



**US Army Corps
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Wilmington District

Section 1135 - Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment

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What is it?

Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended, authorizes the Corps of Engineers to modify the structures or operations of Corps of Engineers projects to improve the quality of the environment or to implement measures to restore the part of the ecosystem that has been degraded because of the construction and/or operation of the project.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the sponsor for a Section 1135 project. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as sponsors. Contact Wilmington District to discuss your problem and associated qualification requirements.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$100,000 of any Section 1135 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 75% federal and 25% non-federal sponsor funds.
- There is a federal project limit of \$10 million per Section 1135 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.