

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

(Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996)

OBJECTIVE: To restore degraded aquatic ecosystem structure, function and dynamic process to a less degraded, more natural condition, which will involve consideration of the ecosystem's natural integrity, productivity, stability and biological diversity. No relationship to an existing Corps project is required.

PRELIMINARY RESTORATION PLAN (PRP)

- Identify the environmental degradation, evaluate restoration alternatives, recommend a restoration project, and identify a project sponsor. Approved projects with a Federal cost of \$1,000,000 or less proceed with a combined planning and design phase. Projects with a Federal cost greater than \$1,000,000 proceed with an Detailed Project Report.

COMBINED PLANNING AND DESIGN

- Complete project final design, plans and specifications
- Complete National Environmental Policy Act requirements
- Execute the Project Cooperation Agreement
- Project sponsor provides all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas (LERRD's)
- Construction contract advertised and awarded
- 6 to 9 months to complete, initially Federally financed

DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR)

- Evaluate array of restoration alternatives and select recommended project
- Complete project final design
- Complete National Environmental Policy Act requirements
- Negotiate draft Project Cooperation Agreement and receive letter of intent from sponsor
- Up to 12 months to complete, initially Federally financed

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Prepare contract documents
- Execute the Project Cooperation Agreement
- Sponsor provides all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas
- Construction contract advertised and awarded
- 6 to 12 months to complete, initially Federally financed

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in project formulation and evaluation
- Review PRP / ERR and provide letter of intent
- Execute Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA)
- Operate and maintain completed project, if warranted
- Provide, prior to construction, the non-Federal share of the total project cost, comprised of all project expenditures after the completion of the PRP

- The total non-Federal share is equal to 35% of the total project cost, and comprised of:
 - Cash
 - Work-in-kind (any labor and/or materials provided by the sponsor after the execution of the PCA). Work-in-kind can be up to 100% of the total non-Federal share
 - The value of any lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas

PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

- Studies and projects are subject to the availability of Federal funds
- Total Federal participation in a single project is limited to \$5,000,000

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