Section 204 - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

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What is it?

Section 204 of the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) provides the Corps of Engineers the authority to implement projects providing for the incremental costs of the beneficial use of dredged material for the purposes of structural and non-structural flood risk management, hurricane and coastal storm damage reduction and environmental protection and restoration.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the sponsor for a Section 204 project. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as sponsors. All it takes is a simple request to the local Corps office and a representative will discuss your problem and associated qualification requirements with you.

What does it cost?
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- The feasibility phase is 100% Federally funded.

- The design and implementation phase is cost shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal for all cost in excess of the base plan. The cost-sharing agreement is developed initially at 100% Federal costs not to exceed $100,000 and is cost-shared upon execution of the agreement.

- There is a spending cap of $10 million of Federal expenditures per Section 204.

- All projects are subject to the availability of Federal appropriations.

How long does it take?

The CAP feasibility study may approximately 24 to 30 months and includes two major milestones. The first milestone is a Federal Interest determination document to be accomplished with the first $15,000 in Federal funding. The second milestone is an MSC decision meeting (MDM) to discuss the selected alternatives for a potential construction project. The outcome of the MDM and the feasibility study will be a decision document. The feasibility study consists of alternatives analysis, design work, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, and incremental cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the project alternative being implemented.