

Public Law 110–114
110th Congress

An Act

To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Nov. 8, 2007
 [H.R. 1495]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Water Resources Development Act of 2007”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.

In this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army.

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TITLE I—WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS

Studies.

SEC. 1001. PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following projects for water resources development and conservation and other purposes are authorized to be carried out by the Secretary substantially in accordance with the plans, and subject to the conditions, described in the respective reports designated in this section:

(1) HAINES, ALASKA.—The project for navigation, Haines, Alaska: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated December 20, 2004, at a total cost of \$14,040,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$11,232,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$2,808,000.

(2) PORT LIONS, ALASKA.—The project for navigation, Port Lions, Alaska: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated June 14, 2006, at a total cost of \$9,530,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$7,624,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$1,906,000.

Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated January 25, 2006, at a total cost of \$44,500,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$28,925,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$15,575,000.

(39) PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.—The project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Pawleys Island, South Carolina: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated December 19, 2006, at a total cost of \$8,980,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$5,840,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$3,140,000, and at an estimated total cost of \$21,200,000 for periodic nourishment over the 50-year life of the project, with an estimated Federal cost of \$10,600,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$10,600,000.

(40) CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The project for navigation and ecosystem restoration, Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Texas: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated June 2, 2003, at a total cost of \$188,110,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$87,810,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$100,300,000.

(B) NAVIGATIONAL SERVITUDE.—In carrying out the project under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall enforce the navigational servitude in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (including the removal or relocation of any facility obstructing the project) consistent with the cost sharing requirements of section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2211).

(41) GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, BRAZOS RIVER TO PORT O'CONNOR, MATAGORDA BAY RE-ROUTE, TEXAS.—The project for navigation, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Brazos River to Port O'Connor, Matagorda Bay Re-Route, Texas: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated December 24, 2002, at a total cost of \$17,280,000. The costs of construction of the project are to be paid $\frac{1}{2}$ from amounts appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury and $\frac{1}{2}$ from amounts appropriated from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.

(42) GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, HIGH ISLAND TO BRAZOS RIVER, TEXAS.—The project for navigation, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, High Island to Brazos River, Texas: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated April 16, 2004, at a total cost of \$14,450,000. The costs of construction of the project are to be paid $\frac{1}{2}$ from amounts appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury and $\frac{1}{2}$ from amounts appropriated from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.

(43) LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN PHASE I, TEXAS.—The project for flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration, Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated December 31, 2006, at a total cost of \$110,730,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$69,640,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$41,090,000.

(44) ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, DEEP CREEK, CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA.—The project for Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Bridge Replacement, Deep Creek, Chesapeake, Virginia: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated March 3, 2003, at a total cost of \$37,200,000.