



**FACT SHEET**

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**SOUTH PARK LAKE - NY**

**Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration**

Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended  
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

**Location**

- South Park Lake is located within the southernmost sector of the City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY

**Project Description**

- Historically significant 24 acre lake degraded as the result of sedimentation
- Habitat restoration required to restore lake to self-regulating ecological system
- An estimated 100,000 cubic yards (CY) of organic material may be dredged
- Potential for enhanced water quality for fish and waterfowl inhabitants
- Subsequent elimination of invasive plant species
- Feasibility is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal
- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

**Importance**

- Significant environmental benefits in the recovery of plant life diversity and food chain redevelopment for resident fish and wildlife species
- Integral part of the Buffalo Olmsted Park System, a nationally recognized cultural and natural resource
- One of only three lakes in the city of Buffalo
- Originally designed to provide key ecological/recreational functions to enhance the quality of life in the city of Buffalo

**Consequences**

- Without dredging the uniqueness and heritage of this Olmsted Park lake will be lost if the infestation of dense plant growth continues until the lake is completely filled in

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY15	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget	FY17 Requirement	FY17 Budget
Feasibility	TBD	\$454k	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA

**Project Sponsor/Customer**

- The City of Buffalo, NY and the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy (BOPC)
- Been approached as potential non-Federal cost share sponsor but are unable to cost share at this time
- Customer: Erie County, NY

**Congressional Interests**

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

**Current Status**

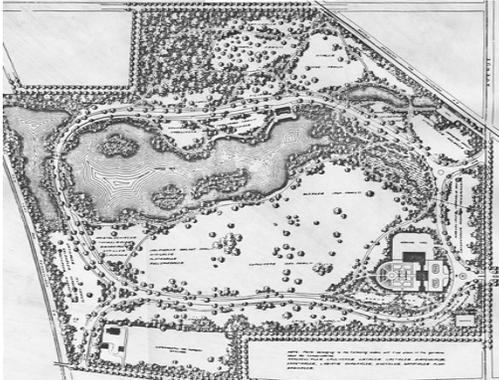
- The Feasibility Study is approximately 50% complete

**Issues**

- Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement required to complete the feasibility study. The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is applying for Niagara River Greenway funds to cost share the project, but at the present time the project is on hold



**South Park Lake Design - 1894**



**Present Day Arial Photo**



**Historical Post Card (Date Unknown)**



**Present day**



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