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FACT SHEET

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SCAJAQUADA CREEK, BUFFALO, NY

Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment

Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Scajaquada Creek is located in the geographic boundaries of the City of Buffalo, NY. The creek is a tributary to the Niagara River

Project Description

- Scajaquada Creek is located in a heavily developed area and has been highly manipulated. If implemented, creek habitat could be significantly restored with increased native populations and improvements in water quality
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal

- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 75% Federal and 25% non-Federal

Importance

- The water quality, hydrologic regime, wildlife habitat, and overall stream health has been degraded and could benefit from restoration measures

Consequence

- Highly degraded tributary to the Great Lakes will not be restored and benefits to water quality and habitat will not be realized

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY14	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Budget	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget
Feasibility ¹	TBD	\$50k*	\$50k	\$0	\$0k	\$0

(1) First \$100k is at 100% Federal expense.

*\$50k funded through Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Program

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper submitted a letter of request in December 2007 and another letter in January 2012

Congressional Interests

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

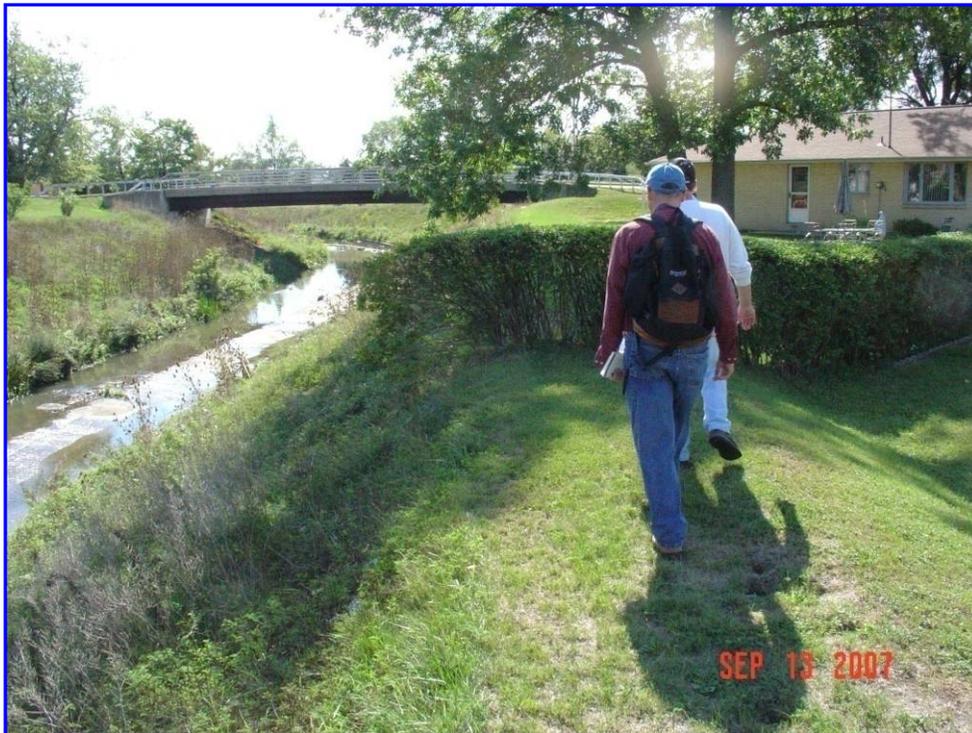
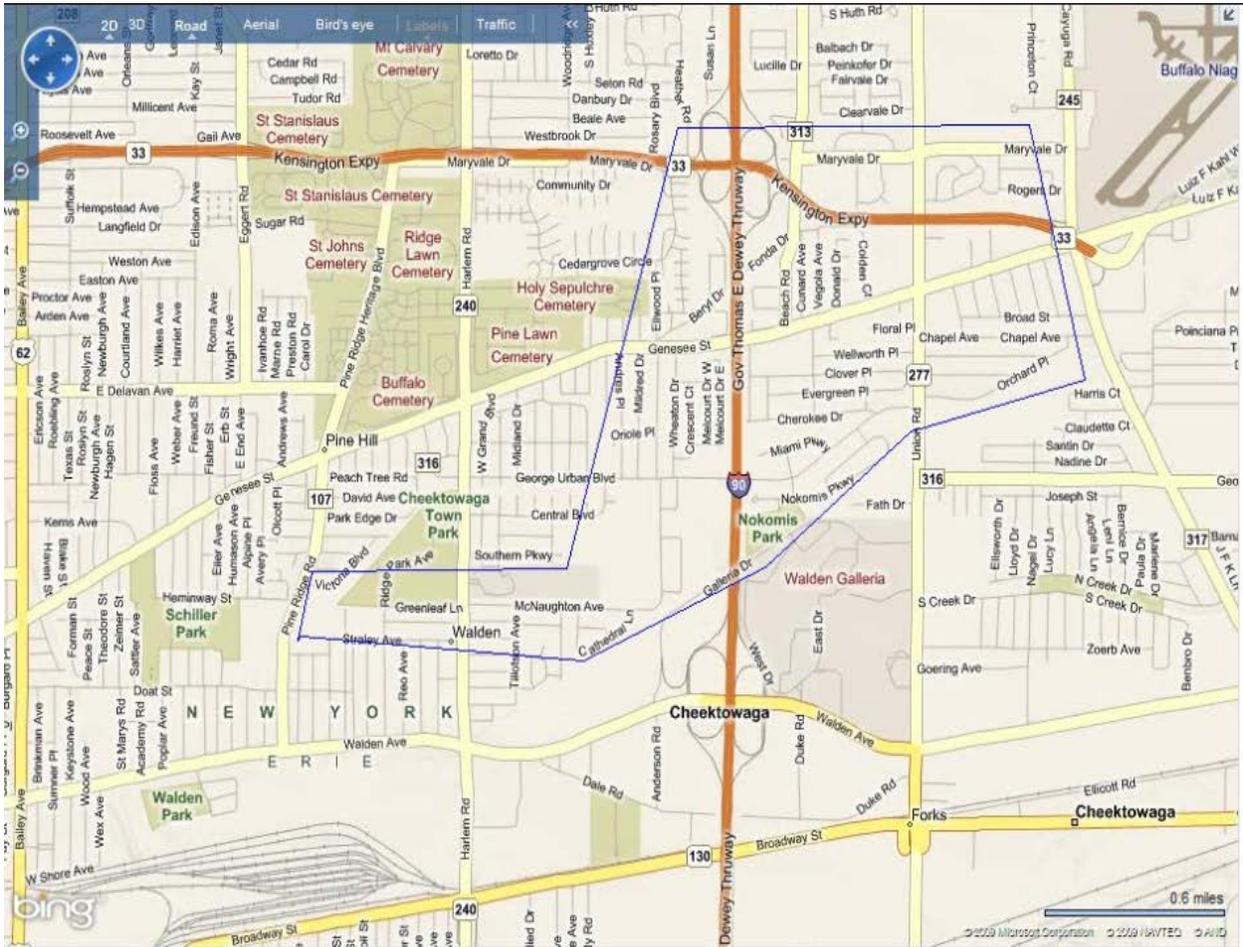
Current Status

- The Determination of Federal Interest (DFI) was completed with GLRI funds in May 2011. The DFI has a positive

finding. Since several restoration projects are on-going at Scajaquada Creek, the non-Federal sponsor and the Buffalo District agreed to possibly pursue the 1135 project at a later date. The next phase will be to sign the FCSA and initiate the Feasibility Study

Issues

- Project requires additional funding to move forward



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