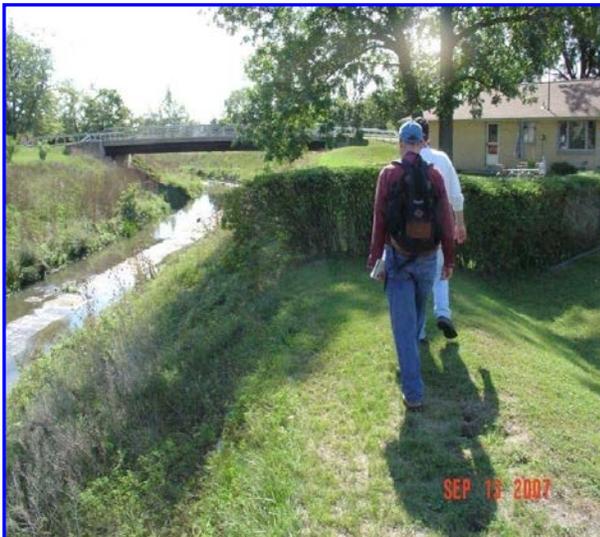
Project Location: Scajaquada Creek is located in the geographic boundaries of the city of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. The creek is a tributary to the Niagara River. The watershed is a 29 square mile urbanized sub-watershed of the Lake Ontario basin.

Project Description: Scajaquada Creek is located in a heavily developed area and has been highly manipulated resulting in degraded water quality, hydrologic regime, wildlife habitat and overall stream health. The Federal Scajaquada Creek flood control project built by the Corps of Engineers in 1981, which is upstream of the impacted area, may be one of the causes of the creek's degradation. Habitat may be further degraded by the channel separation from Hoyt Lake and the Grant Street Finger dam which is approximately 15 river miles from the mouth of the Niagara River.

Non-Federal Partner: The Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper sent a Letter of Interest to act as the non-Federal sponsor in January 2012.

Project Benefits: This project will provide for aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that will improve the quality of the environment, are in the public interest, and are cost effective. Improvements and enhancements to the creek will be determined as the project develops. The project, if implemented, will significantly restore the creek habitat, in direct support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan in Focus Area 4: Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration. It will also contribute to the goals outlined in the Great Lakes basin-wide management plan developed by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, leading to the achievement of plan goals and improving aquatic ecosystem resiliency by protecting and restoring aquatic habitats, increasing native populations, and improving water quality in the Scajaquada Creek and surrounding areas.

Project Status: The Determination of Federal Interest for this project is positive. Since several restoration projects are on-going at Scajaquada Creek, the non-Federal sponsor and the Buffalo District agreed to pursue the 1135 project at a later date. The next phase will be to sign the FCSA and initiate the Feasibility Study.



Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$1,125,000
Nonfederal	\$375,000
Total	\$1,500,000
FY 11 Funding	
Actual	\$50,000
FY 12 & 13 Funding	
Actual	\$0
FY 14 Funding	
Capability	\$0

Project Milestones	
Final DFI submitted to LRD	Feb 12
LRD approved DFI submittal	Mar 12
Sign FCSA	Sep 14
Begin Feasibility Phase	Feb 15

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