

**HUDSON RIVER HABITAT
RESTORATION
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
FINAL INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT AND
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Appendix A:
Sponsor Support**



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RE: Hudson River Habitat Restoration (HRHR) Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment

Dear Colonel Luzzatto,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) support for the Hudson River Habitat Restoration Ecosystem Feasibility Study and the Recommended Plan presented in the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (FR/EA).

We are willing to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District on future funding needs and cost share obligations for the design and construction phases of the projects that will be delineated in a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), for which we will participate as the Non-Federal Sponsor.

In accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, the Department awaits the Corps' submittal of the respective New York State projects' Water Quality Certification (WQC) applications. Based on NYSDEC's review of the Integrated FR/EA, the Department does not foresee any problems that would preclude the proposed projects, with adequate environmental protections included in the design, from being able to meet permit issuance standards for WQCs. NYSDEC will initiate the formal review process of each project's WQC, which may include the determination of any environmental construction windows, once the Corps' application is submitted. Please note that until this review process is completed and a WQC is issued, there is no authorization for the Corps to move forward in the construction of these Projects.

This letter is not a commitment for funding for the design and construction phase of the Project. That commitment can only be made when a cost share agreement with the Corps is executed by the Office of the State Controller.

The Department is committed to working with the Corps to move the Project forward as expeditiously as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, the non-Federal partner representative at frances.dunwell@dec.ny.gov, (845) 256-3016.

Sincerely,



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