



USACE Continuing Authorities Program

As of the Water Resources Development Act 2024

- Group of nine legislative authorities under which USACE can plan, design, and implement certain types of water resources projects without additional project specific congressional authorization.
- Purpose - to plan and implement projects of limited size, cost, scope and complexity.
- Project sizes \$5M-\$20M

Summary of Continuing Authorities (revised Jan2025)

Purpose	Authority	Feasibility Cost Share Fed / Non-Fed	Implementation Cost Share Fed / Non-Fed	Federal Project Limit/ Program Limit
Emergency Stream Bank and Shoreline Protection	Section 14, 1946 Flood Control Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35% ¹	\$15,000,000/ \$50,000,000
Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (Beach Erosion)	Section 103, 1962 River and Harbor Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35%	\$15,000,000/ \$62,500,000
Navigation Improvements	Section 107, 1960 River and Harbor Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	Varies, based on depth	\$15,000,000/ \$63,000,000
Mitigation to Shore Damage Attributable to Navigation Works	Section 111, 1968 River and Harbor Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; same proportion as project causing damage	Shared in same proportion as project causing damage	\$15,000,000/ NA
Beneficial Use of Dredge Material/Regional Sediment Management	Section 204, 1992 Water Resources Development Act, as amended	100% / 0%	65% / 35% ^{1, 2}	\$15,000,000/ \$63,000,000
Flood Damage Reduction	Section 205, 1948 Flood Control Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35% ^{1, 2}	\$15,000,000/ \$90,000,000
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	Section 206, 1996 Water Resources Development Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35%	\$15,000,000/ \$75,000,000
Snagging and Clearing for Flood Damage Reduction	Section 208, 1954 Flood Control Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35% ¹	\$1,000,000/ \$15,000,000
Project Modifications for Improvements to the Environment	Section 1135, 1986 Water Resources Development Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	75% / 25%	\$15,000,000/ \$62,000,000

¹ For structural flood damage reduction purpose, Non-Fed share is 35% up to 50% (based on cost of LERRDs), plus 5% must be in cash.

² For non-structural flood damage reduction purpose, Non-Fed share limited to 35%, with no 5% cash requirement.

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- Feasibility Phase
 - alternatives analyses,
 - initial design and cost estimating,
 - environmental analyses, and
 - real estate evaluations
 - Federally funded up to \$100,000
 - Any remaining feasibility phase costs are shared 50/50

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- Design and Implementation Phase
 - Final design,
 - preparation of contract plans and specifications,
 - permitting,
 - real estate acquisition,
 - project contracting and construction, and
 - any other activities required to construct or implement the approved project
- USACE and the non-federal sponsor sign a project partnership agreement (PPA) at the beginning of the design and implementation phase.
- The design and implementation phase is cost shared according to the authorizing legislation for that project type.

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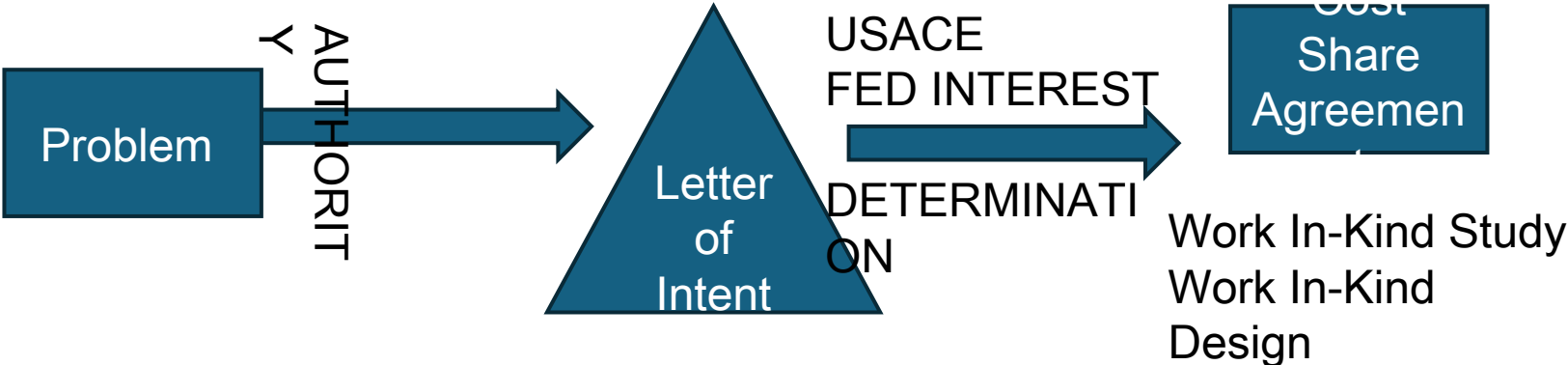
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Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)

With the USACE Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), USACE and a local partner can plan, design, and implement certain types of water resources projects without additional project-specific congressional authorization. CAP studies and projects are of a more limited size, cost, scope, and complexity compared to specifically authorized studies and projects.

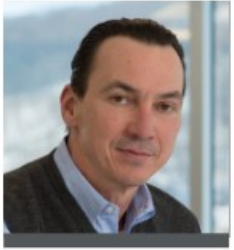
- Community Revitalization Program for Continuing Authority Projects in Small or Disadvantaged Communities
 - [CAP Section 165\(a\) Community Revitalization Program Initial Project Initiation Announcement - August 2024](#)
This announcement provides an overview of the CAP Section 165(a) Community Revitalization Program and lists the twelve projects selected to be initiated.
 - [Program Resources: Community Revitalization Program for Water Resources Projects in Small or Disadvantaged Communities](#)
The USACE Headquarters WRDA 2020 Implementation Guidance page includes additional information about this Community Revitalization Program.
 - [Federal Register Notice: Request for Project Proposals for Water Resources Projects in Small or Disadvantaged Communities](#)
This August 2023 Federal Register Notice announced the opening of the proposal period for communities to submit a



Example CAP Projects

- San Francisquito Creek, Section 205, Santa Clara County, CA
\$15.4M Project to alleviate flooding along the creek
- Salmon River Flood Damage Control Project at East Haddam, CT, Sec 205,
\$2.3M Ice Control Structure and Sedimentation Basin
- Mountlake Terrace Lake Ballinger, Sec 206 Aquatic Ecosystem, Seattle WA,
Restoration
\$6M Wetlands and riparian corridor restoration
- Dry Creek Restoration, Sec 1135, Sonoma County, CA,
\$10M Invasive species removal and riparian restoration

Questions?



Michael Vecchio, PE | *South Central Federal Civil Works Business Class Lead*

Michael has environmental and water resources project experience, with expertise in the planning and design of flood risk reduction systems, surface water hydrology and hydraulics, water quality modeling, and related civil design. He has served as the design lead and engineer of record for over 12 miles of constructed embankment dams, levee rehabilitation, and new levee projects.



Tim Vail | *Area Water Business Group Manager*

Tim has 28 years of providing leadership and direction in positions of increasing responsibility to include supervision of several multi-billion dollar procurement, engineering, construction and operations programs. He is a strategic transformation leader with experience at the highest level of the federal government coupled with executive-level experience and business education specific to engineering and construction.



Gretchen Brown | *Senior Project Manager*

Gretchen has over 20 years of experience in project management within the water resources sector. During her time at the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District, she successfully completed several projects under Section 203 and the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP). Gretchen worked closely with project stakeholders and resource agencies, providing support to the non-federal sponsors and partners throughout the lifecycle of each project.