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Pittsburgh Projects Prosper in President's '08 Budget

PITTSBURGH – The Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) budget transmitted to Congress on February 5 includes \$4.871 billion in new federal funding for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The budget contains over \$194 million in construction, operations and maintenance funding for projects in the Corps' Pittsburgh District.

Over \$81 million are estimated for operations and maintenance of Pittsburgh District projects that provide inland navigation, flood damage reduction, recreation and environmental stewardship in the Upper Ohio River basin areas of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, southern New York and western Maryland. Proposed funding will be distributed among 23 navigation locks and dams on the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers; 16 multi-purpose reservoirs; three federally maintained local flood damage reduction projects in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania and Elkins, West Virginia and an inspection program for 40 non-federally maintained local flood damage reduction projects in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Ohio.

Over \$113 million are budgeted for two Pittsburgh District construction projects – the Lower Monongahela River Navigation Project and the Emsworth Dams Major Rehabilitation Project.

The Lower Mon project is proposed to receive \$70.3 million in FY08, an increase of over \$7 million from the President's FY07 budget, the largest amount proposed in a President's budget for this project since it began in 1992. The proposed funding will sustain work on replacement of the first of two navigation locks at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and also cover costs associated with utility relocations and a railroad bridge crossing over the Monongahela River just upstream of Braddock Locks and Dam.

Rehabilitation of the Emsworth Dams, the first major navigation structure on the Ohio River below The Point at Pittsburgh, is slated to receive \$43 million. This is a \$26 million increase over the President's FY07 budget. The proposed funding will sustain construction to replace the failed and failing dam gates and failed erosion protection to ensure the structural integrity and operability of both Emsworth dams.

While the FY08 President's budget represents an increase of nearly \$54 million over the FY07 President's budget for the Pittsburgh District, a critical planning study to consider and evaluate the feasibility of navigation improvements and ecosystem restoration opportunities on the upper Ohio River – the Upper Ohio River Navigation System Study – is not included in the budget.

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Mr. John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, said, "This civil works budget is the highest ever to be forwarded to Congress, and it provides critical funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to contribute to the nation's economic and environmental well being."

"The budget funds the planning, design and construction of projects for the three main water resources mission areas of the Corps, which are commercial navigation, flood and coastal storm damage reduction, and aquatic ecosystem restoration, and gives priority to those projects that will provide a high return on the nation's investment. The budget also emphasizes the performance of existing Civil Works projects by funding their operation, maintenance and rehabilitation at a level 9 percent higher than last year's budget," Woodley continued.

The Army Civil Works program additionally contributes to the protection of the nation's waters and wetlands; the restoration of sites contaminated as a result of the nation's early atomic weapons development program; and emergency preparedness for natural disasters.

The mission of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the world's preeminent public engineering agency, is to provide quality, responsive engineering services to the Nation and its armed forces. The Corps plans, designs, builds and operates water resources projects; designs and manages military facilities construction for the Army and Air Force at home and abroad; provides design and construction management support for other Defense and federal agencies; cleans hazardous areas across the Nation through the Formerly Used Defense Sites program and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program; and conducts state of the art engineering research and design at its Engineer Research and Development Center.

The FY08 Army Civil Works budget information, including a state-by-state breakdown, is available at www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwb/budget/budget.pdf.

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For more details see the "[President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Released](#)" on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website www.usace.army.mil.