

**PROJECT FACT SHEET  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**PROJECT NAME AND STATE:** Mahoning River, PA, Environmental Dredging Project

**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The Mahoning River Basin covers approximately 1,132 square miles in northeastern Ohio and west-central Pennsylvania. More than 750,000 people live within the basin along the study reach of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, Ohio and Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. The feasibility study only includes the Pennsylvania portion of the Mahoning River, which is approximately 12 miles of the Lower Mahoning River (the Ohio-Pennsylvania border at river mile 12.0 to the confluence with the Shenango River to form the Beaver River at south New Castle, Pennsylvania, river mile 0.0). Deposition of uncontrolled industrial era residue from nine major Mahoning River valley steel plants, which lined the riverbanks throughout the lower 43-mile reach of the Mahoning River, has resulted in the degradation of the aquatic ecosystem and has become a threat to public safety and health as evident by the Ohio Department of Health, Human Health Advisory (HHA) issued in 1986. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed the ODH-HHA for the Pennsylvania portion of the river.

<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	\$2,000,000
<b>Total Federal Cost:</b>	\$1,000,000
<b>Total Non-Federal Cost:</b>	\$1,000,000

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Lawrence County is the project sponsor for the feasibility study.

**CURRENT STATUS:** The Reconnaissance Report was completed in August 2001. A project sponsor (the Lawrence County Commissioners) have provided a Letter of Intent (LOI) which was received December 27, 2002. The LOI allows the District to proceed with obtaining approval of the Reconnaissance Report, preparation of a Project Study Plan, and preparation of a legally binding Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. Additionally, the District is assisting to identify non-federal funding sources. A meeting was held with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on March 24, 2003 to discuss the project and develop a funding strategy. As a due out of the PADEP meeting, and prior to developing a funding strategy, the District is in the process of preparing a Project Management Plan (PMP) for the feasibility study. To date the \$2,000,000 is an estimate. The PMP will outline all features of work and estimate the cost to complete that feature of work. This is scheduled to be completed in December 2003. At that time an additional meeting will be scheduled.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Section 312 (b), Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1990, as modified by Section 205, WRDA of 1996 (Public Law 104-303).

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Hart (PA-04), Santorum (PA), Specter (PA)

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