

### **PROFILE**

One of the USACE National Planning Centers of Expertise focused on the aquatic ecosystem restoration mission area.

The ECO-PCX is based in the Mississippi Valley Division and leverages a 100% virtual team staffed from across USACE to coordinate reviews and provide technical services to civil works study teams.

## THE VIRTUAL TEAM

#### **DIRECTOR**

Dr. Kelly Keefe

#### **OPERATING DIRECTOR**

Dr. Kat McCain (Acting)

#### **ACCOUNT MANAGERS**

LRD: Sierra Keenan MVD: Kat McCain NAD: Chip Hall

NWD: Brad A. Foster POD: Valerie Ringold SAD: Katie Opsahl SPD: Jesse Ray SWD: Rachel Wooten

#### **MODEL REVIEW LEAD**

Kip Runyon

**IEPR LEAD** 

**Andrew MacInnes** 

#### **BUDGET ASSISTANCE**

Adrienne Stark

# WHAT WE DO

The ECO-PCX works in all Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) and Districts across the nation. Engaging the ECO-PCX early allows teams access to experts throughout the planning process. The ECO-PCX can help teams with scoping to model selection to coordination of reviews, and share best practices.

The ECO-PCX supports teams performing aquatic ecosystem restoration planning by providing:

- Technical expertise & services
- Review plan support & development
- Model selection, review, & certification
- Peer review
- Managing study reviews
- Policy development support
- Training
- Process improvement
- Sharing lessons learned

The ECO-PCX is the lead for ecological planning model certification with a dedicated lead to assist teams with model selection and application, as well as new model development, review, and certification.

When the ECO-PCX serves as the Review Management Organization, the center will be responsible for coordinating Independent External Peer Reviews (IEPR).

Each MSC has an assigned account manager. The account managers should be invited to planning charettes, vertical team meetings, and milestone meetings. The account managers also assist in the Review Plan and track project schedules and reviews.

# WHO WE ARE

The ECO-PCX is a 13-member virtual team (the Operating Director being the only full-time position), with a large network of ad hoc technical experts providing specialized assistance with aquatic ecosystem restoration planning.

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

ECO-PCX Homepage
Ecological Model Library
Planning Toolbox PCX