

SECTION 206 - AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

(Water Resources Development Act of 1996)

PROJECT SCOPE:

Provide authority to the Corps of aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection if the project will improve the quality of the environment, is in the public interest, and is cost effective.

PROJECT PHASES:

CAP projects shall be implemented in two phases: the Feasibility Phase and the Design & Implementation Phase. Each phase is carried out under the provisions of a separate cost sharing agreement that is executed between the District Engineer and the non-Federal sponsor.

PROJECT COST SHARING & AGREEMENTS:

The first \$100,000 of the Feasibility Phase is 100 percent Federally funded. Any additional costs during this phase shall be cost shared 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal sponsor pursuant to the terms of a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA). All Costs beyond the Feasibility Phase are considered part of the Design & Implementation Phase, with cost sharing to be specified in the authorizing legislation for that purpose. Specific requirements for the Design & Implementation Phase shall be detailed in the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA).

PROJECT COSTS:

- Sponsor pays 35% of total project costs during design & implementation
- Maximum Federal participation is \$10 million

PROJECT MILESTONES:

- Sponsor notifies the Fort Worth District of the problem(s) with a letter requesting assistance
- The Corps conducts an initial site investigation to determine Federal interest
- The Corps request Feasibility study funds
- The Corps conducts the Feasibility study
- The sponsor and Corps sign the PPA agreement to design, implement, and maintain the project
- The Corps prepares the Plans & Specifications
- The Corps initiates project construction
- Following completion of physical construction, a warranty period, monitoring, and/or adaptive management may be performed
- After project close-out, the non-Federal sponsor is responsible for the project's long-term operation and maintenance

SPONSOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

- The non-Federal sponsor has the opportunity to provide their share of project costs in the form of cash, Work-In-Kind (WIK) credit, and/or lands, easements, right-of-way, relocations and disposal areas (LERRDs). Cost sharing for LERRDs as well as operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation (OMRR&R) varies by project authority.