



Fact Sheet Flood Protection Projects

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Town Brook Local Protection Project

Town Brook flows through the heavily developed city of Quincy and the town of Braintree. Because it does not have the capacity to carry floodwaters from its watershed, Town Brook is causing increasingly severe and frequent flooding in the residential and commercial districts of these communities. The Water Resources Development Act of 1986 passed by Congress authorized a \$39.4 million Local Protection Project on Town Brook that would greatly limit flood damage. The project consists of a rock tunnel 4,060 feet long with a 12-foot diameter; an earthfill dike along the north shore of the reservoir at the Old Quincy Dam; reconstruction of Old Quincy Dam; and a 300-foot-long precast concrete culvert. The average annual benefits from this comprehensive flood protection system are estimated at \$3.6 million.

Construction is being accomplished in 3 phases. Phase 1, channel improvements and construction of new culverts, is underway.

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