



## **Planning Associates Program 2008**

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**Critical Think Piece (CTP) Title:** Addressing the Needs of the Nation's Water Resource Challenges: Actions to Increase the Effectiveness of Watershed and Regional Planning Efforts

*"The proposed actions will stimulate efforts to shift the focus of water resource projects from localized goals and objectives toward broader, interagency, watershed, regional and national goals and objectives and set the stage for future successes in comprehensive integrated water resource planning and management."*

### **CTP Abstract:**

This Critical Think Piece (CTP) proposes implementation of several near-term actions that would shift the focus of Civil Works and Corps-permitted water resource projects towards broad-based interagency, watershed, regional and national goals and objectives and initiate the development of new tools that we already know will be needed for comprehensive integrated water resource planning and management. If implemented, each action would apply existing authorities to better align the purposes and effects of projects influenced by the Corps with local, state, regional, agency, interagency and national objectives by encouraging internal and interagency collaboration and kick-starting the process of collecting, compiling, and disseminating relevant data.