



USACE: Strengthening the Nation's Economy and Competitiveness

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Civil Works program is focused on the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of major commercial navigation and flood risk management infrastructure, as well as on the restoration of aquatic ecosystems and the stewardship of the land and related water resources of USACE projects. The overall budget for the program is primarily devoted to maintaining these assets so that they can continue to provide the greatest economic, environmental and social benefits to the Nation.

Coastal and Inland Commercial Navigation Program

USACE invests in the maintenance and improvement of coastal and inland commercial navigation channels and additional key infrastructure in support of commercial navigation, with emphasis on those investments that will provide the greatest economic and environmental return to the Nation. These facilities are part of a broader intermodal transportation network that supports imports and exports through our ports, as well as cargo movements within the U.S..

Flood and Storm Damage Reduction

Every year floods occur in communities across the U.S., in river valleys and along our coasts. They take lives, destroy property, shut down businesses, harm the environment and cause extensive property damage. One of USACE's primary missions is reducing the risk of loss of life and property damage from these floods. To carry out this mission, USACE operates, plans and constructs projects that are part of a larger effort at the Federal, State, and local levels to help manage this risk.

Environmental Program

The USACE environmental mission includes two focus areas: aquatic ecosystem restoration and environmental stewardship. The aquatic ecosystem restoration program works to address environmental degradation and restore ecological processes of rivers, lakes, wetlands and coastal ecosystems through efforts such as the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. The mission of the stewardship program is to manage, conserve and/or protect the natural and cultural resources at projects owned and operated by USACE, consistent with project authorities and sustainability practices. These projects provide valuable ecosystem services such as water purification and aesthetic values that benefit communities and visitors.

Hydroelectric Program

USACE is the largest owner and operator of hydroelectric power plants in the U.S.. USACE's 75 plants have a total installed capacity of 20,475 megawatts and produce nearly 70 billion kilowatt-hours each year, bringing low-cost hydropower to communities.

Recreation Program

USACE is the Nation's largest Federal provider of outdoor recreation with about 370 million day-visits to USACE projects annually.



Key Messages

- USACE programs will continue to focus on investments that will yield high economic and environmental returns or address a significant risk to public safety, including supporting resilient and sustainable approaches to the Nation's water resource challenges.

Facts & Figures

- 2.3 billion tons of cargo at a value of \$2 trillion; 60% of the Nation's grains; 22% of domestic petroleum products; and 20% of the coal used for electricity move through USACE maintained waterways annually.
- USACE operates 75 hydropower projects with 353 generating units that annually produce nearly 70 billion kilowatt-hours.
- USACE hosts 20% of visits to Federal recreation areas on 2% of Federal lands, where visitors contribute \$18 billion annually to the economy.
- For more information about the USACE's efforts, visit <http://www.usace.army.mil/>