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Flood Protection Projects

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Roaring Branch (Bennington) Local Protection Project

The Roaring Branch Local Protection Project in Bennington is located on Roaring Branch. This stream, a tributary of the Walloomsac River, is one of two rivers in southern Vermont named Roaring Branch; the other is a tributary of the Batten Kill and passes through Arlington.

The snagging and clearing project improves the flow capacity of Roaring Branch, thereby reducing the threat of flooding along this section of stream in Bennington. Data on damages prevented are not available.

Floodwaters in December 1948 and August 1950 cluttered a section of the channel with gravel and boulders. This debris reduced the streamflow capacity of Roaring Branch and caused a potentially dangerous flooding situation. The project improves the flow capacity of the stream to its pre-flood condition. Completed by the Corps' New York District between July-November 1951, the project cost \$46,000 and is maintained by Bennington.

The work consisted of excavating accumulated gravel and boulders from about 3,000 feet of channel. This material was deposited at four critical sections along the left bank to form earthen dikes.

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