



**US Army Corps
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Wilmington District

Section 206 - Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

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What is it?

Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended, authorizes the Corps of Engineers to carry out aquatic ecosystem restoration projects, provided the project improves environmental quality, is in the public's interest, and is cost effective. The improvement of water quality alone does not represent a valid project and will not be considered. There must be an aquatic ecosystem benefit other than improved water quality.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the sponsor for a Section 206 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 206 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 206 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.