

**PROJECT FACT SHEET
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Bioassessments Study of Urban Streams in Allegheny County, PA (Section 22)

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The basic tasks to be performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District are to conduct rapid biological invertebrate-based assessments for at least 57 stream locations within Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. This is a four-year effort which was started in FY 2001 and is scheduled to be completed in FY 2004. The assessments will be used to characterize and rank the water quality and health of the ecosystem of these streams and support the Three Rivers-Second Nature (3R-2N) initiative. The general goals of the 3R-2N initiative are to generate interest in protecting/restoring Allegheny County, Pennsylvania urban streams, including those that are buried and/or culverted, and their riparian corridors for multiple benefits.

TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$85,000
Total Federal Cost:	\$42,500
Total Non-Federal Cost:	\$42,500

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD)

CURRENT STATUS: We have completed year three of a four-year effort. Total project costs are listed above. The breakdown per year is as follows: \$30,000 expended in the first year, \$20,000 expended in second and third years, and \$15,000 expended in the fourth and final year. Tributaries to the Pittsburgh Pool (Emsworth L/D Pool), Monongahela River (L/D #2 Pool, river mile 11-35), Allegheny River (L/D #2 Pool, river mile 5.5-28), and Ohio River (river mile 6.2-15.5) have been completed. Necessary resampling and an interdisciplinary final analysis is scheduled for Summer FY 2004.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 22, Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-251) as amended, commonly known as the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program. This statute authorizes the Corps of Engineers to assist states and local governments in the preparation of plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources, and for recovering cost shares of the program from non-federal entities.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Hart (PA-4), Murtha (PA-12), Doyle (PA-14), Murphy (PA-18), Santorum (PA), Specter (PA)

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