



Section 206: Flood Plain Management Services

Under the authority provided by Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act (PL 86-645), as amended, the Corps of Engineers can provide the full range of technical services and planning guidance that is needed to support effective flood plain management. General technical assistance efforts under this program includes determining: site-specific data on obstructions to flood flows, flood formation, and timing; flood depths, stages or floodwater velocities; the extent, duration, and frequency of flooding; information on natural and cultural flood plain resources; and flood loss potentials before and after the use of flood plain management measures. Types of studies have been conducted under the FPMS program include: flood plain delineation/hazard, dam failure analyses, hurricane evacuation, flood warning, floodway, flood damage reduction, stormwater management, flood proofing, and inventories of flood prone structures.

The program does not give the Corps the authority to complete detailed final designs or construction activities.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for PAS. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as Sponsors. All it takes is a simple request to the District 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 is 100% Federally Funded.
- Other Federal agencies and private parties must pay 100 percent of the costs of all FPMS efforts.
- All studies are subject to availability of Federal appropriations.

How long does it take?

The process for FPMS assistance begins after a state, regional, local government, or Native American Indian tribe requests Corps of Engineers assistance under the program. When funding is available, the Corps of Engineers will work with the requesting organization to develop a scope of work and assemble the appropriate study team for the effort being requested. At their option, the requesting organization may provide voluntary contributions toward the requested services to expand the scope or accelerate the provision of those services. All requestors are requested to furnish available field survey data, maps, historical flood information, etc., to help reduce the cost of services. The timeline depends on the complexity of the services required.

Questions?

To learn more, visit www.sac.usace.army.mil/partnerships.

Questions? Email cesac-planning@usace.army.mil or call (843) 329-8050.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is in reference to the Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Program. Our agency understands that Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960, as amended, authorizes the Corps of Engineers to provide a range of technical services and planning guidance that is needed to support effective floodplain management. Our agency is requesting technical assistance for [state reason here].

(BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE AND SEVERITY OF POTENTIAL DAMAGES AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS.)

The (NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR) has designated (NAME /PHONE NUMBER) as the point of contact for this project.

Sincerely,
(NAME / TITLE OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST STUDY)