



# Athens Borough, Bradford County, PA

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FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

**AUTHORIZATION:** Continuing Authorities Program, Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended

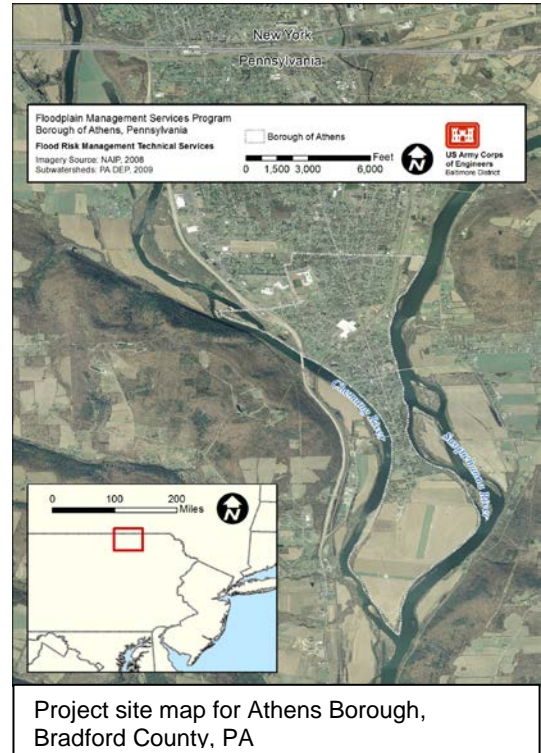
**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Flood Risk Management

**CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY:** None

**PROJECT PHASE:** Feasibility

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators **Casey** and **Toomey** (PA); Congressman **Marino** (PA-10)

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Athens Borough, Pennsylvania



Project site map for Athens Borough, Bradford County, PA

**BACKGROUND:** The Borough of Athens, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, is a municipality located within two miles of the New York and Pennsylvania state line. The Susquehanna River flows south through the Borough and forms the eastern jurisdictional boundary. The Chemung River, a large tributary to the Susquehanna River in the northern portion of the watershed, forms the Borough's western and southern jurisdictional boundaries with its confluence with the Susquehanna River. The Borough of Athens currently maintains an existing levee along the Chemung River.

The Borough of Athens experienced severe flooding associated with Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011. The Susquehanna River flooded the Borough, with floodwaters collecting on the landward side of the Chemung River levee along the western jurisdictional boundary. Although the Chemung River did not reach flood stage during Tropical Storm Lee, the severe flooding that occurred in the Borough from the Susquehanna River, with flood depths of approximately seven feet along the landward side of the Chemung River levee, caused the levee to fail near the intersection of Agnes Street and Bridge Street.

The primary solution will likely be a structural project, such as a small levee or floodwall, along the Susquehanna River or it can be non-structural measures such as raising structures in place or removing them from the floodplain.

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**STATUS:** The study recently received new start funding in September 2014 to complete a Federal Interest Determination (FID) report. The initial site visit was held on October 23, 2014.

**BUDGET (\$):**

	<u>Construction</u>
	<u>Feasibility</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	\$100,000
Federal Cost Estimate	\$100,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	\$0

<u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocations thru FY 2013	\$0
Allocation for FY 2014	\$50,000
President Budget FY 2015 <sup>1</sup>	\$0
Allocation for FY 2015 <sup>2</sup>	\$0
Balance to Complete	\$50,000

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> The President typically sends the budget to Congress in February each year. Upon release, budget amounts for the USACE Civil Works programs and specified projects are posted online at the HQUSACE website in a Program Budget Press Book at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Budget.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> The final FY 2015 allocation amounts will be made available upon final approval pursuant to the Energy and Water Appropriations Act's continuing funding requirements.

