

**PROJECT FACT SHEET  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**PROJECT NAME AND STATE:** Neshannock Creek Corridor Improvement Project, New Castle, PA

**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The Neshannock Creek basin covers approximately 240 square miles in Mercer and Lawrence Counties, Pennsylvania, and flows in a mainly southwestward direction. Approximately 26,000 people live along the study reach in New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. The proposed project area determined by this study includes the New Castle portion of the Neshannock Creek, which is approximately 3.5 miles of the lower Neshannock Creek from the City of New Castle border to its confluence with the Shenango River in downtown New Castle. The objective of this study is to investigate potential water resources related corridor improvements to Neshannock Creek at New Castle, Lawrence County. Improvements and enhancements of ecosystem restoration, flood protection, stream bank protection and other water resources needs would be identified and evaluated, with an effort made to integrate potential environmental improvements with economic urban revitalization projects that have already been planned for the area. This project will help to restore over 3.5 miles of water and related land resources. Improvements to the Neshannock Creek stream channel, as outlined herein are required to address flood protection, stream bank protection, ecosystem restoration and other water resources needs. The benefits of the study and potential project would be improvements to the hydrologic and hydraulic capacity of the stream channel, protection of public and private property and environmental quality outputs such as restored wetland, benthic and aquatic ecosystem restorations.

<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	\$25,000,000
<b>Total Federal Cost:</b>	\$12,500,000
<b>Total Non-Federal Cost:</b>	\$12,500,000

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** The City of New Castle

**CURRENT STATUS:** A reconnaissance report for Neshannock Creek Corridor Improvement Project was completed in May 2003 and available for public review. The District is working with the City of New Castle to execute the next phase of the project.

**AUTHORIZATION:** House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Resolution, Docket 2666, May 22, 2002.

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Hart (PA-4), Santorum (PA)

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