



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Buffalo District

FACT SHEET

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FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act (Public Law 86-645), As Amended
General Investigations (GI)

Appropriation Category: General Investigations

Congressional Interests:

All NY Representatives
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY
Senator Charles Schumer D NY

All OH Representatives
Senator Rob Portman R OH
Senator Sherrod Brown D OH

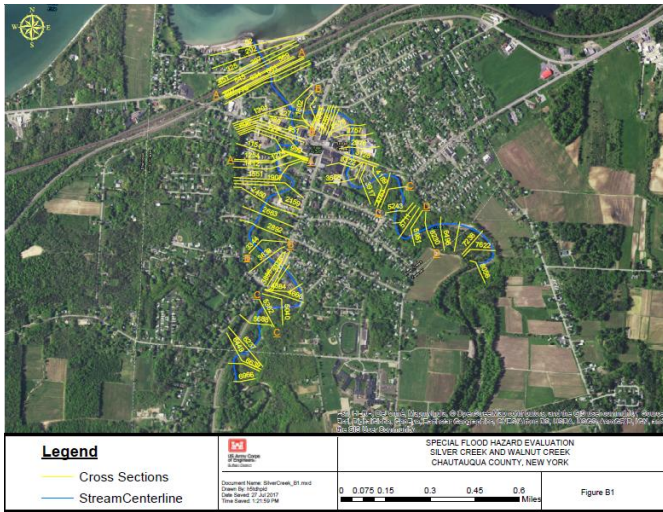
Project Description: The Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS) Program was developed by the Corps of Engineers specifically to address knowledge of flood hazards in and around communities containing flood plains, and the actions that they can take to reduce property damage and prevent loss of life caused by flooding.



The program provides assistance and guidance in the form of "Special Studies" on all aspects of flood plain management planning including potential impacts of off-flood plain land use changes on the physical, socio-economic, and environmental conditions of the flood plain. This can range from helping a community identify present or future flood plain areas and related problems, to a broad assessment of which of the various remedial measures may be effectively used.

The Buffalo District manages the program in close coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) representatives for annual prioritization and recommendation of projects. The Buffalo District requests funding based on these priority projects conducting evaluations consistent with the USACE FPMS program criteria.

Project Capabilities: Congress authorizes funding every year towards the FPMS program and prioritization for implementation is based on the highest prioritization throughout the country. The selections each year are typically the highest priority projects since there is far greater need than appropriations can cover.



Recently Completed Projects: With FY17/18/19 funding, the Buffalo District completed Special Studies for: Silver Creek (Chautauqua County), New York; French Creek (Lorain County), Ohio; Black River (Jefferson County), New York; and Seneca River (Onondaga County), New York, that cover more than 25 municipalities totaling more than \$705K.



Status of Current Projects: With FY 2020 funding, the Buffalo District recently initiated Special Studies for Seneca River (Seneca County), New York, and Swan Creek (Lucas County), Ohio, that cover more than 10 municipalities totaling more than \$400K.

Seneca River, Seneca County, New York (FY20): Buffalo District has commenced a Special Study for a portion of the Seneca River that travels approximately 14 linear miles through four municipalities. This river corridor contains numerous braided channels as well as structured dams. The study is anticipated to be completed in the 2nd quarter of FY21.



Swan Creek, Lucas County, Ohio (FY20): Buffalo District has commenced a Special Study for a portion of Swan Creek in Lucas County, west of Toledo, Ohio, that travels approximately 21 linear miles through six municipalities. This river corridor also contains numerous braided channels. The study is anticipated to be completed in

the 1st quarter of FY21.

Special Study Coordination: In addition to maintaining close coordination with FEMA and several state agencies, USACE staff also coordinates with individual municipalities to provide assistance to local officials to assist with land use planning and local floodplain management policies. These studies are intended to provide local municipalities a tool for the adoption of land use controls to help prevent future flooding and guide floodplain development.

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