

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
BUFFALO DISTRICT

THATCHER BROOK, GRANNIS BROOK & CATTARAUGUS CREEK,  
GOWANDA, NEW YORK  
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FLOOD DAMAGE SURVEY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Buffalo District is conducting a survey of commercial entities that fall within the flood plain of Thatcher Brook, Grannis Brook and Cattaraugus Creek in Gowanda, NY. The purpose of this survey is to collect information that will help the USACE better determine the anticipated damages associated with respective flood events. The increased understanding of economic outcomes derived from the surveys of commercial businesses along with their respective property and inventory values will help us to more accurately quantify the benefits of potential flood mitigation projects in the subject area. You have been invited to participate in this survey to ensure that your concerns are reflected in our analysis.

**Answers to these questions are voluntary and there is no issue in declining to participate. Your response, however, will be appreciated and will aid our planning effort.**

Individual business responses will be collected and tabulated to form an aggregate damage assessment. Responses will not be published by names of individuals or businesses surveyed. Responses will be anonymous. Comments provided will only be shared with planning staff at the USACE during evaluation of the overall study. Reports generated with these evaluations will show results only as an aggregated total of all responses.

Individual and business responses will be retained in our files as backup data and after the study is completed, remanded to a storage facility and managed in accordance with AR 25-400-2 records retention requirements.

Only the tabulated aggregated totals of the types of responses will be published in a report that will be circulated to governmental agencies and the general public for planning purposes.

The USACE point of contact for questions about this survey and its processing is Mr. Stephen Stalikas, Project Economist, USACE, Buffalo District, Telephone (716) 879-4215, fax (716) 879-4462 and E-MAIL: [Stephen.M.Stalikas@usace.army.mil](mailto:Stephen.M.Stalikas@usace.army.mil).