## US Army Corps of Engineers. Philadelphia District

## PROJECT FACTSHEET

## Beaverkill Habitat Restoration Ulster County, NY

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:** Rep. Hinchey (NY-22)

## **APPROPRIATION / PHASE:**

**BUSINESS PROGRAM:** 

Continuing Authorities / Feasibility

**Ecosystem Restoration** 

**AUTHORITY:** Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 as amended.

**LOCATION:** The project includes two sites located along the Beaverkill and Turnwood Road (Ulster County Route 54) in Hardenburgh, New York. Site 1 is .35 miles southwest of the intersection with Big Pond Road, and Site 2 is .5 miles southeast of the intersection with Big Pond Road.

**DESCRIPTION:** Turnwood Road would be relocated and a riparian buffer created at two sites along the Beaverkill. The project will protect trout habitat increasingly threatened from erosion and road failure. Native riparian vegetation will be planted as a buffer between the road and the stream, and threatened plant species along the stream bank will be protected. The Beaverkill is an important coldwater fishery, where revenue from tourism and recreation generates income in the surrounding communities.

**STATUS:** The study area has been investigated and an initial evaluation completed. A draft Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) has been developed which proposes restoration at a cost of approximately \$2.5 million, which will significantly improve the aquatic environment by stream and riparian restoration. Further efforts have been terminated due to lack of Federal funding. The PRP must be approved and Feasibility Study initiated to investigate and evaluate alternatives, develop detailed plans and prepare and coordinate an environmental assessment.

FINANCIAL			
<b>DATA</b> (\$000)	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Feasibility	175	75	250
Design & Implementation	1 625	875	2 500

BUDGET		
<b>DATA</b> (\$000)		Comments
Thru FY 08	0	
FY 09	TBD	

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