

PURPOSE + NEED

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Proposed Project, within this Project Area, is to:



Reduce flood risk.

Increase the resiliency of the communities and ecosystems.

Protect critical infrastructure, residences, businesses, and ecological resources from the more frequent and intense flood events anticipated in the future.

NEED

The Proposed Project, within this Project Area, is needed to:



Address systemic **inland flooding** from high-intensity rainfall/runoff events and **coastal flooding** from storm surges and nor'easters.

Directly **protect** life, public health, and property.

Increase community resiliency, including protecting accessibility to, and on-going operations of, critical health care services, emergency services, and transportation and utility infrastructure.

Potentially **reduce flood insurance rates** and claims from future events, and potentially restore property values.

Potentially **protect ecological resources** and **enhance water quality**, which in turn could benefit regional biodiversity and ecosystem resiliency.

Potentially integrate the flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, cultural, and recreational values to **incorporate active and passive recreational** uses.