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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Operations and Technical Support Section

24 March 2008

SUBJECT: FY07 Joint Routine Inspection of Completed Works, Flood Damage Reduction Project, Onondaga Creek, Syracuse, New York (9/13/07)

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Dear Mr. Delaney:

Transmitted herewith is the FY07 Inspection of Completed Works (ICW) inspection report for the Flood Damage Reduction Project at Onondaga Creek, Syracuse, New York. I would like to thank you for your participation in this inspection. The rating for this project as determined by the current inspection is **"MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE" (M)**. Please refer to the enclosed inspection report, which includes an inspection checklist (Attachment "B"), for a description of project deficiencies requiring corrective action, if any.

Inspection checklist items rated **"ACCEPTABLE" (A)** have no deficiencies or, may have one or more concerns which could lead to potential minor deficiencies. These concerns are indicated in the report as **"POTENTIAL DEFICIENCIES"**. Corrective action of potential deficiencies is not mandatory; however, failure to address them promptly may lead to designation of these items as deficient during the next inspection.

Inspection checklist items rated **"MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE" (M)** have one or more minor deficiencies. These are indicated in the report as **"MINOR DEFICIENCIES"**. Corrective action is required by the indicated date(s). Failure to perform corrective action for these deficiencies by the specified dates will result in an automatic downgrade of that particular inspection checklist item(s) to **UNACCEPTABLE ("U")** during the first inspection following the correction date, possibly resulting in a downgrade of the overall project rating.

Inspection checklist items rated **"UNACCEPTABLE" (U)** have deficiencies considered to be serious and will require corrective action. These are indicated in the report as **"SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES"**. Corrective action should be initiated as soon as possible. An individual checklist item rated as **"UNACCEPTABLE" (U)** will likely, but not necessarily, result in an overall project rating of **"UNACCEPTABLE" (U)**.

Projects receiving **"ACCEPTABLE" (A)** and **"MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE" (M)** ratings will remain active in the Corps of Engineers Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (RIP) and will continue to be eligible for Federal funding to repair the project in the event of damage by a storm event. Projects receiving an **"UNACCEPTABLE" (U)** rating will be designated as

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inactive in the Corps of Engineers RIP and will not be eligible for Federal funding to rehabilitate the project in the event of damage by a storm event. Effective date for unsatisfactory projects to be considered inactive will be date of receipt by the local sponsor of the inspection report. For these projects to become active again all serious deficiencies must be satisfactorily addressed and, the project re-inspected by the Corps with at least a minimally acceptable rating.

For projects rated "ACCEPTABLE" (A), a copy of the report will be forwarded to the local sponsor and county emergency management agency. For projects rated "MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE" (M), a copy of the report will be forwarded to the local sponsor, county emergency management agency, state emergency management agency, and the local FEMA region. For projects rated "UNACCEPTABLE" U, a copy of the report will be forwarded to the local sponsor, county emergency management agency, state emergency management agency, local FEMA region and the local Congressional delegation.

The inspection checklist (Attachment "B") includes a two page section labeled "Public Sponsor Pre-Inspection Report". The local sponsor should complete this section just prior to the next scheduled inspection and provide to Corps inspector upon his arrival. The "Reporting Period is the timeframe between inspections (i.e. inspection date of this report and date of next scheduled inspection).

Please keep this office informed if there are any changes to the project that would affect the design level of protection afforded by the project, or if there are any other changes which may alter or impact any project features. Such changes require prior written approval from the Corps of Engineers and NYSDEC.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the undersigned, who can be contacted in writing at the above address, by telephone at 716-879-4277 or by e-mail at robert.w.remmers@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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Project Inspection Report w/Checklist

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1. **OBJECTIVE:** The objective of this inspection is to assess the current condition of the project and to ensure that the local sponsor is fulfilling operations and maintenance requirements as specified in the project Operations and Maintenance (O&M) manual.
2. **PROJECT CLASSIFICATION:** Flood Damage Reduction - Flood Protection Project
3. **REPORTING PERIOD:** 5/8/06 – 9/13/07
4. **INSPECTION TEAM:** The inspection team met at the project site on 9/13/07. The following representatives from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Town of Onondaga, City of Syracuse and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE - Buffalo District), participated in the inspection.

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* These participants arrived for inspection at scheduled time, however, inspection schedule was modified by Corps/DEC in field to accommodate other appointment changes for this date. Inspection was rescheduled for later time same day, however, these participants were unable to attend at the rescheduled time.

5. **OVERALL PROJECT RATING:** In accordance with Headquarters, USACE guidance, this project is rated "**Minimally Acceptable**" (M). The presence of one or more deficient conditions that lessen the degree of project reliability was the determining factor for the project rating. Specific deficiencies are discussed in Section 7 of this report. All deficiencies shall be addressed in a timely manner. Failure to correct any deficiencies that have been noted as either minor or serious by the timeframe indicated could result in an "Unacceptable" (U) rating in the next inspection scheduled after that date.

Prior to this evaluation, the project was last inspected on 5/8/06. The condition of the project at the time of that inspection was rated as "Very Good" (C-2), which roughly compares to "Minimally Acceptable" (M) under the current rating system.

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6. PROJECT LOCATION, DESCRIPTION, AND LOCAL SPONSOR:

- a. **Project Location:** The project, which is situated on Onondaga Creek in the City of Syracuse, New York, begins at southern limit of the city at the Dorwin Avenue bridge and extends downstream about 2.1 miles to the Ballantyne Road bridge.
- b. **Project Description:** This channel improvement project is one component of an integrated flood protection system along Onondaga Creek designed to reduce the potential for flooding in the City of Syracuse. The project features include a realigned and straightened creek channel, about 2,400 feet of earthen levees, an interior drainage structure for twin 48" outfalls, a drop structure at the upstream end of the project at Dorwin Ave., and channel paving and concrete flume at the downstream end of the project, near Ballantyne Road. The concrete flume drains flow from Cold Brook, City Line Brook, and local drainage. Highway bridges at West Seneca Turnpike and Dorwin Avenue and a pedestrian footbridge at Sta. 91+40 were constructed by the State of New York.

Approximately 1,500 feet of the original Onondaga Creek, Syracuse flood control project, located upstream of the Dorwin Ave. drop structure, was reconfigured when the Onondaga Creek, Nedrow project was built. For purposes of project delineation, the very upstream limit of the Onondaga Creek, Syracuse project is considered to be the upstream side of the Dorwin Ave. drop structure (inclusive), Sta. 9+50.

- c. **Local Sponsor** In accordance with the project O&M Manual, NYSDEC Region 7 has assumed responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the project.

7. INSPECTION FINDINGS: Deficiencies found during this inspection are noted below. Deficiency categories are described in the report transmittal letter. Refer to Attachment "A" for project inspection photographs, Attachment "B" for project inspection ratings of individual inspection items, Attachment "C" for a project map, and Attachment "D" for Emergency Response Plan guidelines.

a. Potential Deficiencies:

- (1) Very minor erosion noticeable on right bank at upstream edge of concrete paver blocks (approx. Sta. 103+40), just upstream of concrete flume at Ballantyne Road. See photo 2.
- (2) Minor vegetation on left bank at outfall located at approx. Sta. 72+00, just downstream of West Seneca Turnpike (see photo 17).
- (3) Minor vegetation growing around outfall on right bank, just upstream from West Seneca Turnpike bridge (approx. Sta. 70+50).

b. Minor Deficiencies:

- (1) Vegetation growing along channel sideslopes channel, just upstream of Ballantyne Rd. bridge (see photos 1 & 2).

