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Work scheduled to start Aug. 25

Corps of Engineers awards \$3.4 million contract for Woonsocket Falls Dam repair in Woonsocket

CONCORD, Mass. – The Woonsocket Falls Dam at the Woonsocket Flood Damage Reduction Project in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, will be repaired and painted under the terms of a \$3,453,535.54 contract issued recently by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District.

The repair work, which will be accomplished by Watermark Environmental, Inc., of Lowell, Mass., will take about six months to complete and will start on or about Aug. 25, 2010.

The Woonsocket Falls Dam is located about 100 feet upstream of the South Main Street Bridge. It is equipped with four tainter gates, with each gate 10.1 feet high and 50 feet wide, which can be raised to allow passage of flood flows.

The work includes repair and overhaul of gates and operating machinery on the Woonsocket Falls Dam.

The Woonsocket Flood Damage Reduction Project, constructed between July 1956 and April 1960 at a cost of \$5.4 million, is located in the industrial area of Woonsocket along the Blackstone River. The project area extends 8,300 feet downstream from the Massachusetts state line to the center of the city near South Main Street Bridge. The project protects about one-half of the industrial properties in the city, several homes, commercial establishments, transportation facilities, and public utilities.

All work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps of Engineers Quality Management Engineer/Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

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