

Building Strong Collaborative Relationships for a Sustainable Water Resources Future

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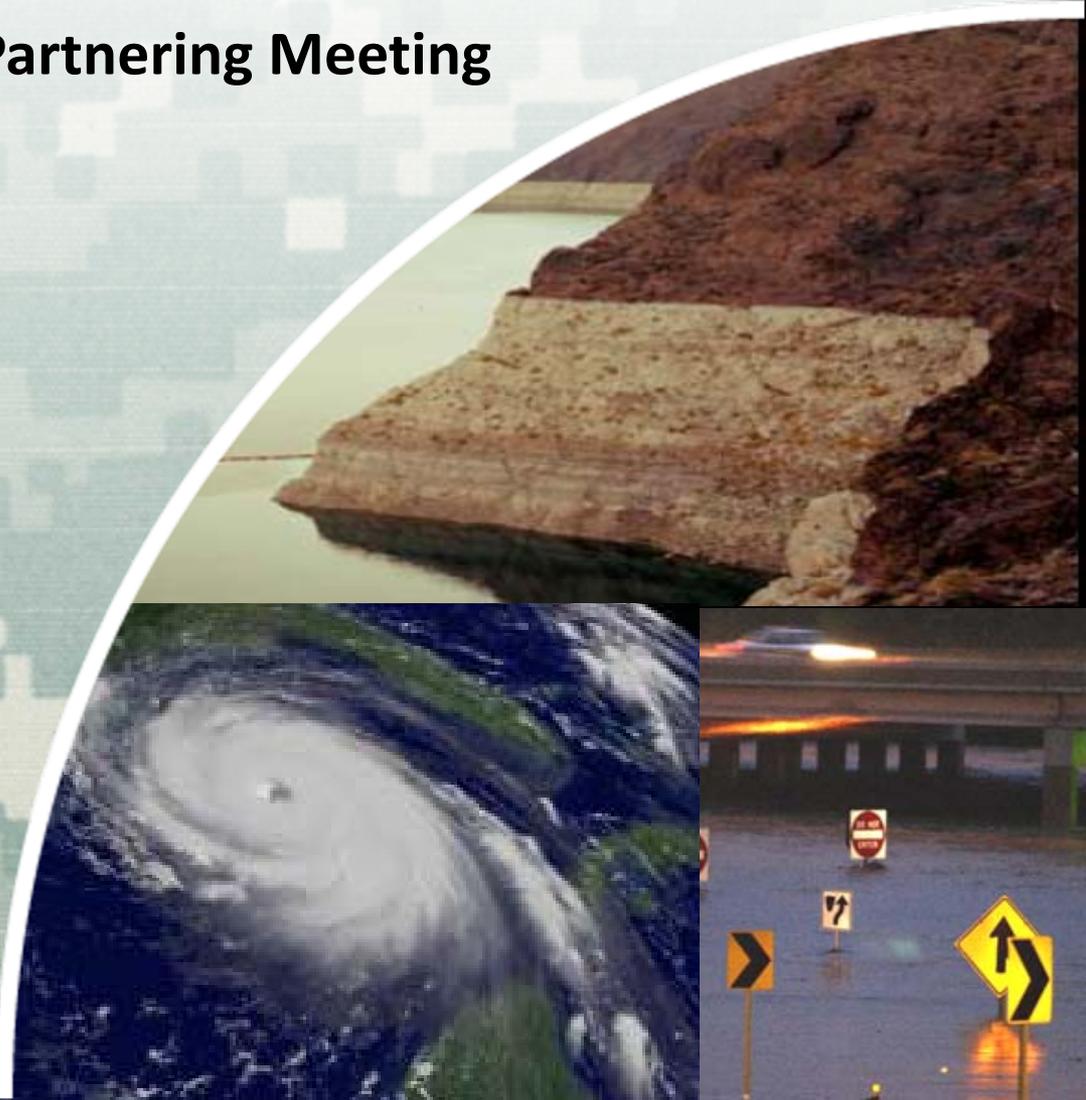