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- (2) Vegetation growing in and along sides of concrete flume at Sta. 104+20 (see photo 3).
- (3) Chain link fence damaged at left bank sideslope wall, just upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge (see photo 4).
- (4) There are a number of fences constructed by private homeowners which encroach upon the right and left bank levees (see photo 6 for example).
- (5) Concrete paver block apron is damaged at outfall on right bank at approx. Sta. 85+00 (see photo 14).
- (6) Shoal forming on left bank at outfall located at approx. Sta. 72+00, just downstream of the West Seneca Turnpike bridge (see photo 17).
- (7) Heavy vegetation in riprap along right bank at approx. Sta. 67+00. It is not known why riprap is in this location (approximately 100 feet in length), since it is not shown on the "As-Built" drawings. It may possibly be a rock paved gutter, such as shown for Sta. 29+50 in the As-Built drawings, constructed for the purpose of providing drainage from an adjacent area into the channel. See photo 19.
- (8) Concrete paver blocks for apron for outfall on right bank at approx. Sta. 58+00 are becoming dislodged. Vegetation also growing in apron. See photo 14.
- (9) A piece of chain link fence and a shopping cart are in the bottom of the channel at the Frank G. McCarthy School pedestrian bridge, approx. Sta. 57+50.
- (10) There are significant depressions along the top of the channel left bank at approx. Sta.'s 30+00 (2-3 feet deep by about 30 feet long), 18+00 (2-3 feet deep by about 30 feet long), and 16+00 (1-2 feet deep by about 40 feet long). The depressions could be the result of settlement, as these locations correspond to where the old creek crossed the channel and was filled in.
- (11) Vegetation growing around outfall on right bank at approx. Sta. 20+00 (see photo 25).
- (12) Heavy vegetation growing at outfall along right bank and along left bank, possibly at an outfall (couldn't tell whether or not there is an outfall on left bank).
- (13) Heavy vegetation growing in riprap along left and right banks just downstream of the Dorwin Ave. bridge (Sta.'s 11+50 to 14+60). It appeared that the length of riprap in these locations was approx. 200 feet. Per As-Built drawings, length should be approx. 310 feet along both banks. See photos 26-28.

Correction of all of the above deficiencies is required by 12/31/08.

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c. Serious Deficiencies:

(1) A significant amount of trees, bushes, and brush is growing on levees on right bank between Sta.'s 92+00 and 102+00 and, on left bank between Sta.'s 87+00 and 101+00 (see photos 5, 6, 11, 31, & 32). Vegetation is growing into chain link fence placed along top of levees by City of Syracuse. See Section 10.(1). Correction of this deficiency is required by 12/31/09.

8. SUMMARY OF MAINTENANCE REQUIRED BY LAST INSPECTION REPORT:

(1) NYSDEC needs to conduct periodic inspections and maintenance of the drainage structure, including setting up a schedule for manually testing and lubricating gatewell sluice gates and outfall flap gates

(2) A plan for future regrading of embankment areas needs to be developed. Several isolated areas along the left and right embankments are showing signs of sloughing and loss of grade.

(3) Uncontrolled vegetation growth needs to be cleared from drainage areas and concrete flume.

9. SUMMARY OF MAINTENANCE PERFORMED AFTER LAST INSPECTION:

(1) Sluice gates and downstream flap gate at the drainage structure were tested and lubricated.

(2) Vegetation removal was done at most drainage structures. Not done at concrete flume.

(3) Mowing of channel sideslopes and tops of embankments was done in an excellent manner.

10. SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PROJECT SINCE LAST INSPECTION:

The following changes to the project were observed during this inspection - it is not known by the undersigned when the changes were made and whether or not formal project modification permit requests were ever processed:

(1) The City of Syracuse constructed a 5-foot high chain-link fence along both sides of the flood control channel project for its full length to keep out unauthorized personnel. Portions of the fence run along the tops of the left and right bank levees at the downstream end of the project. See photos 5, 16,17, 21, 22, 25, 31 & 32.

(2) Channel leading to concrete flume, just upstream of Ballantyne Road, has been filled in and, drainage capability replaced with a storm drain pipe (approx. 24").

(3) Flap gate for 48" upstream outfall pipe at the drainage structure at Sta. 96+10, left bank, was removed and the end of the pipe sealed with a steel plate bolted to the concrete headwall. NYSDEC indicated that the incoming pipe to the drainage structure is no longer

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necessary due to changes in the local drainage system. NYSDEC also indicated that the sluice gate for the upstream incoming drainage pipe is left in the closed position as a result. See photos 7-10.

(4) A pedestrian bridge was built over the flood control channel at the Frank G. McCarthy School at approx. Sta. 57+50 (see photo 20).

11. PROBLEMS/ISSUES REQUIRING ASSISTANCE OF USACE:

(1) The Corps will need to review the project modifications described in Section 10. above if they were not previously authorized. If so, determinations will need to be made by the Corps as to whether or not there are any adverse impacts to the project.

12. ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS:

(1) The channel is generally well maintained and clear of debris and obstructions (see photos 13, 15-18, 20, 22-24).

(2) The two pedestrian bridges and three highway bridges across the project channel are clear of debris and obstructions (see photos 1, 12, 20, 26, & 29).

(3) Both sluice gates and remaining flap gate at the drainage structure (Sta. 96+10) were tested during this inspection and performed satisfactorily. Gates were lubricated and outlet headwall was clear of debris and obstructions (see photos 7-10).

(4) The Dorwin Ave. drop structure is clear of debris and obstructions (see photos 29 & 30).

(5) NYSDEC personnel indicated that maintenance crews had difficulty in mowing certain portions of the channel due to ruts in soft earth, and riprap.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THIS INSPECTION:

(1) The project sponsor needs to have a written system-specific flood Emergency Response Plan to document that they have a solid understanding of how to operate, maintain, and staff the Flood Damage Reduction project during a flood. General guidance for preparing this document is presented in Attachment "D. The project sponsor must physically produce a copy of the project Operations and Maintenance manual and the written Emergency Response Plan for Corps review during all future project inspections beginning in 2008. Failure to provide these required documents will result in a "**Minimally Acceptable**" (M) rating for these specific items and an overall project rating that will also be no better than "**Minimally Acceptable**" (M).

(2) For all future project inspections beginning in 2008, the condition of all culverts or discharge pipes must be verified by a qualified professional by using video camera or visual inspection methods at a frequency of not less than five years. Inspection reports for all pipes must be available for review during inspection. Failure to produce these required documents

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during an inspection will result in a **“Minimally Acceptable” (M)** rating for these specific items and an overall project rating that will also be no better than **“Minimally Acceptable” (M)**.

(3) Monitor minor erosion upstream of concrete paver blocks (approx. Sta. 103+40, right bank) noted in Section 7.a.1 above. If erosion worsens recommend placement of riprap for protection of paver blocks.

(4) Vegetation needs to be removed from riprapped areas, around drainage structures, from concrete flume, and around channel sideslopes at downstream end of project near Ballantyne Road bridge, as noted in Section 7.b. (#s 1, 2, 7, 11, 12, and 13). Vegetation at concrete flume needs to be removed from within flume, along sides, and to at least where the approx. 24" pipe enters the flume. Recommend removal of vegetation as noted in Section 7.a.2 & 3.

(5) Repair damaged chain link fence on left sideslope wall, just upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge (7.b.3).

(6) Fence encroachments on left and right bank levees need to be removed from levees (7.b.4).

(7) Damaged concrete paver blocks at right bank outfalls at approx. Sta.'s 85+00 and 58+00 need to be repaired (7.b.5 & 8).

(8) Remove shoal forming at approx. Sta. 72+00, left bank (7.b.6).

(9) Remove chain link fence and shopping cart from creek channel at Frank G. McCarthy School pedestrian bridge at approx. Sta. 57+50 (7.b.9).

(10) Fill depressions along top of channel left bank at approx. Sta.'s 30+00, 18+00, and 16+00 with compacted earth material. Fill any other depressions found along the top of channel as well (7.b.10).

(11) Check the extent of riprap along the left and right banks just downstream of the Dorwin Ave. bridge (Sta.'s 11+50 to 14+60). Length of riprap should be approx. 310 feet long. Replace any missing riprap with new riprap. See Section 7.b.13.

(12) Remove trees (including stumps and major roots), bushes, and brush growing in left and right bank levees, to a distance of 15 feet outward from the toes of the levees. Repair levee embankment with compacted impervious fill and topsoil and seed. Fill in impacted areas between levee toe and 15 foot limit with compacted fill. Remove vegetation from City of Syracuse chain link fence. NYSDEC may wish to have City relocate fence off levees to facilitate future maintenance (7.c.).

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(13) Changes to the project as noted in Section 10.(1) - (4) need to be reviewed for prior authorization by the Corps. If project modifications were not previously authorized, after-the-fact project modification permit requests will have to be prepared by NYSDEC for Corps review and approval.

14. INSPECTION REPORT REVIEWED AND PREPARED BY:

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Chief, Operations and Technical Support Section

15. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Project Inspection Photographs
- B. Project Inspection Checklist
- C. Project Map
- D. Emergency Response Plan Guidelines

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Appendix “A” - Project Inspection Photographs



Photo 1: Downstream limit of project at Ballantyne Road bridge (looking downstream) – vegetation on sideslopes.



