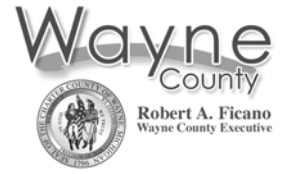




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History

Flooding along the North Branch of Ecorse Creek (NBEC), which is located entirely within Wayne County, Michigan, has occurred repeatedly over the last 40 years. In large flood events, it is estimated that the NBEC flooding impacts up to 9,100 properties, including damage to property and sewage backups into homes and businesses. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) performed a Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement in 1988; however, the recommended project was never built because of financial/economic conditions at that time.

The NBEC is a County Drain, established in 1926 with improvements dating back to 1863. Because it is a drain, the City of Dearborn Heights petitioned the Wayne County Drain Commissioner for flood relief after the flooding that occurred in May 2004. In response to the petition and in accordance with the Michigan Drain Code, a Board of Determination was convened in December 2004 and heard overwhelming testimony from property owners regarding flooding problems. The Board ordered the Wayne County Drain Commissioner to move forward with a flood control project. The Drain Commissioner commissioned a flood control study that was completed in 2008. The final recommendation was a \$240 million greenway and improvements project. The Drain Commissioner continued to pursue opportunities to offset the cost of the project. In 2009, Wayne County requested that the Corps re-evaluate the 1988 Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement to determine if there is federal interest in implementing a flood control project for NBEC.



What kind of work is being done?

The Corps and Wayne County are now collaboratively developing an updated Feasibility Study (General Reevaluation Report) for the NBEC. This report will assess whether there is sufficient technical and economic data to support federal assistance with design and construction of flood damage reduction measures along the NBEC. Field reconnaissance and survey work in the NBEC drainage district is underway, and the report will be complete in July 2011.

How is the project funded?



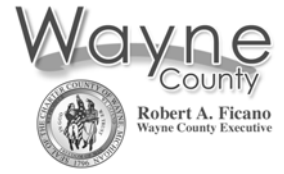
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers successfully obtained over \$1.5 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to offset costs of preparing the General Reevaluation Report. If the analysis finds that there is federal interest in implementing a flood control project for NBEC, portions of the design and construction of the recommended flood control project will be eligible for federal funding. Remaining project costs will be assessed to the property owners and others in the drainage district in accordance with the Michigan Drain Code.



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Where can I get more information?

A website is available that details the history of NBEC flooding, and the work completed for the 2008 Flood Control Study. See <http://www.nbecorsecreek.com/>
Information about the current work will be added to this website in the near future.



Contact Us!! If you have further questions about the Corps of Engineers/Wayne County's work associated with the North Branch Ecorse Creek, please visit the website above or call John Niemiec, Corps Project Manager at John.M.Niemiec@Corps.army.mil (313-226-7885) or Sue Hanson, Wayne County Project Manager at shanson@co.wayne.mi.us (313-224-8283).

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