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**Wilmington District to support a wide variety of stimulus projects**

**Wilmington, NC** (April 28, 2008)—The United States Army Corps of Engineers today released a listing of Civil Works projects to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The full list of projects nationwide is available at [www.usace.army.mil/recovery](http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery)

Maj. Gen. Meredith “Bo” Temple, deputy commanding general for Civil and Emergency Operations for the Corps said, “We intend to quickly put these dollars into action to get our fellow citizens to work on Corps projects throughout the nation. At the same time, we will use these funds to build long-term value for the nation in its water resources.”

Nationwide, this means a total of \$4.6 billion. The Corps has allocated its ARRA funds in several accounts, and will fund about 178 construction projects, 892 Operation and Maintenance projects, and 67 investigations (projects under study), along with some other types of projects, and the Corps Regulatory program.

What does this mean for the Wilmington District area of operations in North Carolina and Virginia? **About \$54 million dollars worth of work are planned within the District’s Civil Works boundaries.**

In rough accord with the proportions of types of projects funded, the Wilmington District will be funded for work on one investigations project, two construction projects and 19 operations and maintenance projects. Our Regulatory division will also be receiving some additional funding to ensure that they can support ARRA-funded projects being carried out by state and local governments with needed permitting work.

**General Investigations:** The single project listed for Wilmington District is the **Bogue Banks** coastal storm damage reduction project. Funds will be used to contract for completion of coastal analysis and economics for the project.

**Construction:** The project selected for North Carolina is the **Stanly County Wastewater Infrastructure Project**. A design contract will be awarded for this project. In Virginia, the **Roanoke River Flood Damage Reduction Project** in the City of Roanoke will be funded to complete all flood damage reduction features of the project and some elements of the greenway trail.

**Operations and Maintenance:** A total of about \$48.5 million dollars of planned ARRA funds, \$37.4 million in North Carolina, and \$11 million in south central Virginia, will be used to support a wide variety of projects in both North Carolina and Virginia. Col. Jefferson M. Ryscavage, Commander of the Wilmington District, said “The vast majority of our ARRA funding will be expended to carry out important operations and maintenance work that needs doing in many communities around our state. We are pleased to have this opportunity to improve navigation conditions for mariners, especially those who make their living on our waters. We are also bringing enhanced safety and better infrastructure to our districts lakes and dams.” Highlights of work to be carried out in the Operations and Maintenance program include:

- **Cape Fear River**—In addition to maintenance dredging and repair of recreation facilities and boat ramps, a major O&M project will be undertaken to repair a large submerged scour hole below Lock and Dam No. 1
  - **Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay** –Better known to the public as Oregon Inlet. This dynamic inlet will receive funds to carry out maintenance dredging at the ocean bar, the Bonner Bridge to the full channel dimension with a 400-foot channel widener.
  - **Other navigation projects:** Wilmington District will receive funding for maintenance of a variety of other navigation projects.
    - **Morehead City Harbor\***
    - **New River Inlet**
    - **New Topsail Inlet**
    - **Shalotte River**
    - **Silver Lake Harbor**
    - **Smiths Creek (Pamlico County)**
    - **Waterway connecting Pamlico Sount to Beaufort Harbor**
    - **Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway**
    - **Lockwoods Folly**
    - **Carolina Beach Inlet\***
    - **Channel to Back Sound to Lookout Bight**
    - **Channel to Rodanthe from Pamlico Sound\***
- \* Since the projects marked with an asterisk have already been funded through 30 September 2009 with FY 2009 Omnibus regular appropriations and FY 2009 CRA supplemental appropriations, the district will not require ARRA funds to complete this work.*
- **District Lakes**—All five of the Wilmington District’s Lakes and Dams will receive significant funding. Temporary ranger staff and term employee positions

will be funded to provide added visitor assistance, safety and security. Improvements will be made to the dams and their associated structures, and other recreational facilities will be upgraded. All of these activities will create employment opportunities in the local communities around the dams, some of them very deeply affected by the ongoing recession. Notably, a sewer line will be constructed to connect Philpott Park at Philpott Lake to the nearby Henry County sewer system, and at John H. Kerr Lake a rehabilitation of the North Bend campground and also an environmental characterization and remediation contract will be carried out to evaluate and remediate known ddt and dioxin sites near Kerr Lake.

“Details of our actions to carry out the work we’ve been given to do will continue to appear on [www.usace.army.mil/recovery](http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery) “ said Col. Ryscavage. “We have been preparing for this moment since late last year, and we’re ready to put on a full court press to bring these improvements and work opportunities to communities throughout our district. We are excited at this opportunity to reinvest in our District’s communities and our national infrastructure.”