Photo 2: Onondaga Creek just upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge – vegetation on sideslopes.

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Photo 3: Concrete flume – right bank just upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge - vegetation in flume.



Photo 4: Damaged chain link fence at left bank sideslope wall, just upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge.

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Photo 5: Trees and bushes on levee – right bank of Onondaga Creek, upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge.



Photo 6: trees and brush on levee – left bank upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge.

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Photo 7: Testing gateway for drainage structure at approx. Sta. 96+10, left bank.



Photo 8: Sluiceways in gateway at approx. Sta. 96+10, left bank – upstream sluiceway (left side in photo) kept closed since connecting pipe no longer used.

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Photo 9: Outlet structure for drainage structure at approx. Sta. 96+10, left bank.



Photo 10: Outlet for drainage structure at approx. Sta. 96+10, left bank. Upstream outfall (left side in photo) permanently closed.

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Photo11: Channel and left/right bank levees (looking upstream) between Ballantyne Road and pedestrian bridge. Trees and vegetation on levees.



Photo 12: Pedestrian bridge over channel, approx. Sta. 91+40, looking upstream.

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Photo 13: Channel and left bank levee (looking upstream) from pedestrian bridge at Sta. 91+40.



Photo 14: Damaged paver blocks at outfall on right bank at approx Sta. 85+00.

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Photo 15: Channel looking upstream (from approx. Sta. 78+00) towards West Seneca Turnpike bridge.



Photo 16: Channel looking downstream from approx. Sta. 74+00.

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Photo 17: Shoals forming on left bank at outfall, approx. Sta. 72+00; just downstream of West Seneca Turnpike. Minor vegetation at outfall.



Photo 18: Channel looking upstream from West Seneca Turnpike bridge.

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Photo 19: Heavy vegetation in riprap along right bank at approx. Sta. 67+00.



Photo 20: Pedestrian bridge for Frank G. McCarthy School, approx. Sta. 57+50.

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Photo 21: Outfall on right bank at approx. Sta. 58+00 – paver blocks becoming dislodged.



Photo 22: Channel looking downstream from approx Sta. 50+00.

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Photo 23: Channel looking upstream from approx Sta. 45+00.



Photo 24: Channel looking downstream from approx. Sta. 30+00.

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Photo 25: Vegetation around outfall on right bank, approx. Sta. 20+00.



Photo 26: Heavy vegetation in riprap along right bank, just downstream of Dorwin Avenue bridge.

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Photo 27: Heavy vegetation in riprap along left bank, just downstream of Dorwin Avenue bridge.

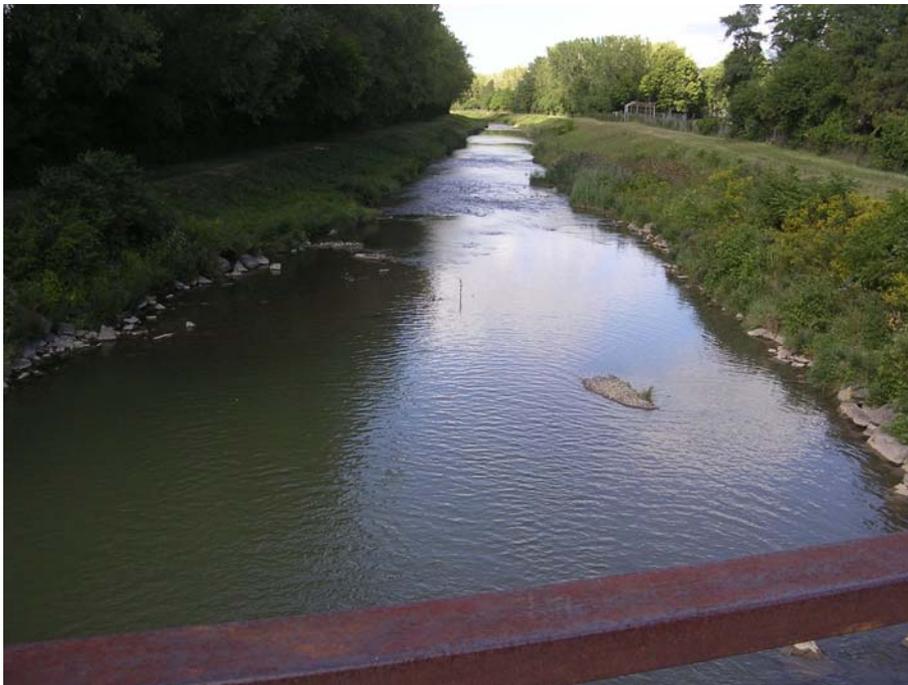


Photo 28: Channel looking downstream from Dorwin Avenue bridge - riprap on left and right banks covered with heavy vegetation.

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Photo 29: Upstream limit of project at Dorwin Avenue bridge (looking downstream).



Photo 30: Drop structure at upstream limit of project (looking upstream from Dorwin Avenue bridge). Channel upstream of drop structure is part of Onondaga Creek, Nedrow flood control project.

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Photo 31: Chain link fence placed by local sponsor on top of levee – right bank upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge – trees on or near toe of levee; vegetation in fence.

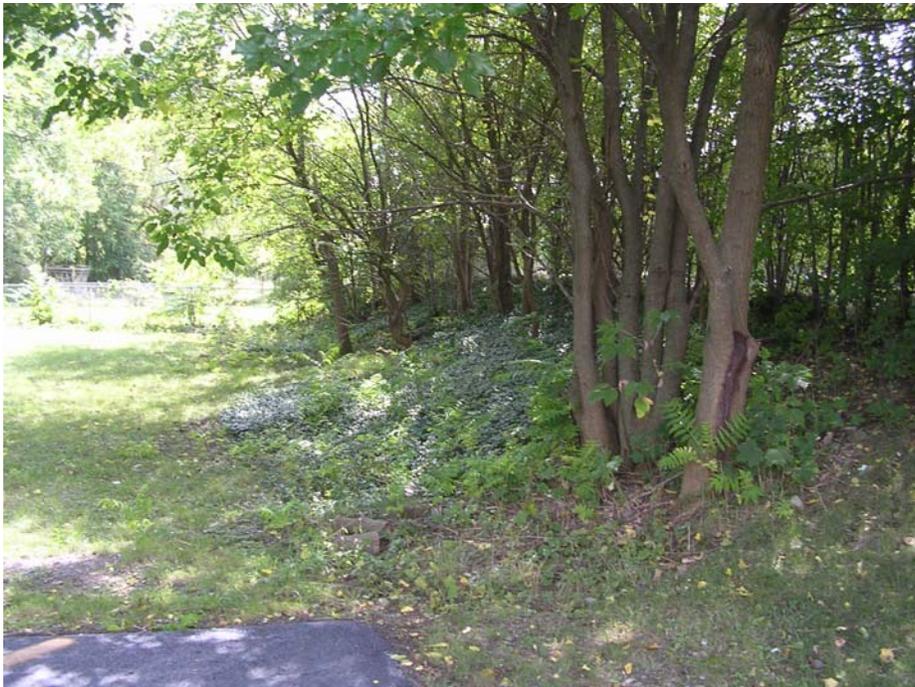


Photo 32: Trees and brush on levee – left bank upstream of Ballantyne Road bridge.



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Attachment "B" Flood Damage Reduction Systems Inspection Report

Name of System: Flood Damage Reduction Project, Onondaga Creek, Syracuse, New York

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Corps of Engineers Inspector: Robert Remmers Date of Inspection: 9/13/07

Inspection Report Prepared By: Robert Remmers Date Report Prepared: _____

Internal Technical Review (for Periodic Inspections) By: N/A Date of ITR: N/A

Final Approval By: N/A Date Approved: N/A

Type of Inspection: Initial Eligibility Inspection
 Continuing Eligibility Inspection (Routine)
 Continuing Eligibility Inspection (Periodic)

Overall System Rating: Acceptable
 Minimally Acceptable
 Unacceptable

Contents of this Report: Instructions
 Public Sponsor Pre-Inspection Report
 General Items
 Levee Embankments
 Floodwalls
 Interior Drainage System
 Pump Stations
 Channels

Note: In addition to the report contents indicated here, a plan view drawing of the system, with stationing, should be included with this report to reference locations of items rated less than acceptable. Photos of general system condition and any noted deficiencies should also be attached.

