



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Buffalo District

## FACT SHEET

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### THATCHER BROOK — GOWANDA, NEW YORK

#### 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, New York, approximately 29 miles south of the City of Buffalo, New York

#### 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.
- The feasibility phase is 100 percent federally funded up to \$100,000. Costs over \$100,000 are shared equally with the non-federal sponsor.

- Design and Implementation is cost shared 65 percent federal and 35 percent nonfederal.

#### Importance

- Continual overbank flooding of Thatcher Brook causes damages to residences and commercial businesses in Gowanda.
- Severe flooding in 1998 and 2006 led to 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

- 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 FY18	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Budget	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget
Feasibility <sup>1</sup>	\$1.14M	\$357K	\$145K	\$145K	\$200K	TBD

(1) First \$100k is at 100 percent federal expense.

#### Project Sponsor/Customer

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation through a letter dated October 31, 2012.
- The village of Gowanda, New York, through a letter of intent dated May 6, 2010.

#### Congressional Interests

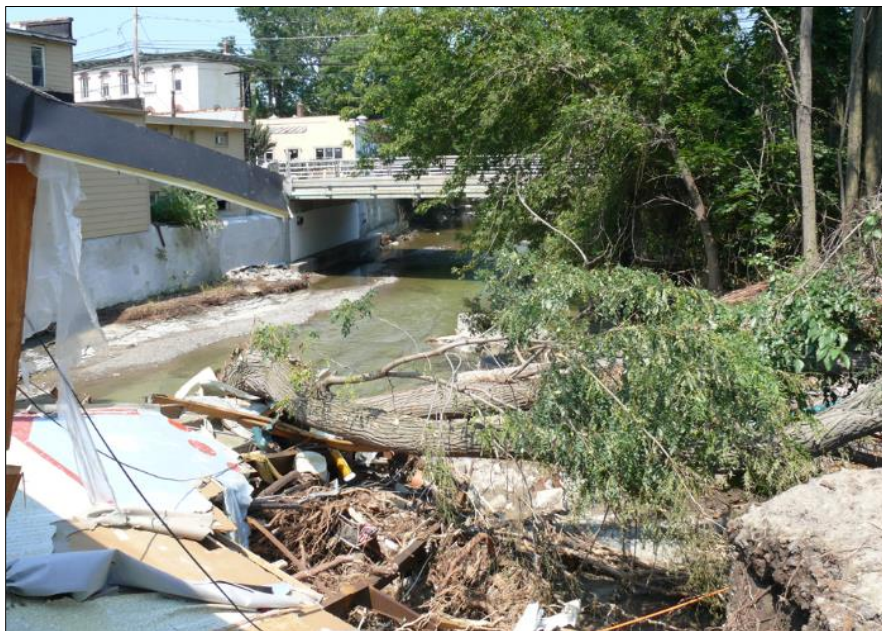
- Representative Tom Reed R NY-23
- NY-27
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY

#### Current Status

- The feasibility cost sharing agreement was executed in February 2014.
- The Project Team has developed alternatives and tentatively selected one in December 2017.
- Division Office review is ongoing, public review is to be completed.

#### Issues

- Non-Federal funding to complete the feasibility study was received in late August, affecting schedule to completion



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