



Section 208: Clearing & Snagging

Section 208 of the 1954 Flood Control Act gives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to study, adopt, and construct in stream clearing and snagging projects in the interest of flood control. These projects must comply with existing environmental regulations.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for a Section 208 project. 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. All Section 208 Sponsors must comply with the Federal flood insurance plan and prepare floodplain management plans within one year of initiating an approved project and implement the plan within one year of project completion.

What does it cost?

- First \$100,000 of the Feasibility Phase is 100% Federally Funded.
- The remainder of the Feasibility Phase is cost-shared 50%/50%.
- The Design and Implementation Phase is cost shared 65% Federal and 35% Non-Federal.
- The sponsor must contribute in cash a minimum of 5 percent of the total project cost. The sponsor must also pay for and obtain all lands, easements, rights of way and relocations (LERR) for the project.
- There is a spending cap of \$500,000 of Federal expenditure per Section 208 project.
- Annual Federal program limit is \$7.5 million
- All studies are subject to availability of Federal appropriations.

How long does it take?

Section 208 feasibility studies can take up to 2 years to complete and include two major milestones. The first milestone is a Federal Interest Determination document to be accomplished with the first \$100,000. The second milestone is an Alternative Formulation Briefing (AFB) to discuss the selected alternatives for a potential construction project. The outcome of the AFB and the feasibility study will be a Detailed Project Report. The feasibility study includes all alternatives analysis, design work, NEPA compliance, and benefit-cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the project being implemented.

Questions?

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