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Floodplain Management Services (FPMS)

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What is it?

Within Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, the Corps of Engineers Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS) can provide a broad range of information, technical assistance, and planning guidance related to flood plain management for federal, state, local, private, and non-profit interests. Flood Plain Management Services includes:

- **Technical Services** – When data is readily available the Corps can conduct flood hazard evaluations for residential, commercial, and non-profit interests. Most technical service and quick response requests are processed on first-come-first-serve basis.
- **Special Studies** - When detailed hydrologic, hydraulic, or floodway analyses are required, the Corps can conduct studies to produce new information such as 100-year flood boundary maps, flood profiles, floodways, and flood plain studies. The Corps can also conduct flood -forecast, -warning, and -preparedness studies and stormwater -management, -reduction, and -detention studies.
- **Guides, Pamphlets, and Supporting Studies** - The Corps of Engineers has a variety of technical assistance and planning publications to assist local officials, contractors, and private homeowners on flood plain management issues including flood proofing, regulations, and streambank protection.
- **Support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in conjunction with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).**

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can request a FPMS study. 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?

- FPMS are funded at 100% Federal cost. Sponsors are requested to cost share at a rate that they can afford. For studies that are more complex, expensive, or require large amounts of data, Sponsors are requested to provide base data such as surveys and topographic information.
- The annual appropriation for the FPMS Program varies from year to year. The availability of Federal funds influences the number of services that can be provided by the Corps in any given year.

How long does it take?

FPMS studies vary greatly in size and scope. Technical Services are usually studies or assistance that take 40 hours or less to accomplish or are services with a relatively low cost. Special Studies typically require more than a week to complete or have higher costs associated with the services, such as involved modeling or week-long seminars.

National Floodproofing Committee website:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwp/NFPC/nfpc.htm>