Planning Assistance to States

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States, local governments and Native American Tribes often have needs in planning for water and related resources of a drainage basin or larger region of a state, for which the Corps of Engineers has expertise.

Authority and Scope. Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1974, as amended, provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to assist the States, local governments, Native American Tribes and other non-Federal entities, in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development and conservation of water and related land resources.

Program Development. The needed planning assistance is determined by the individual States and Tribes. Typical studies are only undertaken at the planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction. The studies generally involve the analysis of existing data for planning purposes using standard engineering techniques although some data collection is often necessary. Most studies become the basis for State or Tribal and local planning decisions.

Typical Studies. The program can encompass many types of studies, dealing with water resources issues. Types of studies conducted in recent years under the program include the following:

- **Water Supply and Demand Studies**
- **Water Quality Studies**
- **Environmental Conservation/Restoration Studies**
- **Wetlands Evaluation Studies**
- **Dam Safety/Failure Studies**
- **Flood Risk Management Studies**
- **Flood Plain Management Studies**
- **Coastal Zone Management/Protection Studies**
- **Harbor/Port Studies**

Redwood Creek flow capacity study

Eau Galle River nutrient study for water quality

Funding. The Planning Assistance to States program is funded annually by Congress. Federal allotments for each State or Tribe from the nation-wide appropriation are limited to $2,000,000 annually, but typically are much less. Individual studies, of which there may be more than one per State or Tribe per year, are cost shared on a 50 percent Federal - 50 percent non-Federal basis (may include 100% work in kind).

How to Request Assistance. State, local government and Tribal officials who are interested in obtaining planning assistance under this Program can contact the appropriate USACE office for further details. Alternatively, interested parties can contact the appropriate State or Tribal Planning Assistance to States coordinator to request assistance. In either case, USACE will coordinate all requests for assistance with the State or Tribal Planning Assistance to States coordinator to ensure that studies are initiated on State or Tribal prioritized needs.

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