

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

The Army Corps of Engineers—Civil Works program (Corps) is responsible for: developing, managing, restoring, and protecting water resources primarily through the construction, operation, maintenance, and study of water-related infrastructure projects; regulating development in waters of the United States; and working with Federal agencies to help communities respond to and recover from floods and other natural disasters. The President's 2025 Budget for the Corps invests in high return projects, improves the supply chain at the Nation's coastal ports and on the inland waterways, increases climate resilience, and promotes environmental justice.

The Budget requests \$7.2 billion in discretionary budget authority for 2025, including Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund appropriations that are exempted from budget enforcement, building on the \$17 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the Corps.

The President's 2025 Budget:

- Invests in Projects with High Economic, Environmental, and Public Safety Returns. The Budget invests in projects and programs in the main mission areas of the Corps, which are commercial navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, and aquatic ecosystem restoration, which provide a high economic or environmental return, increase resilience to climate change, promote environmental justice, or address a significant risk to public safety. For example, the Budget improves the safety of Corps' dams by investing in projects that the Corps has identified as among the highest potential risks to public safety nationwide.
- Increases Climate Resilience. The Budget protects and maintains funding for programs that help communities identify and address their flood risks and improve the operation of reservoirs to strengthen ecosystems consistent with other project purposes. For example, the Budget includes \$20 million for the Floodplain Management Services Program, \$9 million for Planning Assistance to States, and \$5 million for the Sustainable Rivers Program. The Budget also provides: \$51.5 million for emergency preparedness, which is \$11 million above the 2023 enacted level; and \$16.5 million to dredge the Lower Mississippi River Main Stem project's navigation channel, including funds the Corps can use in the event of future low water levels such as those experienced over the last two years.
- Strengthens Supply Chains at Coastal Ports and on the Inland Waterways. The Budget facilitates safe and efficient navigation at the Nation's coastal ports and along the highest use inland waterways. The Budget includes \$930 million for operation and maintenance work on the inland waterways, with an emphasis on investments that would improve the condition of locks and dams and help keep supply chains flowing. The Budget also provides over \$1.7 billion in spending from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to support navigation in Federal channels that serve the Nation's coastal ports. The Budget continues

- construction of the Soo Locks replacement lock in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, funded in part through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- **Promotes Environmental Justice.** The Budget continues to invest in projects and programs that help disadvantaged and tribal communities address their water resources challenges in line with the President's Justice40 Initiative. For example, the Budget includes funding for the Tribal Partnership Program, for technical and planning assistance for communities, and to continue construction of the Pajaro River at Watsonville, California project initiated with funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- Restores Aquatic Ecosystems. The Budget invests in restoration of some of the Nation's most unique aquatic ecosystems, such as the Chesapeake Bay, the Upper Mississippi River, the Missouri River, and the Louisiana Coast. The Budget includes \$444 million for Florida's Everglades restoration program, a \$195 million or 77.6-percent increase above the 2021 enacted level, and \$145 million, a \$80 million or 123-percent increase above the 2023 enacted level, to support salmon recovery efforts in the Columbia River Basin. The Budget includes \$13 million for small aquatic ecosystem restoration projects to help protect wetlands that may be negatively impacted by the Supreme Court's Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency decision on the Administration's Waters of the United States rule.
- Invests in Research and Development. The Budget builds on the investments proposed in prior budgets for research and development that would benefit the civil works program. The Budget includes \$79 million for this research and development, with a focus on innovative solutions that would help achieve significant cost savings in the Civil Works program or would address emerging water resources challenges, including climate change. For example, this continued investment would help reduce the cost to maintain existing water resources infrastructure and improve its reliability, safety, and environmental sustainability—including through more effective water management at certain dams and innovative methods to identify risks to existing infrastructure.