

FACT SHEET

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CUYAHOGA RIVER — INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

Small Flood Control Projects

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

Location

In Cuyahoga County, approximately 11 miles southwest of the City of Cleveland, Ohio

Project Description

- The tentatively selected plan includes a 2,600-foot earthen levee and an 800foot concrete floodwall system designed to manage flood risks for a 52.5-acre area with two closure structures. The area protected is primarily light industrial and commercial north of Old Rockside Road and west of the Cuyahoga River.
- The feasibility phase is cost shared 50 percent federal and 50 percent nonfederal.
- Design and implementation is cost shared 65 percent federal and 35 percent nonfederal.

Importance

- Continual overbank flooding of the Cuyahoga River plagues residences and businesses within the city's limits.
- Heavy flooding in July 2006 precipitated a flood and coastal storm damage reduction study request.
- In July 2006, six counties, including Cuyahoga County, were eligible to receive disaster assistance.

Consequences

 Without taking measures, the City of Independence will continue to incur financial damages related to flood events.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY18	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Budget	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget
Design/Implementation ²	\$3.92M	\$30K	\$70K	\$70K	\$3,400K	TBD

- (1) First \$100K is at 100 percent federal expense
- (2) Includes \$100K for Independent External Peer Review, also a 100 percent federal expense

Project Sponsor/Customer

• City of Independence, Ohio, through a letter of intent in July 2006.

Congressional Interests

- Representative David Joyce R OH-14
- Senator Sherrod Brown D OH
- Senator Rob Portman R OH

- Currently drafting the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA).
- LRD has reviewed and approved the draft PPA
- Currently working with NFS and CVNP to resolve potential impacts to CVNP.

Issues

 The Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is concerned about the potential increased inundation on their property. Buffalo District is working CVNP to discuss project.

Current Status

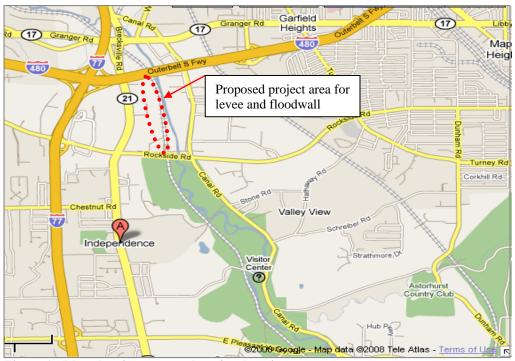


Figure 1: Map showing proposed project location



Figure 2: Photo showing flooding within the proposed protected area

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