



US Army Corps
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Section 206

Flood Plain Management Services Program

Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended

Authority and Scope

Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended, provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to provide a full range of flood risk information, technical services and planning guidance to support and promote effective flood risk and floodplain management.

What the Corps of Engineers Can Do

Under Section 206, the Corps of Engineers can provide technical services, planning assistance, and guides and pamphlets for floodplain management. The purpose of floodplain management is to help prevent or reduce flood damage by using either structural or nonstructural mitigation measures or a combination of the two.

Structural measures are physical modifications designed to reduce the frequency of damaging levels of flood inundation by changing the character of the flood. These measures include dams and reservoirs, channel modifications, levees or floodwalls.

Nonstructural flood risk adaptive measures (FRAM) reduce flood damages without altering the natural characteristics of the flood (extent, depth, velocity), by adapting buildings to the flood risk. These measures include elevating the structure, relocating or acquiring the structure, dry flood proofing, wet flood proofing, or implementing small berms and floodwalls. Evacuated land may be used for ecosystem restoration, outdoor recreation or natural open space. Flood warning systems and flood evacuations may also be considered. For additional information on nonstructural flood risk adaptive measures, visit www.usace.army.mil/missions/civilworks/projectplanning/nfpc.aspx.

The Flood Plain Management Services Program can provide the following services:

- develop flood loss potentials before and after implementation of floodplain management;
- prepare nonstructural floodplain analyses for the mitigation of damages to residential, commercial and industrial structures;
- conduct digital flood insurance studies for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);
- review regulatory permit actions to ensure compliance with Executive Order 11988;
- provide state and local officials with guidance on floodplain regulations and technical assistance in delineating regulatory floodways; and
- provide flood hazard information on individual sites and reaches of streams in response to requests from federal, state and local officials and Native American Tribes.

Program Costs

All Flood Plain Management Services Program activities provided to state, regional and local governments or other non-federal public agencies are 100 percent federally funded, within program funding limits. Program services can also be provided with 100 percent of the funds coming from the requesting entity. Federal agencies, private entities and non-governmental organizations are required to provide 100 percent of the funds to cover the cost of services provided.

Requesting Assistance

For additional information or to request assistance from the Flood Plain Management Services Program, please send requests to:

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