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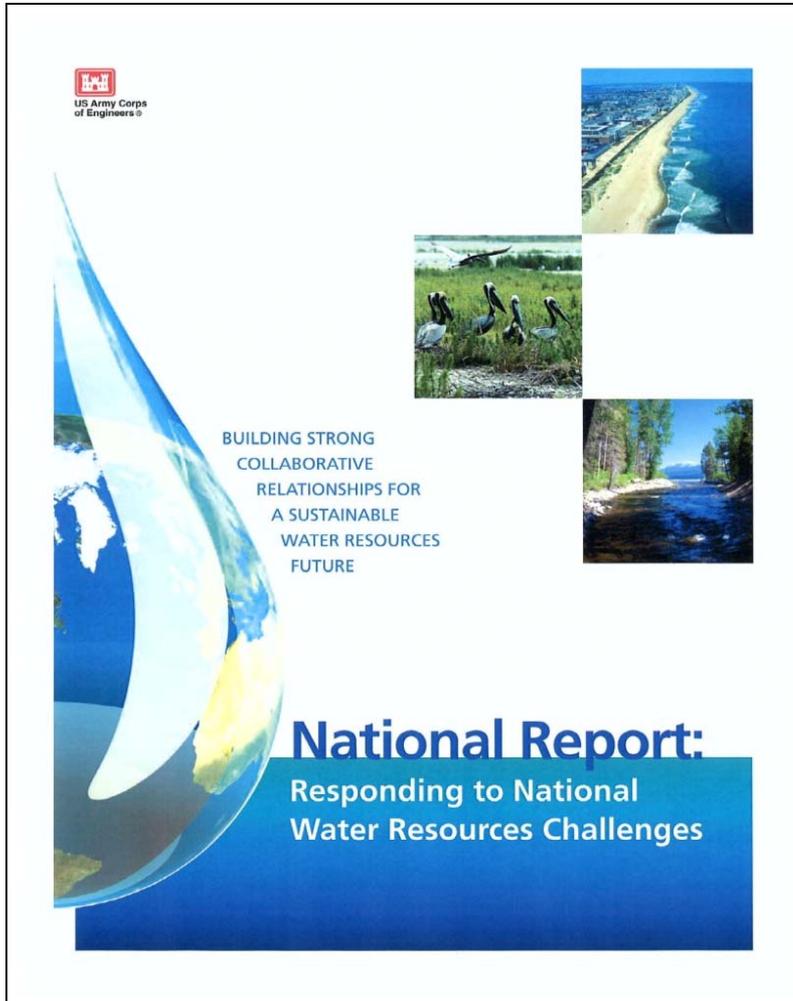
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Approach to a More Sustainable Water Future