Instructions - Inspection of Flood Damage Reduction Systems

A. Purpose of USACE Inspections:

The primary purpose of these inspections is to prevent loss of life and catastrophic damages; preserve the value of Federal investments, and to encourage non-Federal sponsors to bear responsibility for their own protection. Inspections should assure that Flood Damage Reduction structures and facilities are continually maintained and operated as necessary to obtain the maximum benefits. Inspections are also conducted to determine eligibility for Rehabilitation Assistance under authority of PL 84-99 for Federal and non-Federal systems. (ER 1130-2-530, ER 500-1-1)

B. Types of Inspections:

The Corps conducts several types of inspections of Flood Damage Reduction systems, as outlined below:

Initial Eligibility Inspections	Continuing Eligibility Inspections	
	Routine Inspections	Periodic Inspections
IEIs are conducted to determine whether a non-Federally constructed Flood Damage Reduction system meets the minimum criteria and standards set forth by the Corps for initial inclusion into the Rehabilitation and Inspection Program.	RIs are intended to verify proper maintenance, owner preparedness, and component operation.	PIs are intended to verify proper maintenance and component operation and to evaluate operational adequacy, structural stability, and safety of the system. Periodic Inspections evaluate the system's original design criteria vs. current design criteria to determine potential performance impacts, evaluate the current conditions, and compare the design loads and design analysis used against current design standards. This is to be done to identify components and features for the sponsor that need to be monitored more closely over time or corrected as needed. (Periodic Inspections are used as the basis of risk assessments.)

C. Inspection Boundaries:

Inspections should be conducted so as to rate Flood Damage Reduction "systems" as complete and independent units, regardless of relevant "project" or "segment" boundaries.

Project	System	Segment
A flood damage reduction project is made up of one or more flood damage reduction systems which were under the same authorization.	A flood damage reduction system is made up of one or more flood damage reduction segments which collectively provide flood damage reduction to a defined area. Failure of one segment within a system constitutes failure of the entire system. Failure of one system does not affect another system.	A flood damage reduction segment is defined as a discrete portion of a flood damage reduction system that is operated and maintained by a single entity. A flood damage reduction segment can be made up of one or more features (levee, floodwall, pump stations, etc).

D. Land Use Definitions:

The following three definitions are intended for use in determining minimum required inspection intervals and initial requirements for inclusion into the Rehabilitation and Inspection Program. Inspections should be considered for all systems that would result in significant environmental or economic impact upon failure regardless of specific land use.

Agricultural	Rural	Urban
Protected population in the range of zero to 5 households per square mile protected.	Protected population in the range of 6 to 20 households per square mile protected.	Greater than 20 households per square mile; major industrial areas with significant infrastructure investment. Some protected urban areas have no permanent population but may be industrial areas with high value infrastructure with no overnight population.

E. Use of the Inspection Report Template:

The report template is intended for use in all Army Corps of Engineers inspections of levee and floodwall systems and flood damage reduction channels. The section of the template labeled "Initial Eligibility" only needs to be completed during Initial Eligibility Inspections of Non-Federally constructed Flood Damage Reduction Systems. The section labeled "General Items" needs to be completed with every inspection, along with all other sections that correspond to features in the system. The section labeled "Public Sponsor Pre-Inspection Report" is intended for completion before the inspection, if possible.

F. Individual Item / Component Ratings:

Assessment of individual components rated during the inspection should be based on the criteria provided in the inspection report template, though inspectors may incorporate additional items into the report based on the characteristics of the system. The assessment of individual components should be based on the following definitions.

Acceptable Item	Minimally Acceptable Item	Unacceptable Item
The inspected item is in satisfactory condition, with no deficiencies, and will function as intended during the next flood event.	The inspected item has one or more minor deficiencies that need to be corrected. The minor deficiency or deficiencies will not seriously impair the functioning of the item as intended during the next flood event.	The inspected item has one or more serious deficiencies that need to be corrected. The serious deficiency or deficiencies will seriously impair the functioning of the item as intended during the next flood event.

G. Overall System Ratings:

Determination of the overall system rating is based on the definitions below. Note that an Unacceptable System Rating may be either based on an engineering determination that concluded that noted deficiencies would prevent the system from functioning as intended during the next flood event, or based on the sponsor's demonstrated lack of commitment or inability to correct serious deficiencies in a timely manner.

Acceptable System	Minimally Acceptable System	Unacceptable System
All items or components are rated as Acceptable.	One or more items are rated as Minimally Acceptable and one or more items are rated as Unacceptable and an engineering determination concludes that the Unacceptable items would not prevent the system from performing as intended during the next flood event.	One or more items are rated as Unacceptable and would prevent the system from performing as intended, or a serious deficiency noted in past inspections (which had previously resulted in a minimally acceptable system rating) has not been corrected within the established timeframe, not to exceed two years.

H. Eligibility for PL84-99 Rehabilitation Assistance:

Inspected systems that are not operated and maintained by the Federal government may be Active in the Corps' Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (RIP) and eligible for rehabilitation assistance from the Corps as defined below:

If the Overall System Rating is Acceptable	If the Overall System Rating is Minimally Acceptable	If the Overall System Rating is Unacceptable
The system is active in the RIP and eligible for PL84-99 rehabilitation assistance.	The system is Active in the RIP during the time that it takes to make needed corrections. Active systems are eligible for rehabilitation assistance. However, if the sponsor does not present USACE with proof that serious deficiencies (which had previously resulted in a minimally acceptable system rating) were corrected within the established timeframe, then the system will become Inactive in the RIP.	The system is Inactive in the RIP, and the status will remain Inactive until the sponsor presents USACE with proof that all items rated Unacceptable have been corrected. Inactive systems are ineligible for rehabilitation assistance.

I. Reporting:

After the inspection, the Corps is responsible for assembling an inspection report (or a summary report if it was a Periodic Inspection) including the following information:

- a. All sections of the report template used during the inspection, including the cover and pre-inspection materials. (Supplemental data collected, and any sections of the template that weren't used during the inspection do not need to be included with the report.)
- b. Photos of the general system condition and noted deficiencies.
- c. A plan view drawing of the system, with stationing, to reference locations of items rated less than acceptable.
- d. The relative importance of the identified maintenance issues should be specified in the transmittal letter.
- e. If the Overall System Rating is Minimally Acceptable, the report needs to establish a timeframe for correction of serious deficiencies noted (not to exceed two years) and indicate that if these items are not corrected within the required timeframe, the system will be rated as Unacceptable and made Inactive in the Rehabilitation Inspection Program.

J. Notification:

Reports are to be disseminated as follows within 30 days of the inspection date.

If the Overall System Rating is Acceptable	If the Overall System Rating is Minimally Acceptable	If the Overall System Rating is Unacceptable
Reports need to be provided to the local sponsor and the county emergency management agency.	Reports need to be provided to the local sponsor, state emergency management agency, county emergency management agency, and to the FEMA region.	Reports need to be provided to the local sponsor, state emergency management agency, county emergency management agency, FEMA region, and to the Congressional delegation within 30 days of the inspection.



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Flood Damage Reduction Systems Public Sponsor Pre-Inspection Report

The following information is to be provided by the local sponsor prior to an inspection. This information will be used to help evaluate the organizational capability of the local sponsor to manage the levee system maintenance program.

1. Project name and local sponsor:
2. Reporting period: (month/day/year to month/day/year)
3. Summary of maintenance required by last inspection report:
4. Summary of maintenance performed this reporting period:
5. Summary of maintenance planned next reporting period:
6. Summary of changes to system since last inspection:
7. Problems/ issues requiring the assistance of the US Army Corps of Engineers:

General Items - Flood Damage Reduction Systems

For use during all inspections of all Flood Damage Reduction Systems

Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
1. Operations and Maintenance Manuals	A	A Levee Owner's Manual, O&M Manuals, and/or manufacturer's operating instructions are present.	Refer to Section 13.(1), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Sponsor manuals are lost or missing or out of date; however, sponsor will obtain manuals prior to next scheduled inspection.	
		U Sponsor has not obtained lost or missing manuals identified during previous inspection.	
2. Emergency Supplies and Equipment (A or M only)	A	A The sponsor maintains a stockpile of sandbags, shovels, and other flood fight supplies which will adequately supply all needs for the initial days of a flood fight. Sponsor determines required quantity of supplies after consulting with inspector.	
		M The sponsor does not maintain an adequate supply of flood fighting materials as part of their preparedness activities.	
3. Flood Preparedness and Training (A or M only)	*	A Sponsor has a written system-specific flood response plan and a solid understanding of how to operate, maintain, and staff the FDR system during a flood. Sponsor maintains a list of emergency contact information for appropriate personnel and other emergency response agencies.	*Refer to Section 13.(1), FY07 Inspection Report
		M The sponsor maintains a good working knowledge of flood response activities, but documentation of system-specific emergency procedures and emergency contact personnel is insufficient or out of date.	

