

Murphy's Water Resources Development Act Requests

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Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) asked for the following projects to be authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2010.

Project: Harbor Brook Flood Control Study (Meriden, CT)

Description: To study culvert restoration and flood storage measures to prevent periodic downtown flooding. An Army Corps study of the issue was initiated in 2001 but never fully completed.

Project: Housatonic River Flood Control Study (New Milford, CT)

Description: To conduct an engineering and hydrologic analysis of the Housatonic River to determine specific solutions available for flood damage reduction in downtown New Milford. Multiple annual flooding events impair the town's major transportation corridor, damage businesses, and impede emergency services throughout the region.

Project: North Atlantic Coastal and Marine Management Plan (Regional)

Description: Provides authority for United States Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division to complete a North Atlantic Coastal and Marine Management Plan for ecosystem restoration in the North Atlantic region and implement appropriate projects as identified by the Plan.

Project: Steele Brook Flood Control Study (Watertown, CT)

Description: To complete an analysis of remediation alternatives to prevent flooding of Steele Brook along Main Street. Periodic inundations damage commercial developments along the brook and impair local water quality.

Project: Upper Still River/ Lake Kenosia Flood Control (Danbury, CT)

Description: To implement flood damage reduction measures along the Upper Still River and Lake Kenosia. Multiple flooding occurrences over several years have necessitated evacuations and caused significant property damage for area residents. In 2001, the Army Corps of Engineers completed a draft flooding analysis of the Upper Still River.