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Low Use Navigation Pilot Project (2010)

Status: **Project Manager:**

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Purpose: This Low Use Navigation Pilot Project would encourage alternate non-traditional ways to fund maintenance of low-use harbors and waterways.

Objective: - Identify the universe of Federal harbors and inland waterways segments that support lower levels of commercial use and their respective non-Federal sponsors. - Formulate a range of possible long-term options for the funding and management of such facilities - Evaluate the pros and cons of these options - Examine their applicability to the various types of low-use navigation facilities.

Benefits: - Encourage non-federal sponsors to organize themselves regionally to efficiently perform periodic maintenance dredging as needed to support regional navigation requirements and development plans. - Encourage and advise local sponsors and users on organizing themselves for mutual benefit by working through existing public entities or creating new ones. - Provide information on potential efficiencies and benefits, and offer case studies on how some regional interests have organized themselves to recover costs from direct beneficiaries.

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