

More information available online

- History of Conflict Resolution and Public Participation at the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Numerous publications and reports about conflict resolution and public participation
- Training materials
- Center rationale, including relevant laws, policies, and guidance documents



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognizes the value of collaboration, partnering, and public participation in water resources decision making. CPC assists the Corps in implementing this collaborative approach.

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Conflict Resolution & Public Participation Center of Expertise



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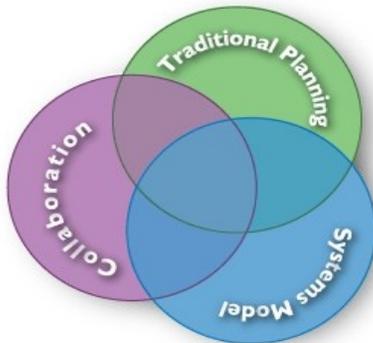
CPC's mission is to help Corps staff anticipate, prevent, and manage water conflicts, ensuring that the interests of the public are addressed in Corps decisions. The center achieves this mission by developing and expanding the application of collaborative tools to improve water resources decision making.

Collaborative process tools:

- Conflict assessment & resolution techniques
- Decision-making methods
- Collaborative process design

Collaborative modeling tools:

- Shared Vision Planning - a tool for collaborative simulation and visualization of water systems
- Decision support through evaluating tradeoffs with technical tools
- Lessons learned from technical collaboration



Services

Training

CPC provides training to Corps HQ and field offices in public participation and conflict resolution processes and techniques. The Center also ensures that new tools such as interactive modeling and software for negotiations are effectively integrated into field applications.

Consultation

CPC serves as a conflict resolution hotline for Corps field offices and HQ. The center provides information, offers advice and short-term assistance, and connects Corps personnel with conflict resolution and public participation experts.

References

CPC's website includes a plethora of informative literature on alternative dispute resolution and public involvement. These resources include primers, guides, workbooks, case studies, pamphlets, and research reports.

To request information or training, or discuss a specific case, please contact a center staff member.

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Initiatives

- Assess and develop the Corps' conflict resolution and collaborative capacity
- Promote Shared Vision Planning, a method for preventing and minimizing disputes that integrates planning principles, systems modeling, and stakeholder collaboration into a practical forum for making resource management decisions
- Develop improved methods to encourage public involvement in selecting appropriate flood risk management plans
- Promote international collaboration to manage transboundary water resources in partnership with another Corps center, the International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management
- Prepare the *Annual Report on Environmental Conflict Resolution* for the Council on Environmental Quality
- Improve public participation for various projects around the Corps