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Levee Embankments - Flood Damage Reduction Systems

For use during Initial and Continuing Eligibility Inspections of levee systems

Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
1. Unwanted Vegetation Growth ¹	U	A The levee has little or no unwanted vegetation (trees, bush, or undesirable weeds), except for vegetation that is properly contained and/or situated on overbuilt sections, such that the mandatory 3-foot root-free zone is preserved around the levee profile. The levee has been recently mowed. The vegetation-free zone extends 15 feet from both the landside and riverside toes of the levee to the centerline of the tree. If the levee access easement doesn't extend to the described limits, then the vegetation-free zone must be maintained to the easement limits. Reference EM 1110-2-301 or Corps policy for regional vegetation variance.	Refer to Sections 7.c. and 13.(12), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Minimal vegetation growth (brush, weeds, or trees 2 inches in diameter or smaller) is present within the zones described above. This vegetation must be removed but does not currently threaten the operation or integrity of the levee.	
		U Significant vegetation growth (brush, weeds, or any trees greater than 2 inches in diameter) is present within the zones described above and must be removed to reestablish or ascertain levee integrity.	
2. Sod Cover	U	A There is good coverage of sod over the levee.	Refer to Sections 7.c. and 13.(12), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Approximately 25% of the sod cover is missing or damaged over a significant portion or over significant portions of the levee embankment. This may be the result of over-grazing or feeding on the levee, unauthorized vehicular traffic, chemical or insect problems, or burning during inappropriate seasons.	
		U Over 50% of the sod cover is missing or damaged over a significant portion or portions of the levee embankment.	
		N/A Surface protection is provided by other means.	
3. Encroachments	M	A No trash, debris, unauthorized farming activity, structures, excavations, or other obstructions present within the easement area. Encroachments have been previously reviewed by the Corps, and it was determined that they do not diminish proper functioning of the levee.	Refer to Sections 7.b.(4), 10.(1), 13.(6), and 13.(13), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Trash, debris, unauthorized farming activity, structures, excavations, or other obstructions present, or inappropriate activities noted that should be corrected but will not inhibit operations and maintenance or emergency operations. Encroachments have not been reviewed by the Corps.	
		U Unauthorized encroachments or inappropriate activities noted are likely to inhibit operations and maintenance, emergency operations, or negatively impact the integrity of the levee.	
4. Closure Structures (Stop Log, Earthen Closures, Gates, or Sandbag Closures) (A or U only)	N/A	A Closure structure in good repair. Placing equipment, stoplogs, and other materials are readily available at all times. Components are clearly marked and installation instructions/ procedures readily available. Trial erections have been accomplished in accordance with the O&M Manual.	
		U Any of the following issues is cause for this rating: Closure structure in poor condition. Parts missing or corroded. Placing equipment may not be available within the anticipated warning time. The storage vaults cannot be opened during the time of inspection. Components of closure are not clearly marked and installation instructions/ procedures are not readily available. Trial erections have not been accomplished in accordance with the O&M Manual.	
		N/A There are no closure structures along this component of the FDR system.	

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¹ If there is significant growth on the levee that inhibits the inspection of animal burrows or other items, the inspection should be ended until this item is corrected.

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
5. Slope Stability	A	A No slides, sloughs, tension cracking, slope depressions, or bulges are present.	
		M Minor slope stability problems that do not pose an immediate threat to the levee embankment.	
		U Major slope stability problems (ex. deep seated sliding) identified that must be repaired to reestablish the integrity of the levee embankment.	
6. Erosion/ Bank Caving	A	A No erosion or bank caving is observed on the landward or riverward sides of the levee that might endanger its stability.	
		M There are areas where minor erosion is occurring or has occurred on or near the levee embankment, but levee integrity is not threatened.	
		U Erosion or caving is occurring or has occurred that threatens the stability and integrity of the levee. The erosion or caving has progressed into the levee section or into the extended footprint of the levee foundation and has compromised the levee foundation stability.	
7. Settlement ¹	A	A No observed depressions in crown. Records exist and indicate no unexplained historical changes.	
		M Minor irregularities that do not threaten integrity of levee. Records are incomplete or inclusive.	
		U Obvious variations in elevation over significant reaches. No records exist or records indicate that design elevation is compromised.	
8. Depressions/ Rutting	A	A There are scattered, shallow ruts, pot holes, or other depressions on the levee that are unrelated to levee settlement. The levee crown, embankments, and access road crowns are well established and drain properly without any ponded water.	
		M There are some infrequent minor depressions less than 6 inches deep in the levee crown, embankment, or access roads that will pond water.	
		U There are depressions greater than 6 inches deep that will pond water.	
9. Cracking	A	A Minor longitudinal, transverse, or desiccation cracks with no vertical movement along the crack. No cracks extend continuously through the levee crest.	
		M Longitudinal and/or transverse cracks up to 6 inches in depth with no vertical movement along the crack. No cracks extend continuously through the levee crest. Longitudinal cracks are no longer than the height of the levee.	
		U Cracks exceed 6 inches in depth. Longitudinal cracks are longer than the height of the levee and/or exhibit vertical movement along the crack. Transverse cracks extend through the entire levee width.	
10. Animal Control	A	A Continuous animal burrow control program in place that includes the elimination of active burrowing and the filling in of existing burrows.	
		M The existing animal burrow control program needs to be improved. Several burrows are present which may lead to seepage or slope stability problems, and they require immediate attention.	
		U Animal burrow control program is not effective or is nonexistent. Significant maintenance is required to fill existing burrows, and the levee will not provide reliable flood protection until this maintenance is complete.	

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¹ Detailed survey elevations are normally required during Periodic Inspections, and whenever there are obvious visual settlements.

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
11. Culverts/ Discharge Pipes ¹ (This item includes both concrete and corrugated metal pipes.)	*	A	There are no breaks, holes, cracks in the discharge pipes/ culverts that would result in significant water leakage. The pipe shape is still essentially circular. All joints appear to be closed and the soil tight. Corrugated metal pipes, if present, are in good condition with 100% of the original coating still in place (either asphalt or galvanizing) or have been relined with appropriate material, which is still in good condition. Condition of pipes has been verified using television camera video taping or visual inspection methods within the past five years, and the report for every pipe is available for review by the inspector.
		M	There are a small number of corrosion pinholes or cracks that could leak water and need to be repaired, but the entire length of pipe is still structurally sound and is not in danger of collapsing. Pipe shape may be ovalized in some locations but does not appear to be approaching a curvature reversal. A limited number of joints may have opened and soil loss may be beginning. Any open joints should be repaired prior to the next inspection. Corrugated metal pipes, if present, may be showing corrosion and pinholes but there are no areas with total section loss. Condition of pipes has been verified using television camera video taping or visual inspection methods within the past five years, and the report for every pipe is available for review by the inspector.
		U	Culvert has deterioration and/or has significant leakage; it is in danger of collapsing or as already begun to collapse. Corrugated metal pipes have suffered 100% section loss in the invert. HOWEVER: Even if pipes appear to be in good condition, as judged by an external visual inspection, an Unacceptable Rating will be assigned if the condition of pipes has not been verified using television camera video taping or visual inspection methods within the past five years, and reports for all pipes are not available for review by the inspector.
		N/A	There are no discharge pipes/ culverts.
			Refer to 13.(2), FY07 Inspection Report

