

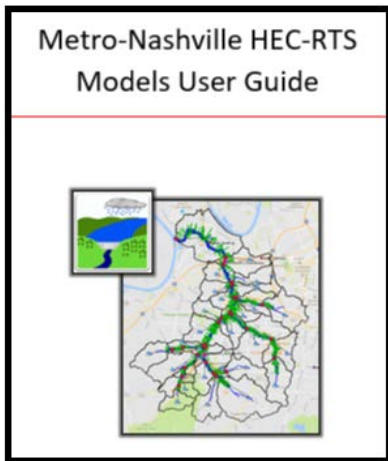


US Army Corps of Engineers®

INTERAGENCY NONSTRUCTURAL EFFORTS: How the Corps Can Assist with Activities that Reduce Flood Risk

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One of the missions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is to provide responsive water resources management, including reducing the consequences of flooding to life and property. Under the Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Program, the Corps provides a wide range of



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technical services and planning guidance to support effective management of the floodplains associated with the rivers of the United States. Interagency nonstructural efforts that focus on flood risk reduction activities are services that

can be provided through FPMS and support non-federal governments while promoting a collaborative approach.

Interagency nonstructural efforts are not grants. Instead, they combine complementary services from the Corps and others to achieve more comprehensive and effective solutions. Interagency nonstructural efforts are defined by how the work will be undertaken as well as by what activities will be considered.

Interagency: The work is planned and undertaken collaboratively by the Corps and at least two other governmental partners who also supply services or resources toward the effort. Additional partnerships are

encouraged, including with non-governmental and private partners. Working collaboratively to meet a common goal accommodates the incorporation of a wider set of skills and programs, achieving more together than could be achieved separately.

Nonstructural: The efforts reduce the consequences of flooding to life and property instead of altering the nature of the flood hazard itself. Some common nonstructural measures include acquiring, elevating, relocating, or floodproofing structures, flood warning systems, evacuation planning, floodplain mapping, land use regulations and zoning, floodplain management plans, flood emergency preparedness plans, and risk communication.

AUTHORITIES

The FPMS program was authorized by Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended (33 U.S. Code § 709a). FPMS is sometimes referred to as the “Section 206” program.

REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

A non-federal government or non-federal public agency,

POTENTIAL PARTNERS
requested by and provided for the benefit of:

- State, Regional, or Local Governments
- Indian Tribes
- Other Non-Federal Public Agencies

In these circumstances, the Corps may participate in the collaborative effort at full federal cost.

such as those listed in the box to the left, may contact the Corps to request assistance with its priority floodplain management concerns. Often these concerns are described in a state or local hazard mitigation plan. If the

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issue can be addressed through nonstructural approaches, and can benefit from inviting other partners to join, the Corps may recommend developing a proposal for an interagency nonstructural effort. The primary partner requesting assistance must have a clear ability to further its flood risk management goals.

Each Fall, a “Call for Proposals,” is issued internally within the Corps and specifies the coming year’s proposal submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and review processes. Corps District staff develop a proposal in concert with anticipated partners. The proposal is elevated, within the Corps, for funding consideration for the next fiscal year, in accordance with the Corps’ anticipated budget. The process roughly follows the timeline provided below.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS	
Late Fall	Announcement of Submission Requirements, Evaluation Criteria, and Proposal Due Date via an Internal “Call for Proposals”
Early Spring	Coordinated Proposals Due
Early-Middle Summer	Proposals Identified for Next Fiscal Year’s Funding
October (<i>New Federal Fiscal Year</i>)	Funds Transmitted to Corps District
12-18 Months Later (12 preferred)	Effort Completed

The proposals should identify the anticipated effort(s) that would be pursued. Since these interagency efforts are intended to foster integrated solutions, the proposals must also include descriptions of services or funding from at least two governmental partners, in addition to the Corps.

If the proposal is from a Silver Jackets Team (state-led interagency teams focused on reducing flood risk), written support must be provided from the state lead of that team.

EXAMPLE EFFORTS

- *Inventory of Flood-Prone Structures*
- *Assessment Tools*
- *Workshops*
- *Floodplain Mapping*
- *Risk Communication*
- *Flood Warning and Preparedness*
- *Natural and Nature-Based Solution Formulation*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Floodplain Management Services Factsheet:

planning.ercd.dren.mil/toolbox/library/FactSheets/fpmsfactsheet_June2017.pdf

The Corps National Nonstructural Committee:

usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utills/getfile/collection/p16021coll11/id/3984

Corps technical assistance programs, including FPMS:

Please contact your local District’s planning office – www.usace.army.mil/Locations

View map, identify the Division, scroll down and expand the corresponding Division list, then select the District

Silver Jackets Program

silverjackets.nfrmp.us

Click on the map, then select state; state team contact information is in the upper right-hand column