



CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

Funding Highlights:

- Focuses construction funds on those investments that provide the best return from a national perspective in achieving economic, environmental and public safety objectives.
- Supports the safe and reliable operation and maintenance of key existing water resources infrastructure.
- Improves Corps project planning and program performance.
- Advances aquatic ecosystem restoration efforts, including restoration of Florida's Everglades and Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

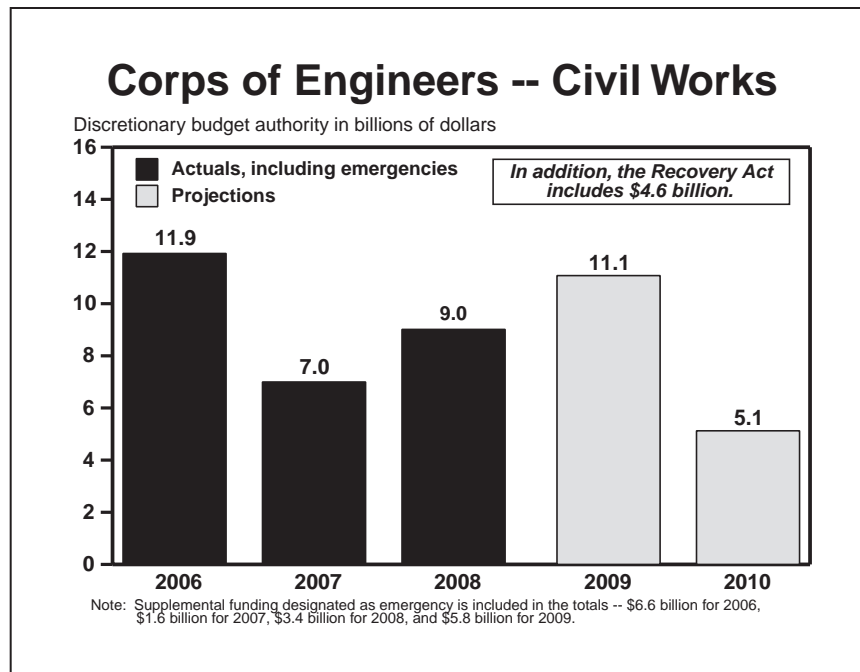
The Budget proposes \$5.1 billion in discretionary budget authority in 2010 for the Army Corps of Engineers civil works (Corps) program. The Budget will be transparent and based on performance information for projects and activities. The funding for the Corps in the 2010 Budget, together with the \$4.6 billion provided for Corps programs in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, will significantly improve and strengthen the Nation's water resources infrastructure.

Focuses Construction on High-Return Investments. The construction program supports high-return investments in the three main mission areas of the Corps: 1) facilitating commercial navigation; 2) reducing the risk of damage from floods and storms; and 3) restoring significant aquatic ecosystems. To assure that investments in these missions provide the Nation with both high economic and environmental benefits, the Budget supports activities that complement multiple-project purposes and

integrate environmental principles into traditional infrastructure efforts.

The Budget also will propose to phase out the current excise tax on diesel fuel for the inland waterways and replace it with a lock usage fee, designed to improve economic efficiency and preserve the landmark cost-sharing reform established by the Congress in 1986, while supporting investments in construction, expansion, replacement, and rehabilitation work.

Maintains Key Infrastructure. The Budget will emphasize funding to support maintenance and safe and reliable operation of those facilities that are of central importance to the Nation, and will address deferred maintenance to maintain or improve the performance of aging Corps infrastructure. The Corps will continue to develop and implement an objective risk-based decision-making system for allocating resources to these activities.



Honors the President's Commitments to the Gulf Coast. The Budget will fund continued work to restore coastal Louisiana wetlands, including a study to identify the best ways to restore wetlands affected by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the science needed to support these efforts. The Budget will also fund continued work on planning sustainable methods to reduce the risk of damage from hurricane storm surges to Gulf coastal areas.

Improves Program Performance. The Corps will focus efforts on developing new strat-

egies, along with other Federal agencies and non-Federal project partners, to better manage, protect, and restore the Nation's water and related land resources, including floodplain and flood-prone coastal areas. The Corps will also pursue management reforms that improve project cost and schedule performance to ensure the greatest value from invested resources, while strengthening the accountability and transparency of the way in which taxpayer dollars are being spent.