

# Corps Planning Process

## Introduction

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is the Federal government's largest water resources development and management agency. The Corps began its water resources program in 1824 when Congress for the first time appropriated money for improving river navigation. Since then, the Corps has been involved in improving river navigation, reducing flood damage and controlling beach erosion. Along with these missions, the Corps generates hydropower, supplies water to cities and industry, regulates development in navigable waters and manages a recreation program.

Today, the Corps manages nearly 1,500 water resources projects. The variety and challenge of water projects also serve to maintain the Corps' range of engineering skills, which are critical during national emergencies.

These pages describe the process of planning, designing and implementing an Army civil works project under provisions of PL 99-662. The steps on the inside panel outline the process for projects requiring Congressional authorization. The panel on the Continuing Authorities Program outlines the process for projects where approval has been delegated by Congress to the Chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

To get more information on how the Federal government can help you with flood control, navigation or other water-related problems, [locate and contact](#) the office of the division or district engineer for your area.