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
12. Riprap Revetments & Bank Protection	N/A	A	No riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of channel bank. Riprap intact with no woody vegetation present.
		M	Minor riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of the channel bank. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared or sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.
		U	Significant riprap displacement, exposure of bedding, or stone degradation observed. Scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling. Rock protection is hidden by dense brush, trees, or grasses.
		N/A	There is no riprap protecting this feature of the system, or riprap is discussed in another section.
13. Revetments other than Riprap	N/A	A	Existing revetment protection is properly maintained, undamaged, and clearly visible.
		M	Minor revetment displacement or deterioration that does not pose an immediate threat to the integrity of the levee. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared or sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.
		U	Significant revetment displacement, deterioration, or exposure of bedding observed. Scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling. Revetment protection is hidden by dense brush and trees.
		N/A	There are no such revetments protecting this feature of the system.
14. Underseepage Relief Wells/ Toe Drainage Systems	N/A	A	Toe drainage systems and pressure relief wells necessary for maintaining FDR system stability during high water functioned properly during the last flood event and no sediment is observed in horizontal system (if applicable). Nothing is observed which would indicate that the drainage systems won't function properly during the next flood, and maintenance records indicate regular cleaning. Wells have been pumped tested within the past 5 years and documentation is provided.
		M	Toe drainage systems or pressure relief wells are damaged and may become clogged if they are not repaired. Maintenance records are incomplete or indicate irregular cleaning and pump testing.
		U	Toe drainage systems or pressure relief wells necessary for maintaining FDR system stability during flood events have fallen into disrepair or have become clogged. No maintenance records. No documentation of the required pump testing.
		N/A	There are no relief wells/ toe drainage systems along this component of the FDR system.
15. Seepage	A	A	No evidence or history of unrepaired seepage, saturated areas, or boils.
		M	Evidence or history of minor unrepaired seepage or small saturated areas at or beyond the landside toe but not on the landward slope of levee. No evidence of soil transport.
		U	Evidence or history of active seepage, extensive saturated areas, or boils.

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Interior Drainage System - Flood Damage Reduction Systems

For use during Initial and Continuing Eligibility Inspections of interior drainage systems

Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
1. Vegetation and Obstructions	M	A No obstructions, vegetation, debris, or sediment accumulation noted within interior drainage channels or blocking the culverts, inlets, or discharge areas. Concrete joints and weep holes are free of grass and weeds.	
		M Obstructions, vegetation, debris, or sediment are minor and have not impaired channel flow capacity or blocked more than 10% of any culvert openings, but should be removed. A limited volume of grass and weeds may be present in concrete channel joints and weep holes.	
		U Obstructions, vegetation, debris, or sediment have impaired the channel flow capacity or blocked more than 10% of a culvert opening. Sediment and debris removal required to re-establish flow capacity.	
2. Encroachments	A*	A No trash, debris, unauthorized structures, excavations, or other obstructions present within the easement area. Encroachments have been previously reviewed by the Corps, and it was determined that they do not diminish proper functioning of the interior drainage system.	Refer to Sections 10.(2) and 13.(13) FY07 Inspection Report. *Rating to change to "M" if no prior Corps approval for filling in channel to concrete flume.
		M Trash, debris, unauthorized structures, excavations, or other obstructions present, or inappropriate activities noted that should be corrected but will not inhibit operations and maintenance or emergency operations. Encroachments have not been reviewed by the Corps.	
		U Unauthorized encroachments or inappropriate activities noted are likely to inhibit operations and maintenance, emergency operations, or negatively impact the integrity of this component of the interior drainage system.	
3. Ponding Areas	N/A	A No trash, debris, structures, or other obstructions present within the ponding areas. Sediment deposits do not exceed 10% of capacity.	
		M Trash, debris, excavations, structures, or other obstructions present, or inappropriate activities that will not inhibit operations and maintenance. Sediment deposits do not exceed 30% of capacity.	
		U Trash, debris, excavations, structures, or other obstructions, or other encroachments or activities noted that will inhibit operations, maintenance, or emergency work. Sediment deposits exceeds 30% of capacity.	
		N/A There are no ponding areas associated with the interior drainage system.	
4. Fencing and Gates ¹	M	A Fencing is in good condition and provides protection against falling or unauthorized access. Gates open and close freely, locks are in place, and there is little corrosion on metal parts.	Refer to Sections 7.b.(3) and 13.(5) FY07 Inspection Report.
		M Fencing or gates are damaged or corroded but appear to be maintainable. Locks may be missing or damaged.	
		U Fencing and gates are damaged or corroded to the point that replacement is required, or potentially dangerous features are not secured.	
		N/A There are no features noted that require safety fencing.	

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
5. Concrete Surfaces (Such as gate wells, outfalls, intakes, or culverts)	A	A Negligible spalling, scaling or cracking. If the concrete surface is weathered or holds moisture, it is still satisfactory but should be seal coated to prevent freeze/ thaw damage.	
		M Spalling, scaling, and open cracking present, but the immediate integrity or performance of the structure is not threatened. Reinforcing steel may be exposed. Repairs/ sealing is necessary to prevent additional damage during periods of thawing and freezing.	
		U Surface deterioration or deep cracks present that may result in an unreliable structure. Any surface deterioration that exposes the sheet piling or lies adjacent to monolith joints may indicate underlying reinforcement corrosion and is unacceptable.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the interior drainage system.	
6. Tilting, Sliding or Settlement of Concrete and Sheet Pile Structures ¹ (Such as gate wells, outfalls, intakes, or culverts)	A	A There are no significant areas of tilting, sliding, or settlement that would endanger the integrity of the structure.	
		M There are areas of tilting, sliding, or settlement (either active or inactive) that need to be repaired. The maximum offset, either laterally or vertically, does not exceed 2 inches unless the movement can be shown to be no longer actively occurring. The integrity of the structure is not in danger.	
		U There are areas of tilting, sliding, or settlement (either active or inactive) that threaten the structure's integrity and performance. Any movement that has resulted in failure of the waterstop (possibly identified by daylight visible through the joint) is unacceptable. Differential movement of greater than 2 inches between any two adjacent monoliths, either laterally or vertically, is unacceptable unless it can be shown that the movement is no longer active. Also, if the floodwall is of I-wall construction, then any visible or measurable tilting of the wall toward the protected side that has created an open horizontal crack on the riverside base of a monolith is unacceptable.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the interior drainage system.	
7. Foundation of Concrete Structures ² (Such as culverts, inlet and discharge structures, or gatewells.)	A	A No active erosion, scouring, or bank caving that might endanger the structure's stability.	
		M There are areas where the ground is eroding towards the base of the structure. Efforts need to be taken to slow and repair this erosion, but it is not judged to be close enough to the structure or to be progressing rapidly enough to affect structural stability before the next inspection. The rate of erosion is such that the structure is expected to remain stable until the next inspection.	
		U Erosion or bank caving observed that may lead to structural instabilities before the next inspection.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the interior drainage system.	

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¹ The sponsor should be monitoring any observed movement to verify whether the movement is active or inactive.

² Inspectors must have as-built drawings available during the inspection so that the lateral distance to the heel and toe of the floodwalls can be determined in the field.

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations	
8. Monolith Joints	A	A	The joint material is in good condition. The exterior joint sealant is intact and cracking/ desiccation is minimal. Joint filler material and/or waterstop is not visible at any point.	
		M	The joint material has appreciable deterioration to the point where joint filler material and/or waterstop is visible in some locations. This needs to be repaired or replaced to prevent spalling and cracking during freeze/ thaw cycles, and to ensure water tightness of the joint.	
		U	The joint material is severely deteriorated or the concrete adjacent to the monolith joints has spalled and cracked, damaging the waterstop; in either case damage has occurred to the point where it is apparent that the joint is no longer watertight and will not provide the intended level of protection during a flood.	
		N/A	There are no monolith joints in the interior drainage system.	
9. Culverts/Discharge Pipes ¹	*	A	There are no breaks, holes, cracks in the discharge pipes/ culverts that would result in significant water leakage. The pipe shape is still essentially circular. All joints appear to be closed and the soil tight. Corrugated metal pipes, if present, are in good condition with 100% of the original coating still in place (either asphalt or galvanizing) or have been relined with appropriate material, which is still in good condition. Condition of pipes has been verified using television camera video taping or visual inspection methods within the past five years, and the report for every pipe is available for review by the inspector.	Refer to Section 13.(2), FY07 Inspection Report
		M	There are a small number of corrosion pinholes or cracks that could leak water and need to be repaired, but the entire length of pipe is still structurally sound and is not in danger of collapsing. Pipe shape may be ovalized in some locations but does not appear to be approaching a curvature reversal. A limited number of joints may have opened and soil loss may be beginning. Any open joints should be repaired prior to the next inspection. Corrugated metal pipes, if present, may be showing corrosion and pinholes but there are no areas with total section loss. Condition of pipes has been verified using television camera video taping or visual inspection methods within the past five years, and the report for every pipe is available for review by the inspector.	
		U	Culvert has deterioration and/or has significant leakage; it is in danger of collapsing or as already begun to collapse. Corrugated metal pipes have suffered 100% section loss in the invert. HOWEVER: Even if pipes appear to be in good condition, as judged by an external visual inspection, an Unacceptable Rating will be assigned if the condition of pipes has not been verified using television camera video taping or visual inspection methods within the past five years, and reports for all pipes are not available for review by the inspector.	
		N/A	There are no discharge pipes/ culverts.	

