



**US Army Corps
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Wilmington District

Section 204 - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

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What is it?

Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended authorizes the Corps of Engineers to implement projects providing for the incremental costs of the beneficial use of dredged material for the purposes of flood and coastal storm risk management and ecosystem 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. Contact Wilmington District to discuss your problem and associated qualification requirements.

What does it cost?

- The initial feasibility study of any Section 204 is 100% federally funded.
- 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 204 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 cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the project being alternative implemented.