

CHARLES RIVER NATURAL VALLEY STORAGE - Massachusetts

CHARLES RIVER - Charles River Basin

TYPE: Natural Valley Storage - Nonstructural Protection

PROJECT PERSONNEL: Unstaffed - Owned, Operated and Maintained by New England District Corps of Engineers

DESCRIPTION: Federal acquisition and perpetual protection of 17 crucial natural valley storage areas (wetlands) totaling 8,103 acres in what is known as the middle and upper watershed of the Charles River.

- Owned in Fee 3,221 acres
- Flow Easement 4,882 acres
- Total 8,103 acres

PROTECTED AREA: In the event of a recurrence of the August 1955 flood of record, the project would minimize potential flood losses of over \$12 million within the middle and upper reaches of the Charles River Basin.

TOTAL COST: \$8,300,000

PLACED IN OPERATION: September 1983