



**US Army Corps
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Wilmington District

Section 103 - Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction

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What is it?

Section 103 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1962, as amended, authorizes the Corps of Engineers to plan, design, and construct measures to reduce damages caused by storm driven waves and ocean currents. Section 103 projects cannot be undertaken on private beaches or where no public access to the beach exists.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the sponsor for a Section 103 project. Contact Wilmington District to discuss your problem and associated qualification requirements.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$100,000 of any Section 103 project 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 103 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.