



**US Army Corps
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Wilmington District

Section 205 - Flood Risk Management

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What is it?

Sections 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended, authorizes the Corps of Engineers 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. Contact Wilmington District to discuss your problem and associated qualification requirements. All Section 205 sponsors must comply with the national 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% federal, 50% non-federal and requires a cost-sharing agreement.
- The design and implementation phase is cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal sponsor funds.
- There is a federal project limit of \$10 million 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. The feasibility study will be a decision document consisting of alternatives analysis, design work, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, and a benefit-cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the project being alternative implemented.