



**FACT SHEET**  
**Niagara River, NY - Ecosystem Restoration**  
No Current Authority  
General Investigations

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**Location**

- The Niagara River watershed is located in Erie and Niagara Counties in Western New York.

**Project Description**

- The study would result in the production of a Section 905(b) Reconnaissance Analysis for possible ecosystem restoration (reconstruction of fish and wildlife habitats, e.g. islands and wetlands) along the U.S. shoreline of the Niagara River, NY
- Pending a positive Reconnaissance Study, a full scale feasibility study would be conducted

**Importance**

- Potential ecosystem measures are being formulated on the local level using funds provided by the Niagara Power Project relicensing settlement. Federal matching funds are limited by relatively

scant funding in General Investigations, Continuing Authorities and other programs

- The intent of this reconnaissance/feasibility study would be to consider and evaluate a wide range of ecosystem restoration measures on the Niagara River to ultimately be considered for Congressional Authorization and funding

**Consequences**

- Without this study, the Niagara River watershed stakeholders will continue to work in the watershed on a project by project basis without the potential benefits of major Federal funding for construction of ecosystem restoration measures

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding Thru FY14	FY15 Allocation	FY15 Requirement	FY16 Budget	FY16 Budget
Section 905(b) Reconnaissance Study	\$100k	\$0k	\$0k	\$0k	\$0k	\$100k

**Project Sponsor/Customer**

- Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER, NYSDEC, Niagara River Greenway Commission

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

**Current Status**

- Not funded, not initiated

**Issues**

- No current study authority (would need a WRDA study authorization or a study authorization by House or Senate Resolution)



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