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Wallkill River Federal Flood Control Project Inspection Report

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The project was inspected over the period 10/31 through 11/5. Identified sites are briefly described. See accompanying map for approximate location of numbered sites. Pictures of sites are in a separate document. Sites with an asterick (*) are low priority. We recommend they be addressed in the future when other priority sites are identified near them, or after all high priority sites (no asterick) are completed, if time and budget allows.

Miscellaneous Main Stem Sites

1. Dead log laying at the bottom of the bank, west side. *
2. Dead log laying at the bottom of the bank, west side. *
3. Snag at exposed ledge/small island in river. Snag is on east side of island.
4. Dead log on west bank, *.
5. Dead tree/root mass laying at river edge east side.
6. Tree clump leaning almost into water just downstream of ledge on east side.
7. And 7z. This severely eroding bank on the easy side of the river has been a subject of concern for many years. The WRNWR moved their riverside trail to avoid it. While beyond the scope of typical annual maintenance work, stabilizing this bank is recommended for water quality and related concerns. We are trying to initiate discussion with WRNWR. There are other similar eroding banks within the Project area. 7b and c – Two trees in river reported by adjacent landowner, no pictures. These two sites will be assessed for priority once contractor is mobilized to address other sites in this report.
8. Low water levels at the time of this inspection allowed inspection of rock toe stabilization at various locations within the FFCP. No action needed, for information only.
9. Tree in river west side.
10. Dead tree laying on west bank.
11. Snag east side.
12. Large tree with root ball attached laying along east edge of river.
13. Small snag east side.
14. and 15 and 16. Two standing dead trees and one dead log laying along west bank. *

Rutgers Creek/Wallkill Confluence

R1 and R1b. Two leaners, one from each side, and a log lying across the channel collecting debris.
R2 and R2b. Large snag across channel, fell from west side.

Pochuck

- P1. Small snag west side
P2. Small horizontal tree over channel west side

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- P3. Small horizontal tree over channel west side
- P4. Snag where ditch enters Pochuck, west side.

- P5. Large double trunk laying in channel from west side.
- P6. Large snag across channel.
- P7. Tree with root ball laying along west edge of channel
- P8. Snag west side

Pochuck Glenwood to Cty Route 1

P9 and P10. Two sites were identified by the adjacent landowner who provided the enclosed pictures.

Cheechunk

- C1. Leaner east side
- C2. Dead tree, standing, west side
- C3. Dead tree, standing, east side
- C4. Dead tree, standing, west side
- C5. Snag, east side
- C6. Small snag west side
- C7. Leaner, east side
- C8. Small snag west side
- C9. Large snag, from east side, across most of channel
- C10. Small horizontal tree over channel

Celery Gate

- CG1. Large snag east side
- CG2. Leaner west side *

Celery Ledge to County Route 37 (downstream terminus of FFCP), and County Route 37 to downstream limits of easements obtained by OCSWCD (~4,000 feet downstream of Cty Route 37).

This reach has been identified by farmers as a critical section for flood mitigation. Although no major snags have been identified, OCSWCD plans to make a close inspection in cooperation with farmer stakeholders followed by the development of a corridor improvement proposal for presentation to relevant stakeholders and authorities.

Work Schedule

OCSWCD anticipates that contractor will begin work on the normal annual maintenance items in December, 2024.