

Water Resources and Development Act of 2024

Purpose: *The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)* is a comprehensive water infrastructure bill that authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) activities for flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration. Congress considers a new WRDA bill every two years to authorize new projects, expand upon existing projects, and better support the mission of the Corps. WRDA provides Members of Congress with an opportunity to support eligible projects and programs in their districts.

Types of Projects that May Be Eligible: *WRDA* authorizes studies and projects within the Corps' Civil Works mission areas, including navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration. See an overview of eligible WRDA submissions below:

- **Project-Specific Requests (Including studies):**
 - Congressional requests to partner with a non-federal interest in conducting a feasibility study on one or more of the mission areas in an eligible WRDA. Typically, a Corps project begins with a Congressional request, enacted through a WRDA, in conducting a feasibility study.
 - Other types of project-specific requests appropriate for consideration in a new WRDA would include:
 - Requests to authorize or modify a Corps project or study;
 - Requests to deauthorize an existing Corps project; and
 - Requests to transfer, exchange, or convey lands or real property owned by the Corps, or to modify an existing easement held by the Corps over property.
- **Environmental Infrastructure Requests:**
 - Congress has authorized the Corps to carry out environmental infrastructure projects to address local water supply, wastewater, and stormwater projects in partnership with non-federal interests.
 - In submitting requests for consideration of a new WRDA for 2024, Members of Congress may submit requests for the authorization of new, project-specific environmental infrastructure authorities, or the modification of existing environmental infrastructure authorities.
- **Policy Requests:**
 - WRDAs also provide the Corps with statutory authority on how the agency carries out its general missions and authorities. Proposals to amend this authority, or to create new authority, would be considered policy requests, and can be submitted for consideration in a new WRDA bill.
- To see more information about the 2022 WRDA submissions, please reference the following link:
 - [LINK](#)

Important Note: WRDA provides authorization for projects and programs across the country that fall under the purview of the Corps. This bill doesn't touch the Appropriations process and isn't an opportunity to submit requests for Community Project Funding.

Timeline: *WRDA 2024* project and policy submissions from Members of Congress will be collected by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure starting on December 11th, 2023 through an electronic portal, with a deadline in early 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Rep. Pettersen's Office and Staff: kathleen.foley@mail.house.gov.