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
10. Sluice / Slide Gates ¹	A	A Gates open and close freely to a tight seal or minor leakage. Gate operators are in good working condition and are properly maintained. Sill is free of sediment and other obstructions. Gates and lifters have been maintained and are free of corrosion. Documentation provided during the inspection.	
		M Gates and/or operators have been damaged or have minor corrosion, and open and close with resistance or binding. Leakage quantity is controllable, but maintenance is required. Sill is free of sediment and other obstructions.	
		U Gates do not open or close and/or operators do not function. Gate, stem, lifter and/or guides may be damaged or have major corrosion.	
		N/A There are no sluice/ slide gates.	
11. Flap Gates/ Flap Valves/ Pinch Valves ²	A*	A Gates/ valves open and close easily with minimal leakage, have no corrosion damage, and have been exercised and lubricated as required.	Refer to Sections 10.(3) and 13.(13), FY07 Inspection Report *Rating to change to "M" if no prior Corps approval for missing flapgate at drainage structure, Sta. 96+10.
		M Gates/ valves will not fully open or close because of obstructions that can be easily removed, or have minor corrosion damage that requires maintenance.	
		U Gates/ valves are missing, have been damaged, or have deteriorated to the point that they need to be replaced.	
		N/A There are no flap gates.	
12. Trash Racks (non-mechanical)	N/A	A Trash racks are fastened in place and properly maintained.	
		M Trash racks are in place but are unfastened or have bent bars that allow debris to enter into the pipe or pump station, bars are corroded to the point that up to 10% of the sectional area may be lost. Repair or replacement is required.	
		U Trash racks are missing or damaged to the extent that they are no longer functional and must be replaced. (For example, more than 10% of the sectional area may be lost.)	
		N/A There are no trash racks, or they are covered in the pump stations section of the report.	
13. Other Metallic Items	A	A All metal parts are protected from corrosion damage and show no rust, damage, or deterioration that would cause a safety concern.	
		M Corrosion seen on metallic parts appears to be maintainable.	
		U Metallic parts are severely corroded and require replacement to prevent failure, equipment damage, or safety issues.	
		N/A There are no other significant metallic items.	

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¹ Proper operation of the gates (full open and closed) must be demonstrated during the inspection if no documentation is available. Be aware of both manual and electrical operators.

² Proper operation of this item must be demonstrated during the inspection.

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
14. Riprap Revetments of Inlet/ Discharge Areas	N/A	A No riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of channel bank. Riprap intact with no woody vegetation present.	
		M Minor riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of the channel bank. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared or sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.	
		U Significant riprap displacement, exposure of bedding, or stone degradation observed. Scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling. Rock protection is hidden by dense brush, trees, or grasses.	
		N/A There is no riprap protecting this feature of the system, or riprap is discussed in another section.	
15. Revetments other than Riprap	M	A No riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of channel bank. Riprap intact with no woody vegetation present.	Refer to Sections 7.b(5),(8) and 13.(7), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Minor riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of the channel bank. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared or sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.	
		U Significant riprap displacement, exposure of bedding, or stone degradation observed. Scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling. Rock protection is hidden by dense brush, trees, or grasses.	
		N/A There are no such revetments protecting this feature of the system.	

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Channels - Flood Damage Reduction Systems

For use during Initial and Continuing Eligibility Inspections of flood damage reduction channels

Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
1. Vegetation and Obstructions	M	A No obstructions, vegetation, debris, or sediment accumulation within the channel. Concrete channel joints and weep holes are free of grass and weeds.	Refer to Sections 7.a.(2),(3), 7.b.(1),(2),(7),(9),(11),(12),(13), and 13.(4),(9), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Obstructions (including log jams), vegetation, debris, or sediment are minor and have not impaired channel flow capacity, but should be removed. Sediment shoals have not developed to the extent that they can support vegetation other than non-aquatic grasses. A limited volume of grass and weeds may be present in concrete channel joints and weep holes.	
		U Obstructions (including log jams), vegetation, debris or sediment have impaired the channel flow capacity. Sediment shoals are well established and support woody and/or brushy vegetation. Sediment and debris removal required to re-establish flow capacity.	
2. Shoaling ¹ (sediment deposition)	M	A No shoaling or minor, non-vegetated shoaling is present.	Refer to Sections 7.b.(6) and 13.(8), FY07 Inspection Report
		M More widespread vegetated and non-vegetated shoaling is present. Non-aquatic grasses are present on shoal. No trees or brush is present on shoal, and channel flow is not significantly reduced. Sediment and debris removal recommended.	
		U Shoaling is well established, stabilized by saplings, brush, or other vegetation. Shoals are diverting flow to channel walls. Channel flow capacity is reduced and maintenance is required.	
3. Encroachments	A*	A No trash, debris, unauthorized structures, excavations, or other obstructions present within the easement area. Encroachments have been previously reviewed by the Corps, and it was determined that they do not diminish proper functioning of the channel.	Refer to Sections 10.(2),(4) and 13.(13), FY07 Inspection Report *Rating to be changed to "M" if no prior Corps approval for pedestrian bridge at 37+50 and for filling channel leading to concrete flume.
		M Trash, debris, unauthorized structures, excavations, or other obstructions present, or inappropriate activities noted that should be corrected but will not inhibit operations and maintenance or emergency operations. Encroachments have not been reviewed by the Corps.	
		U Unauthorized encroachments or inappropriate activities noted are likely to inhibit operations and maintenance, emergency operations, or negatively impact the integrity of the channel.	
4. Erosion/ Settlement	M	A No head cutting or horizontal deviation observed.	Refer to Sections 7.b.(10) and 13.(10), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Head cutting and horizontal deviation evident, but is less than 1 foot from the designed grade or cross section.	
		U Head cutting and horizontal deviation of more than 1 foot from the designed grade or cross section. Corrective actions required to stop or slow erosion.	

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¹ If weather and flow conditions allow, inspectors should walk in the channel and probe shoal areas in order to estimate extent of blockage of the cross-sectional area where shoaling is present.

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Rated Item	Rating	Rating Guidelines	Location/ Remarks/ Recommendations
5. Concrete Surfaces	A	A Negligible spalling, scaling or cracking. If the concrete surface is weathered or holds moisture, it is still satisfactory but should be seal coated to prevent freeze/ thaw damage.	
		M Spalling, scaling, and open cracking present, but the immediate integrity or performance of the structure is not threatened. Reinforcing steel may be exposed. Repairs/ sealing is necessary to prevent additional damage during periods of thawing and freezing.	
		U Surface deterioration or deep cracks present that may result in an unreliable structure. Any surface deterioration that exposes the sheet piling or lies adjacent to monolith joints may indicate underlying reinforcement corrosion and is unacceptable.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the channel.	
6. Tilting, Sliding or Settlement of Concrete Structures ¹	A	A There are no significant areas of tilting, sliding, or settlement that would endanger the integrity of the structure.	
		M There are areas of tilting, sliding, or settlement (either active or inactive) that need to be repaired. The maximum offset, either laterally or vertically, does not exceed 2 inches unless the movement can be shown to be no longer actively occurring. The integrity of the structure is not in danger.	
		U There are areas of tilting, sliding, or settlement (either active or inactive) that threaten the structure's integrity and performance. Any movement that has resulted in failure of the waterstop (possibly identified by daylight visible through the joint) is unacceptable. Differential movement of greater than 2 inches between any two adjacent monoliths, either laterally or vertically, is unacceptable unless it can be shown that the movement is no longer active. Also, if the floodwall is of I-wall construction, then any visible or measurable tilting of the wall toward the protected side that has created an open horizontal crack on the riverside base of a monolith is unacceptable.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the channel.	
7. Foundation of Concrete Structures ²	A	A No active erosion, scouring, or bank caving that might endanger the structure's stability.	
		M There are areas where the ground is eroding towards the base of the structure. Efforts need to be taken to slow and repair this erosion, but it is not judged to be close enough to the structure or to be progressing rapidly enough to affect structural stability before the next inspection. For the purposes of inspection, the erosion or scour is not closer to the riverside face of the wall than twice the floodwall's underground base width if the wall is of L-wall or T-wall construction; or if the wall is of sheetpile or I-wall construction, the erosion is not closer than twice the wall's visible height. Additionally, rate of erosion is such that the wall is expected to remain stable until the next inspection.	
		U Erosion or bank caving observed that is closer to the wall than the limits described above, or is outside these limits but may lead to structural instabilities before the next inspection. Additionally, if the floodwall is of I-wall or sheetpile construction, the foundation is unacceptable if any turf, soil or pavement material got washed away from the landside of the I-wall as the result of a previous overtopping event.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the channel.	

