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Section 205 - Flood Risk Management

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What is it?

Sections 205 of the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) provides the Corps of Engineers the authority to plan, design and construct flood risk management projects. These projects can be structural projects, such as modified channels, small reservoirs or small levees, or can be non-structural measures, such as raising structures in place or removing them from the floodplain.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the sponsor for a Section 205 study. 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. All Section 205 sponsors must comply with the Federal flood insurance program, and prepare floodplain management plans within one year of project completion.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$100,000 of any Section 205 feasibility study is 100% Federally funded.
- The remainder of the feasibility phase is cost-shared 50/50% and requires a cost-sharing agreement. The sponsor may contribute 100% of their share as in-kind services.
- The design and implementation phase is cost shared 65% Federal, and 35% sponsor funds. The cost-sharing agreement is developed initially at 100% Federal cost 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 205 project.
- All projects are subject to the availability of Federal appropriations.

How long does it take?

The CAP feasibility study may take 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 \$50,000 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 benefit-cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the project alternative being implemented.