US Army Corps of Engineers
Buffalo District

FACT SHEET

October 2013

Special Studies – New York State

Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act, as amended
General Investigations

Location

- Streams and rivers located within the Buffalo District boundaries

Project Description

- A Special Study will create a hydrologic and hydraulic model for portions of identified creeks and streams
- The study will determine the 1% and 2% chance of exceedence rate (100 and 500-year flood plain) in the area

Importance

- Updated flood plain information will assist local officials in zoning and flood plain management in the community

Consequences

- Without an updated study the communities will not have accurate and current flood plain information

Project Phase*	Estimated Federal Cost	Federal Funding Thru FY12	FY13 Requirement	FY13 Budget	FY14 Requirement	FY14 Budget
Special Study – Thatcher Brook, Gowanda	$250k	$0	$125k	$0	$125k	$0
Special Study- Finger Lakes	$250k	$0	$125k	$0	$125k	$0
Special Study- St. Lawrence County	$250k	$0	$125k	$0	$125k	$0
Special Study – Jefferson County	$250k	$0	$125k	$0	$125k	$0

*Special Studies are 100% Federally Financed

Project Sponsor/Customer

- New York State

Congressional Interests

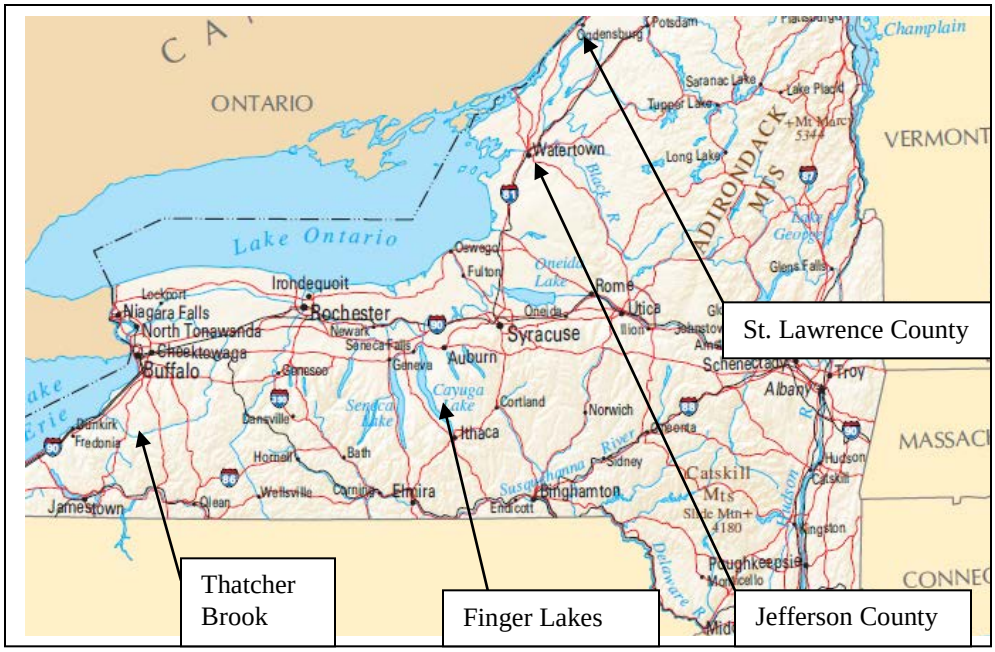
- Representative Bill Owens D-NY-21
- Representative Richard Hanna R-NY-22
- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23
- Representative Daniel Maffei D-NY-24
- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

Current Status

- These studies have not been initiated due to lack of funding

Issues

- Limited funding in the Flood Plain Management Program has been insufficient to initiate new projects
- Prioritization will occur for unmapped or water bodies in need of updating for each of the studies



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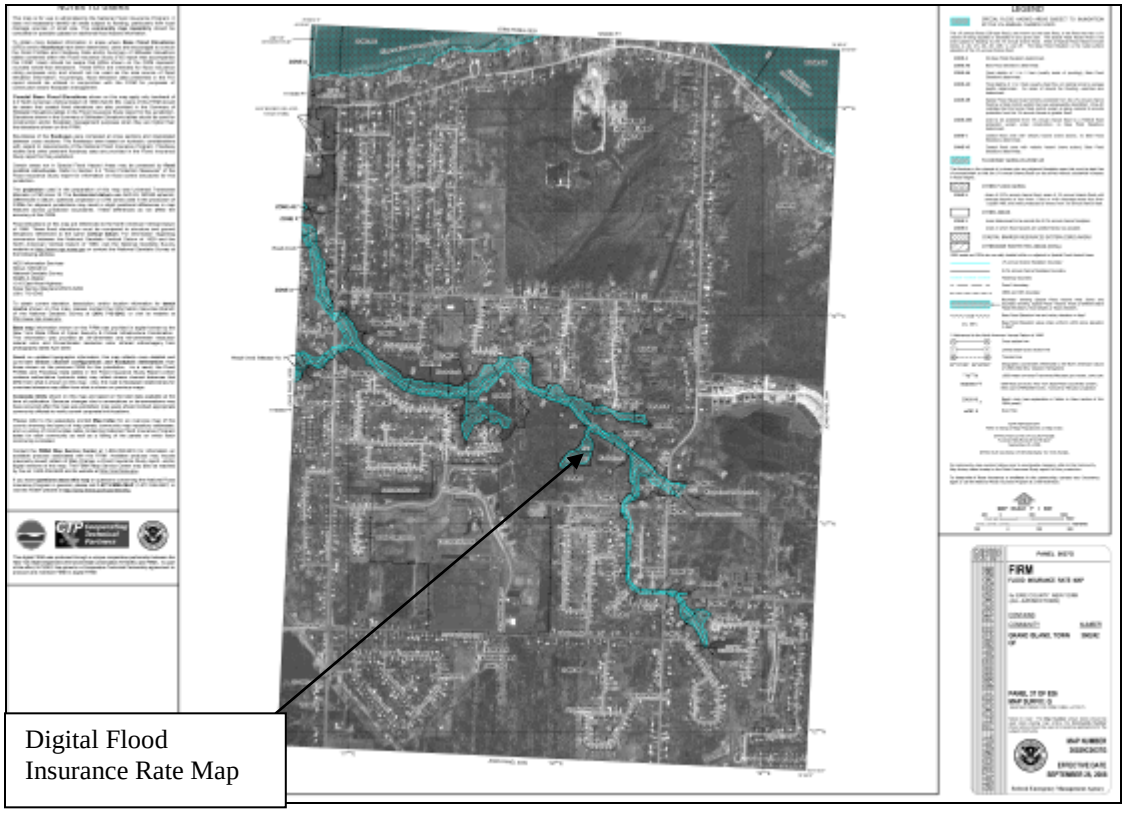

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