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National Flood Risk Management Project (2012)

Status: **Project Manager:**

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Purpose: Project Purpose: To reduce the nation's flood risk through activities to support and provide direction to the National Flood Risk Management Program in achieving its mission of leading collaborative, comprehensive and sustainable national flood risk management to improve public safety and reduce flood damages to our country.

Objective:

- Identify and address planning, institutional and policy impediments to successful flood risk management through policy development and discussion forums.
- Identify opportunities for restructuring existing programs where warranted to improve effectiveness and coordination.
- Design and develop implementation strategies for new programs to address unmet flood risk management needs.
- Establish the NFRMP coordination framework and associated responsibilities at the MSC and district level.
- Build upon ongoing interagency coordination and collaboration to integrate USACE programs and authorities, both internally and with counterpart programs and authorities of other Federal agencies, state organizations and regional and local agencies.
- Establishing new state Silver Jackets teams to develop and implement solutions to state natural hazard priorities by assisting communities with leveraging information and resources, improving public risk communication, and creating a mechanism to collaboratively solve issues and implement initiatives.
- Developing and initiating a plan to improve internal communication between USACE's HQ and Districts and FEMA's HQ and Regions on flood risk management policy, practices and guidance.
- Developing and pilot testing a framework and methods for communicating flood risk and encouraging public involvement in flood risk management planning.

Benefits: The project delivers improved coordination of Federal and non-Federal programs impacting floodplain management to better identify opportunities for collaboration, avoid duplication of effort, and prevent policies from inadvertently working at cross purposes. In doing so, the project provides improved delivery of flood risk management support to states and communities at a cost savings to the Federal tax payer.

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