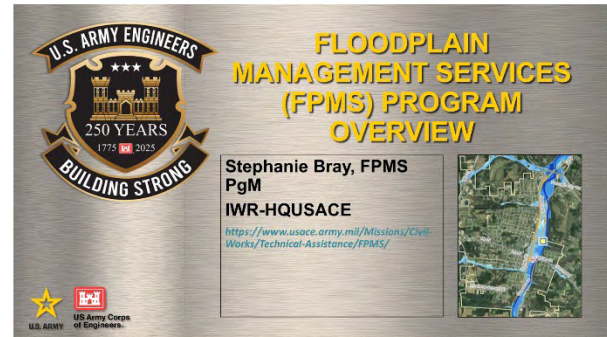


Using the USACE Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Program to Support Communities

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Q&A Summary

This webinar provided an overview of the FPMS program, highlighting how it delivers technical and planning assistance to support communities and nonfederal partners in understanding their flood risk and identifying actions to address it. Presented by Dr. Stephanie Bray (Headquarters, USACE National FPMS Program Manager), this webinar also included recent project examples from Stacey Underwood (Baltimore District), JoAnn Combs (Huntington District), Michelle Brown (Sacramento District), and Sarah Glass.



This summary of the Question/Answer session of the webinar is not a transcription; questions and responses have been edited and reordered for clarity.

Relevant Resources:

- [Interagency Nonstructural Efforts: How the Corps Can Assist with Activities that Reduce Flood Risk](#)
- [Floodplain Management Services USACE Homepage](#)
- [Floodplain Management Services Program Factsheet](#)

How much time will be available to develop FPMS interagency proposals this year, given current funding challenges?

The window for developing proposals will likely be shortened to two months instead of the typical four. Although significant new work is beginning in the fourth quarter, a backlog of work will remain unaddressed, and many FY25 new start studies will carry over into FY26. The shortened window should still allow for the development of proposals that are manageable within current capacity.

Can gauges be purchased as part of an FPMS project?

Gauges cannot be purchased with FPMS funds. While these items may have been funded in the past, that was inconsistent with the program's authority. FPMS can support the analysis, modeling, and planning related to gauge placement, but any equipment purchases and implementation must be funded by the sponsor or another agency.

What is the distinction between FPMS and Silver Jackets projects, and can a project be funded by both?

The term "Silver Jackets projects" is a colloquial term that typically refers to FPMS interagency special studies. FPMS funds special studies through either the base program or the interagency program. FPMS interagency special studies are often leveraged by Silver Jackets teams as a means of delivering technical assistance in support of team priorities. One project cannot be funded through both FPMS programs. Funding for USACE staff to support interagency Silver Jackets teams comes from the National Flood Risk Management Program, which is focused on coordination activities with partners.

Can technical assistance developed through an FPMS project be used to inform other USACE projects?

While FPMS projects should not be initiated solely to support future projects, the technical products developed can be used by other project delivery teams. For example, a floodproofing evaluation from an FPMS study may be a useful resource when considering nonstructural measures for a Continuing Authorities Program 205 project in the same study area.