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Buffalo District

FACT SHEET

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BUFFALO CREEK, LEXINGTON GREEN, WEST SENECA, NY**Small Flood Control Projects**

Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- In West Seneca, Erie County, New York immediately east of the city of Buffalo

Project Description

- The Section 205 Authority provides for local protection from flooding by the construction or improvement of flood control works such as levees, channels, and dams
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal
- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

Importance

- Flooding has periodically plagued the Lexington Green residential neighborhood in West Seneca, NY
- An ice jam flood event in January 2014 precipitated assistance from the Corps

Consequences

- If a project is not pursued, and measures implemented, the town of West Seneca may continue to be impacted by flood events along Buffalo Creek

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY15	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget	FY17 Requirement	FY17 Budget
Feasibility ¹	TBD	\$50k	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA

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

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Town of West Seneca, NY
- NYSDEC, under NYS law, the NYSDEC must be the signatory on Section 205 projects

Congressional Interests

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

Current Status

- A letter dated February 20, 2014 was sent to the Buffalo District requesting assistance under the Section 205 authority.

Issues

- The costs to implement a project would be greater than the economic benefits achieved, therefore a study will not be pursued. The Corps will work with the town of West Seneca to communicate measures which could reduce the impacts of future flood events.



Lexington Green, West Seneca, NY –
Source: Google maps



Photos from West Seneca, NY – Lexington Green,

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