



Eighteenmile Creek Comprehensive Watershed Study, NY

Section 729 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended

Location

- The Eighteenmile Creek watershed is located in Niagara County in western NY

Project Description

- The Corps has the authority to assess water resource needs related to ecosystem protection and restoration; flood damage reduction; navigation and ports; and water supply in a watershed. The strategic plan will place emphasis on collaboration and consensus building with all relevant Federal, State, and local stakeholders to maximize implementation of actions identified in both the Eighteenmile Creek Remedial Action Plan and the Lake Ontario Management Plan
- Initial Watershed Assessment phase is 100% Federal

Importance

- The watershed management study will result in a strategic plan to guide sustainable development and environmental restoration

in the watershed. The plan will recommend alternatives and measures to address (among others) comprehensive ecosystem restoration including habitat and wetland restoration, prevention of future environmental losses, elimination of bacterial loadings and pollutants of concern, improvements to navigation channels, analysis of flood control operations to ensure that they are meeting evolving conditions, and improvement of combined sanitary sewers and home sewage disposal

Consequences

- Without the study the Eighteenmile Creek watershed stakeholders will continue to work in the watershed on a project by project basis without the benefits of a strategic watershed plan to reference and use to guide further comprehensive and multipurpose planning and implementation of sustainable solutions to their complex water resource problems

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding Thru FY14	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Budget	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget
Initial Watershed Assessment	\$100k	\$0	\$100k	\$0	\$100k	\$0

Project Sponsor/Customer

- The Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District submitted a Letter of Intent on September 1, 2006

Congressional Interests

- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

Current Status

- Study is unstarted and will be begin upon receipt of funds

Issues

- No funds have been appropriated to initiate this study



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