

Environmental Infrastructure Section 219

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

AUTHORIZATION: Section 219(f) (11), Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1992, as amended by Section 504 WRDA 1996, Section 502 WRDA 1999, Section 5125 WRDA 2007, and Section 8375 WRDA 2022

BACKGROUND: The Section 219 program provides planning, design, and construction assistance for water and sewer related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects for local communities throughout the country. Construction is cost shared 75 percent federal and 25 percent nonfederal.

AUTHORIZED PROJECTS WITHIN USACE Philadelphia District:

- > WRDA 2022
 - Kent County, DE \$35M
 - New Castle County, DE \$35M
 - Sussex County, DE \$35M
 - o Camden, NJ \$119M
 - o Jefferson Twp, NJ \$90M
 - o Phillipsburg, NJ \$2.6M
 - o Palmyra Twp, PA \$36.3M
 - o Pike County, PA \$10M
 - o Pocono Twp, PA \$22M
 - o Westfall Twp, PA \$16.9M
 - Whitehall & S Whitehall Twps, PA \$6M

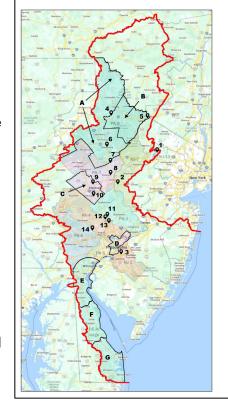
➤ WRDA 2007

- o Phoenixville Boro, PA \$2.4M
- o Hatfield Boro, PA − \$0.3M
- o Lehigh County, PA \$5M
- North Wales Boro, PA \$1.5M
- Pen Argyl, PA \$5.3M
- Philadelphia, PA \$1.6M
- Stockerton Boro, Tatamy Boro, & Palmer Twp, PA \$10M
- Vera Cruz, PA \$5.5M

WRDA 1999

- Towamencin Twp, PA \$1.5M
- Northeast Pennsylvania (Pike, Wayne, Luzerne & Monroe Cos), PA \$20M (of which ~\$8.5M remains unobligated)

Environmental Infrastructure Projects (Section 219)



Counties	
A	Northeast Pennsylvania (Pike, Wayne, Luzerne & Monroe Cos), PA
В	Pike County, PA
С	Lehigh County, PA
D	City of Philadelphia, PA
E	New Castle County, DE
F	Kent County, DE
G	Sussex County, DE

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MUNICIPALITIES	
1	Jefferson Twp, NJ
2	Phillipsburg, NJ
3	Camden, NJ
4	Palmyra Twp, PA
5	Westfall Twp, PA
6	Pocono Twp, PA
7	Pen Argyl, PA
8	Stockerton Boro, Tatamy Boro, & Palmer Twp, PA
9	Whitehall & S Whitehall Twps, PA
10	Vera Cruz, PA
11	Hatfield Boro, PA
12	Towamencin Twp, PA
13	North Wales Boro, PA

14 Phoenixville Boro, PA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS W/ AUTHORIZED PROJECT(S) WITHIN USACE PHILADELPHIA: DE-AL, NJ-1, NJ-7, NJ-11, PA-1, PA-2, PA-3, PA-4, PA-5, PA-6, PA-7, PA-8

What assistance can the Corps provide: Under the Section 219 Environmental Infrastructure Program, the Corps is authorized to assist non-Federal interests in carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects. Such assistance may be in the form of planning, engineering, design and construction assistance for water supply and storage, treatment and distribution systems, and wastewater treatment systems including treatment plants.

<u>Project Initiation:</u> Projects must be explicitly named by Congress in the authorizing language for this program (WRDA) and funds appropriated by Congress specific to the project. Non-Federal sponsors should contact the Corps to begin discussions after the project is authorized. The Corps can begin working on the required letter report and cost share agreement negotiations after funds are appropriated.

<u>Criteria for assistance:</u> The purpose of the program is to provide Federal assistance to State and local governments in carrying out water-related infrastructure projects. While should judgment and prudent analytical approaches should be employed in any planning assistance provided, the specific requirement for conducting and reporting on economic and environmental procedures as outlined in Principles and Guidelines (P&G) and Corp regulations based on P&G will not be required. Federal assistance is subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental laws. Available environmental analysis prepared by non-Federal interests to meet Federal and State loan and grant and permitting requirements should be used to the extent possible.

<u>Cost Sharing:</u> Not less than 25 percent non-Federal cost share will be required for all projects. The 25 percent non-Federal share will take the form of cash and credits for lands, easements, rights of way, relocations and dredged material disposal areas (LERRD). No work-in0kind is authorized for projects under the Section 219 program. Up to \$25,000 of the Federal amount appropriated may be used to prepare a letter report and negotiate a cost share agreement. These pre-agreement costs will be 100 percent Federal. The non-Federal sponsor is responsible for 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and replacement (OMRR&R) costs of the project after construction.

<u>Letter Report:</u> A letter report should support each agreement. The letter report describes the proposed infrastructure assistance and the non-Federal infrastructure project it supports; identifies the non-Federal sponsor; addresses the implementation responsibilities of the parties; addresses the financial capability of the non-Federal sponsor to meet the cost sharing requirements; describes the status of environmental compliance; and presents information on the cost (including LERRD value) of the environmental infrastructure assistance.

<u>Design and Engineering Assistance</u>: Design or engineering assistance provided by the Government must be obtained by procurement from private sources, unless the service would require the use of a new technology unavailable in the private sector, or a solicitation or request for proposal has failed to attract two or more bids or proposals. This limitation does not apply to analysis and documentation to address NEPA requirements.