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¹ The sponsor should be monitoring any observed movement to verify whether the movement is active or inactive.

² Inspectors must have as-built drawings available during the inspection so that the lateral distance to the heel and toe of the floodwalls can be determined in the field.

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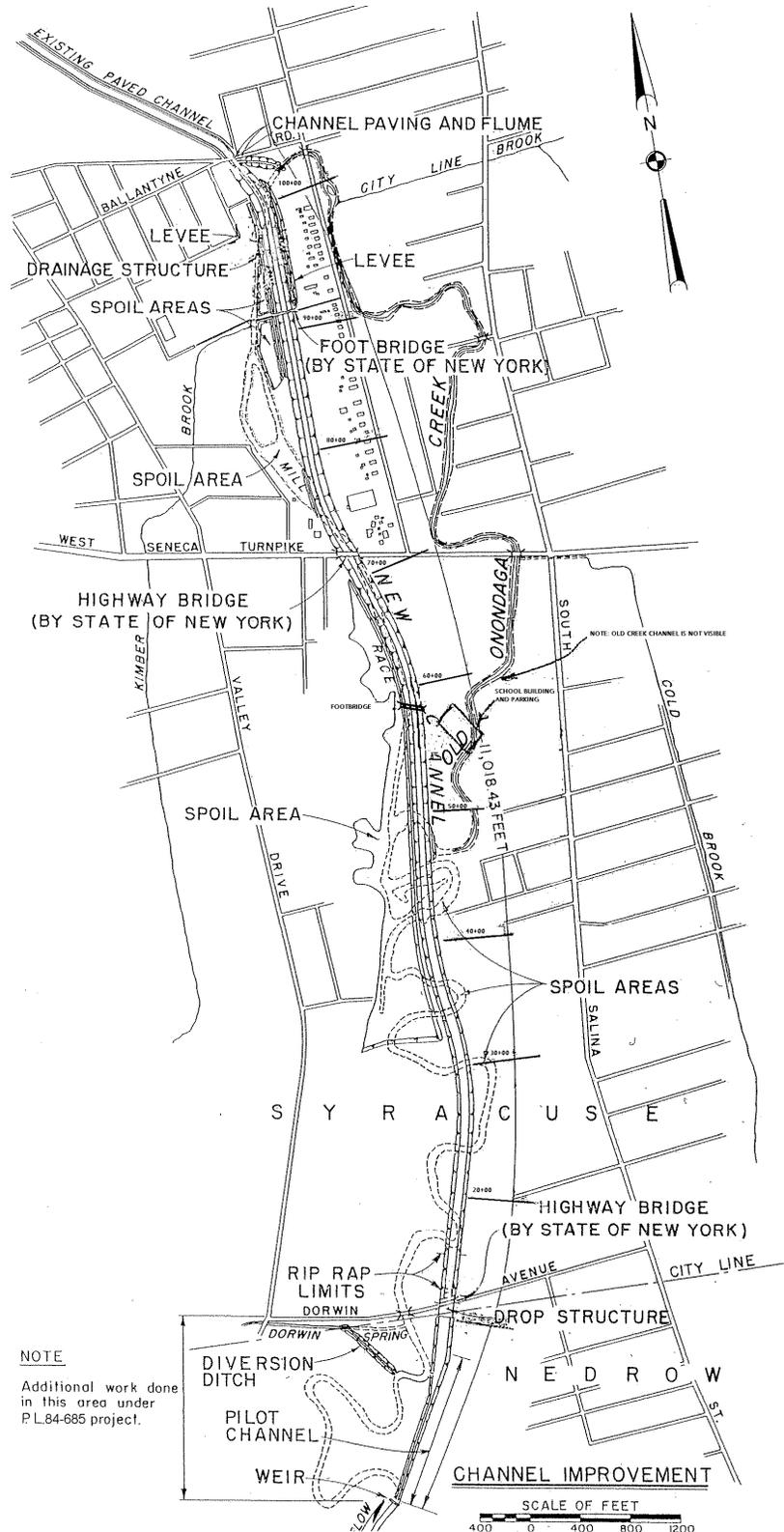
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8. Slab and Monolith Joints	A	A The joint material is in good condition. The exterior joint sealant is intact and cracking/ desiccation is minimal. Joint filler material and/or waterstop is not visible at any point.	
		M The joint material has appreciable deterioration to the point where joint filler material and/or waterstop is visible in some locations. This needs to be repaired or replaced to prevent spalling and cracking during freeze/ thaw cycles, and to ensure water tightness of the joint.	
		U The joint material is severely deteriorated or the concrete adjacent to the monolith joints has spalled and cracked, damaging the waterstop; in either case damage has occurred to the point where it is apparent that the joint is no longer watertight and will not provide the intended level of protection during a flood.	
		N/A There are no concrete items in the channel.	
9. Flap Gates/Flap Valves/ Pinch Valves ¹	*	A Gates/ valves open and close easily with minimal leakage, have no corrosion damage, and have been exercised and lubricated as required.	*Covered under internal drainage system checklist.
		M Gates/ valves will not fully open or close because of obstructions that can be easily removed, or have minor corrosion damage that requires maintenance.	
		U Gates/ valves are missing, have been damaged, or have deteriorated to the point that they need to be replaced.	
		N/A There are no flap gates.	
10. Riprap Revetments & Banks	M	A No riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of channel bank. Riprap intact with no woody vegetation present.	Refer to Sections 7.b.(13) and 13.(11), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Minor riprap displacement or stone degradation that could pose an immediate threat to the integrity of the channel bank. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared or sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.	
		U Significant riprap displacement, exposure of bedding, or stone degradation observed. Scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling. Rock protection is hidden by dense brush, trees, or grasses.	
		N/A There is no riprap protecting this feature of the system, or riprap is discussed in another section.	
11 Revetments other than Riprap	A	A Existing revetment protection is properly maintained, undamaged, and clearly visible.	Refer to Sections 7.a.(1) and 13.(3), FY07 Inspection Report
		M Minor revetment displacement or deterioration that does not pose an immediate threat to the integrity of the levee. Unwanted vegetation must be cleared or sprayed with an appropriate herbicide.	
		U Significant revetment displacement, deterioration, or exposure of bedding observed. Scour activity is undercutting banks, eroding embankments, or impairing channel flows by causing turbulence or shoaling. Revetment protection is hidden by dense brush and trees.	
		N/A There are no such revetments protecting this feature of the system.	

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Attachment "C" – Project Map



Attachment “D” - Emergency Response Plan Guidelines

The local sponsor must develop and maintain a written system specific response plan for emergency preparedness and have a solid understanding of how to operate, maintain, and staff the project during an emergency flooding event. These plans should address, at minimum, the following key elements:

1. Organizational Chart/Roster: A chain of command that indicates who will be contacted during a flood emergency.
2. List of Important Project Features: A bullet point list or annotated map that identifies: potentially critical weak points; locations of important structures such as gates, drains, closures; alternate access points, should areas become impassible; available sources of emergency supplies.
3. Flood Plan Response: The written plan does not need to be long or wordy, but should indicate what needs to be done during a flood fight and when. The plan should identify the hierarchy of responsibility, procedures, and equipment. Evacuation plans should be included in the flood plan response.
4. Short Term Planning Elements: Provisions to address temporary situations. For example, what to do in case of flooding during short term construction or replacement of critical elements.
5. Continued Plan Management: Plan should be reviewed annually and amended or revised as necessary; updates to critical information and contacts should be included.

Refer to pages 35 through 52 of Levee Owner’s Manual for Non-Federal Flood Control Works, for additional specific information. This document is available for download via the following link:

http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwhs/em/fcw/lom/pdf_files/Levee%20Owner%27s%20Manual.pdf