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Section 111 – Mitigation of Shoreline Erosion Damage Caused by Federal Navigation Projects

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What is it?

Section 111 gives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to study and implement structural and nonstructural works to prevent or mitigate damage to shorelines caused by Federal navigation projects.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for a Section 111 project. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as Sponsors. All it takes is a simple request to the local Corps office and a representative will discuss your problem with you and let you know if you qualify for the program.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$100,000 of any Section 111 Feasibility Study is paid 100% by the Federal Government.
- All additional feasibility expenditures are cost shared at a rate of 50% Federal, 50% Sponsor. The Sponsor may contribute 100% of their share as in-kind services.
- Plans and specifications costs and construction costs are cost shared in the same proportion as the costs for the navigation project causing the damage. Plans and specifications costs are recouped at the beginning of the construction period.
- There is a spending cap of \$5 million of Federal expenditure per Section 111 project.

How long does it take?

A typical Section 111 study has two main parts, the feasibility phase and the construction phase. The feasibility study includes all alternatives analysis, design work, NEPA compliance and benefit-cost analysis. From the beginning of the feasibility phase until project approval can take up to three years depending on the complexity of the problem. Construction time varies depending on the project being implemented.