

# Continuing Authorities Program

Under several different laws, Congress delegated its authority to approve certain projects, up to specified dollar amounts (subject to availability of funds) to the Chief of Engineers. Types of projects covered, and current cost limitations are:

<b>Types of Projects</b>	<b>Short Name</b>	<b>Statutory Federal Cost Limitation Per Project</b>
Flood Damage Reduction	Section 205	\$7,000,000
Snagging and Clearing for Flood Control	Section 208	\$500,000
Navigation	Section 107	\$4,000,000
Mitigation of Shoreline Damage	Section 111	\$5,000,000 (or specific authorization)
Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction	Section 103	\$3,000,000
Emergency Stream bank and Shoreline Protection	Section 14	\$1,000,000

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## Planning Process for Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Projects

- Corps district office may undertake a feasibility study upon written request of state or local government official, and the approval of the division office. Studies are initiated subject to the availability of funds and staff.
- For section 103, 107, 111, and 205 studies, the objectives of the feasibility study are the same as for those Congressionally authorized studies. The first \$100,000 is a Federal expense. The remainder is cost-shared 50-50 with the non-Federal sponsor.
- Following implementation and funding approval, the non-Federal interest and the Federal government sign the Project Cooperation Agreement.
- Planning and Design Analysis (PDA) for Section 14 and Section 208 projects are accomplished in a single phase. PDA costs are initially Federally financed; costs in excess of \$40,000 are cost-shared during construction. PDA costs less than \$40,000 are Federal costs.
- CAP feasibility reports and projects are usually approved at the division level.