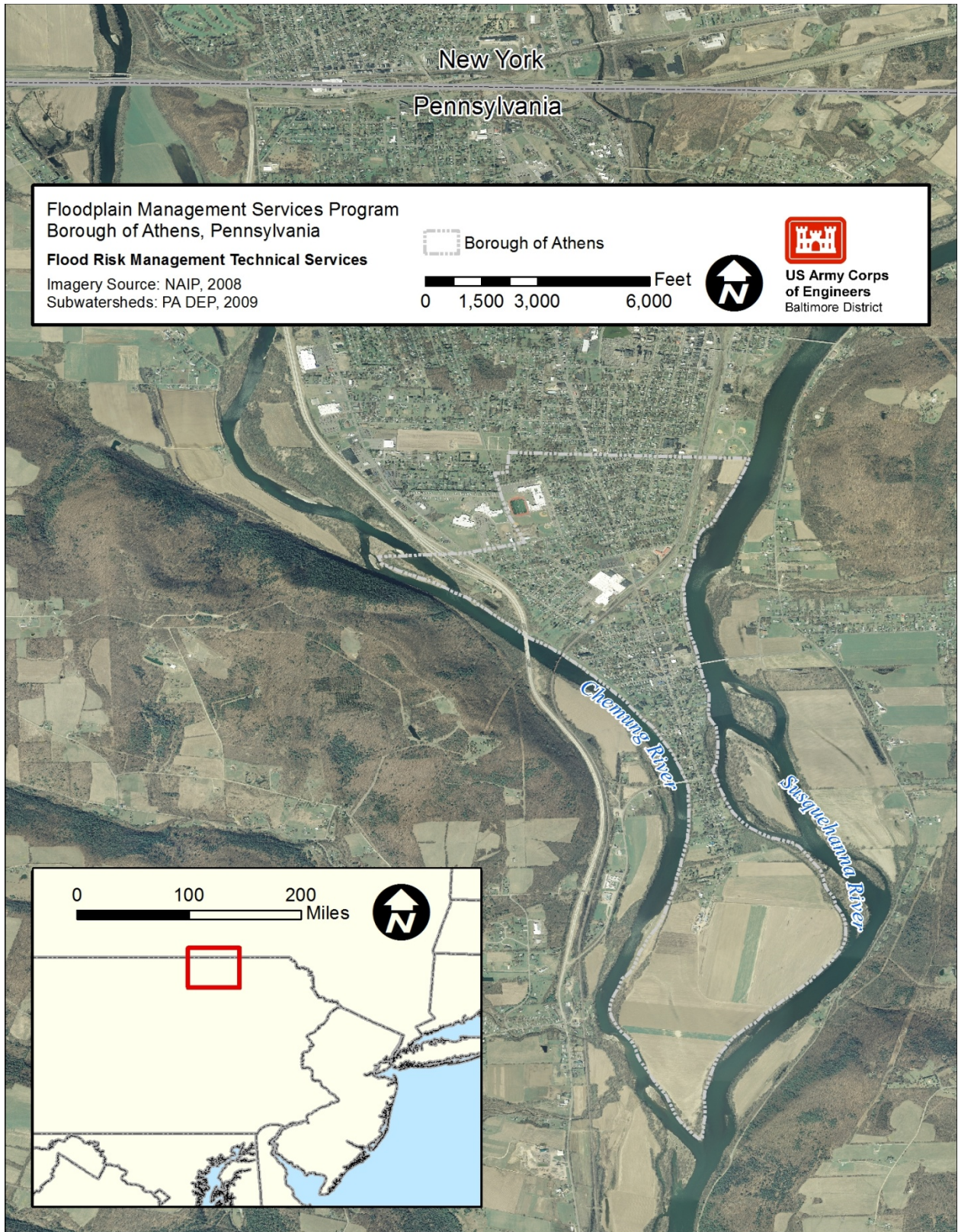
**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2014 Completed Work:** The Baltimore District (NAB) received new start funding to initiate a FID report.

**FY 2015 Scheduled Work:** NAB will complete the FID report. With approval of a positive FID report, NAB will request \$50K to develop the project management plan in support of a feasibility cost-sharing agreement.

**COMPLETION:** With optimum funding this fiscal year a feasibility cost sharing agreement can be executed in fiscal 2016.

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