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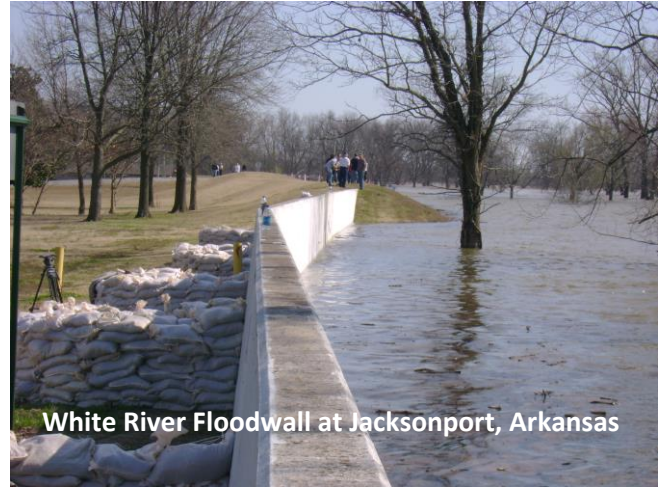
# CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM

## SECTION 205 --- Flood Damage Reduction

### Little Rock District

#### Scope and Authority

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can partner with a non-federal sponsor to study, design and construct local flood risk reduction projects.
- Typical flood risk reduction projects may include levees, floodwalls, impoundments, pumping stations, and channel modifications as well as non-structural measures.
- Non-structural measures reduce flood damages by changing the use of floodplains or by accommodating existing uses to the flood hazard.
- Non-structural examples include flood proofing, relocation of structures, and flood warning systems.



#### How the Process Works

- **Feasibility Study** – Upon receipt of a written request from a potential sponsor and when funding is available, the USACE initiates a federal interest determination, at federal expense, to determine if a potential project meets program requirements and federal participation is justified. If a federal interest is verified, a feasibility study occurs that identifies and comprehensively evaluates alternatives and recommends a plan for implantation. If the feasibility study cost exceeds \$100,000, USACE and sponsor sign a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement and a project management plan that describes the study, cost share arrangement feasibility study scope, schedule, and study cost estimate (See Project Costs below).
- **Design and Construction** – A project is approved for design and construction if the feasibility study determines it is technically feasible, reduces flood damages, and is cost effective. Before engineering design and construction can begin, USACE and sponsor sign a Project Partnership Agreement that describes the cost share arrangement and operations and maintenance responsibilities (See Project Costs below).

#### Project Costs

The maximum federal expenditure per project is \$7 million, including feasibility study, design and construction.

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| Feasibility Study         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The study is initiated with \$100,000 in federal funds.</li> <li>✓ Costs exceeding \$100k are cost shared 50% federal and 50% sponsor.</li> <li>✓ Sponsor’s cost share can include cash, in-kind services or both.</li> </ul>  |
| Design and Construction   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Costs are shared 65% federal and 35% sponsor.</li> <li>✓ Sponsor must provide all lands, easements, rights-of-ways, relocations and dredged disposal areas and counts towards the in-kind.</li> <li>✓ At least 5% of the cost share must be provided in cash.</li> </ul> |
| Operation and Maintenance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sponsor is responsible for all project operation and maintenance costs when the project is completed</li> </ul>  |

#### How to Request a Project

An example template to request a study under Section 205 is provided on the reverse side of this information sheet. Interested parties can email the Little Rock District’s CAP Manager at [LRCAP@usace.army.mil](mailto:LRCAP@usace.army.mil)

District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District  
ATTN: Civil Works Programs Branch  
700 West Capital  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Sir:

This letter is to request the assistance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 205 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended, in reducing flood damages associated with **[River or Creek]** in the vicinity of **[city or town]**.

***[Briefly describe the nature and severity of the flooding problem and potential benefits].***

We understand that as a local sponsor under the Section 205 Program, we are responsible for 50 percent of feasibility study costs exceeding \$100,000 in Federal expenditures and 35 percent of project design and construction costs, if a feasible plan is identified. We acknowledge that the cost share contribution of the design and construction phase can be in the form of “in-kind” services that contribute a direct component to the study, cash, or a combination. Our cost-share obligation would include provision of all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and dredge material disposal areas required for the project (if they are needed). We intend to pursue budgetary actions so that funds are available to meet our cost sharing requirements. We would assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the project upon completion.

The **[non-Federal Sponsor]** has designated **[name, phone number and email address]** as the point of contact for this project.

Sincerely,

***[Name and title of official authorized to request study]***