



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Louisville District

## Section 531 Program for Southern and Eastern Kentucky

**PURPOSE:** Section 531 of the 1996 Water Resources Development Act set up a program whereby the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can provide design and construction assistance for water related environmental infrastructure projects in Eastern and Southern Kentucky. The law allows the Corps to provide Federal assistance for the design and construction of water-related environmental infrastructure, water resource protection and development, and environmental restoration. These projects must address wastewater, water supply and surface water resource and related problems.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Areas eligible for assistance include the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe counties. Local sponsors may include cities, counties, or public service districts who are able to finance the project and provide for operation and maintenance of the project upon completion. Areas that are not enforcing sanitary waste ordinances will be unable to apply for projects.

**PROCESS AND FUNDING:** Projects are undertaken on a cost-shared basis. All projects are cost-shared 75 percent Federal and 25 percent from non-Federal funds. The application review and selection process is conducted by the Corps of Engineers, Kentucky Division of Water, and the PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desired Environment) Board.

Because the Section 531 Program is intended to supplement or augment other Federal and State programs, priority is being given to three categories of projects: projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to problems, projects that address rural areas not likely to be addressed in the near future by other traditional funding sources, and projects that are eligible for other funding programs but still need a small amount of financial assistance to be implemented.

**REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE:** Applications are to be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office in Huntington, West Virginia. The mailing address for the Corps office is: USACE-H; Environmental Infrastructure Program; 502 8<sup>th</sup> Street; Huntington, WV 25701. Applications should include a completed "Fact Sheet" and documentation that addresses the evaluation criteria available at [www.kypride.org](http://www.kypride.org) or by calling the Corps office at (304) 399-5824.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** If you need more information, you may contact the PRIDE office at 606-677-6150 or call the Louisville District Outreach Coordinator, Mr. Brandon R. Brummett, P.E., PMP, at (502) 315-6883.