- 1) **Integrated Water Resources Management**
 - Focus on sustainable solutions using a systems-based approach
- 2) **Governance and Management**
 - Federal Interagency Partnerships
- 3) **Future National Water Resources Direction**
 - Increase awareness & national emphasis to support the national water resources infrastructure and a national water vision
- 4) **Collaboration**
 - Management of water as a collaborative endeavor focused on shared responsibilities
- 5) **Water Resources Investment Strategies**
 - Innovative Financing
- 6) **Managing Extreme Events**
 - Work on emergency response plans and include adaptation to climate change
- 7) **Knowledge & Technology Transfer**
 - Federal Support Toolbox
- 8) **Enhance Water Resources Leadership**
 - Recognize Primacy of state Role
- 9) **Communications and Education**
 - Active & continuous engagement w/public



Looking Into the Future...

- Develop and implementation plan -- Second phase
 - Establish a small National Team
 - Scope out the recommendations and actions
 - Move forward current efforts

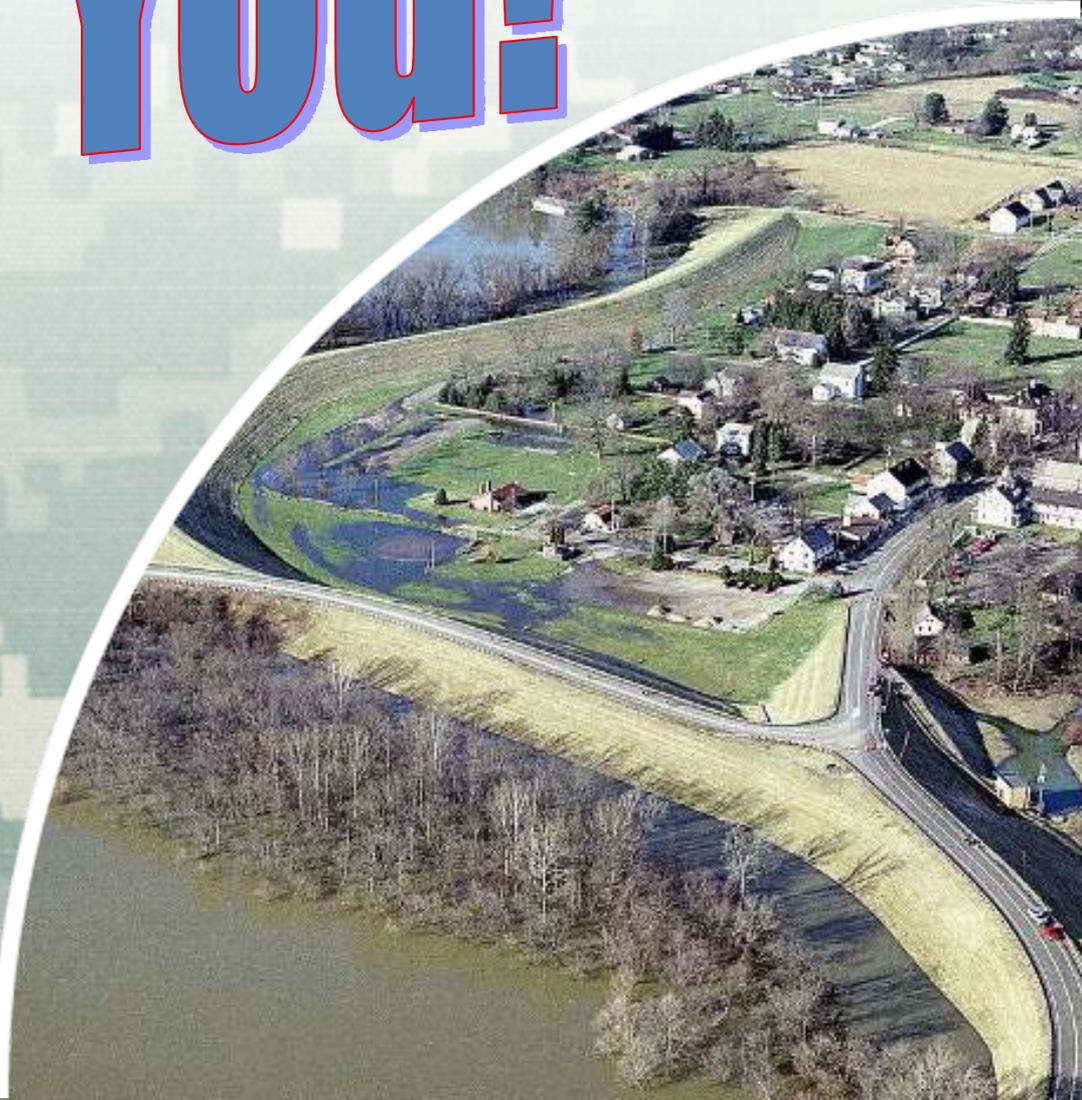
- IWRM - A programmatic systems approach methodology

- Continue to work with AWRA and others to develop proposals for a national water resources Vision/elements

- Develop a comprehensive WR investment strategy

- Continue to build the Federal Support Toolbox (FTB)
 - Sign MOU between NOAA, USGS, USACE
 - Finalize and Include two charters (Nashville's flooding)
 - Finalize FTB framework and establish sub-teams
 - Stakeholders input and future demo projects

Thank You!



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