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Buffalo District

## FACT SHEET

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### THATCHER BROOK, GOWANDA - NY

#### Small Flood Control Projects

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

#### Location

- In the village of Gowanda, Erie County, NY approximately 29 miles south of the City of Buffalo, NY

#### Project Description

- A Flood Risk Management study will identify measures to reduce the impacts of future flood events
- The initial phase of the Feasibility Study has determined a positive Federal interest
- A Feasibility Study will formulate and evaluate measures to reduce the future impacts of flooding
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal
- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

#### Importance

- Continual overbank flooding of Thatcher Brook causes damages to residences and commercial businesses in Gowanda
- Severe flooding in 1998 and 2006 led to previous requests for Section 205 assistance. Severe flooding in August 2009 resulted in a Federal disaster declaration and reaffirmed the need for a flood damage reduction project

#### Consequences

- If a project is not pursued, Gowanda will continue to incur financial damages and threats to life and safety resulting from flood events

| Project Phase            | Est. Fed. Cost of Phase | Federal Funding through FY15 | FY16 Requirement | FY16 Budget | FY17 Requirement | FY17 Budget |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Feasibility <sup>1</sup> | \$811K                  | \$224K                       | \$0              | \$0         | \$0              | NA          |

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

#### Project Sponsor/Customer

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) through a letter dated 31 October 2012
- The village of Gowanda, NY through a letter of request dated May 6, 2010

#### Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23
- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY

#### Current Status

- The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed in March 2014 and the funding received in the District
- Developing alternatives with sponsor and stakeholder input

#### Issues

- None

