



US Army Corps  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING PRINCIPLES

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*Environmental  
Sustainable Housing  
Fort Lee, VA*



*Wetlands at Melvin Price  
Lock and Dam*

*Endangered Whooping Crane  
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Texas*



*Planting a tree within  
Mississippi Delta*

*Listening to the public at  
Lake Hartwell drought meeting*



*Alligator as found  
in Everglades*

*Corps labs support research and  
development in Far East District*

**1** Strive to achieve Environmental Sustainability. An environment maintained in a healthy, diverse, and sustainable condition is necessary to support life.

**2** Recognize the interdependence of life and the physical environment. Proactively consider environmental consequences of Corps programs and act accordingly in all appropriate circumstances.

**3** Seek balance and synergy among human development activities and natural systems by designing economic and environmental solutions that support and reinforce one another.

**4** Continue to accept corporate responsibility and accountability under the law for activities and decisions under our control that impact human health and welfare and the continued viability of natural systems.

**5** Seek ways and means to assess and mitigate cumulative impacts to the environment; bring systems approaches to the full life cycle of our processes and work.

**6** Build and share an integrated scientific, economic and social knowledge base that supports a greater understanding of the environment and impacts of our work.

**7** Respect the views of individuals and groups interested in Corps activities; listen to them actively, and learn from their perspective in the search to find innovative win-win solutions to the Nation's problems that also protect and enhance the environment.