



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Floodplain Management Services (FPMS)

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended, gives authority to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to compile and disseminate information on floods and flood damages, including identification of areas subject to inundation by floods of various magnitudes and frequencies, and general criteria for guidance of federal and non-federal interests and agencies in the use of floodplain areas; and to provide advice to other federal agencies and local interests for their use in planning to ameliorate the flood hazard.

ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

General Technical Services – Flood and floodplain data are obtained, developed, and interpreted, using available data whenever practical. The Corps will use data from all appropriate sources, including hydrologic and hydraulic information developed within the Corps, but also other federal, state, or local agencies. Outreach to communities, localities, and other public entities may be provided on request.

General Planning Guidance – On a broader scale, assistance and guidance in the form of “Special Studies” are provided on all aspects of floodplain management planning, including the possible impacts of off-floodplain use changes on the physical, socioeconomic, and environmental conditions of the floodplain.

Guides, Pamphlets, Supporting Studies – Flood and floodplain data/information are disseminated to states, local governments, federal agencies, and private citizens to convey the nature of flood hazards and to foster public understanding of options for dealing with flood hazards. Supporting studies are conducted to improve methods and procedures for flood risk management, or to illustrate alternative ways of achieving floodplain management goals.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Support – The NFIP is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Corps provides technical support to the NFIP, for example developing or contributing to Flood Insurance Studies, on a reimbursable basis.

Common FPMS Activities – developing studies or guidance on floodplain delineation, flood hazard evaluation, hurricane evacuation, flood warning/preparedness, regulatory floodway analysis, comprehensive floodplain management, flood risk reduction, urbanization impacts, storm water management, flood proofing, and inventory of flood-prone structures. The program also provides assistance for conducting workshops and seminars on nonstructural floodplain management measures such as flood proofing.

PROJECT COSTS

Technical services and planning guidance under the FPMS Program are provided to state, regional, and local governments without charge, within program funding limits. FPMS services for federal agencies and private persons are on a cost-recovery or fee basis. The Corps may also accept voluntarily contributed funds to expand the scope of services requested.

HOW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE

Potential sponsors can request assistance under Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960 by completing the template on the reverse side of this fact sheet and sending it to the address below

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SAMPLE LETTER OF INTENT

(Date)

Lenna Hawkins, Deputy for Programs and Project Management
US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
William S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

This is in reference to the U.S Army Corps of Engineers' Flood Plain Management Services Program. We understand that Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended, authorizes the Corps to provide a full range of technical services and planning guidance to support effective floodplain management. The **[requesting agency, eligible Native American Indian tribe, or private entity]** requests the Corps of Engineers to provide such assistance for **[body of water or waterway]**, located in **[city, township or borough]**, in **[county and state]**.

[Add brief paragraph describing problem or need].

If you have any questions please contact **(Name, Title)** at **(phone number and address)**.

Sincerely,
(Name and Title of public official authorized to request study)