



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Louisville District

PROJECT MODIFICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT SECTION 1135

PURPOSE: Section 1135 of the 1986 Water Resources Development Act authorizes the Corps of Engineers to participate in planning, engineering and design, and construction of projects to restore ecosystems degraded by a previously constructed Corps of Engineers.

TYPES OF PROJECTS: Projects typically involve environmental restoration of aquatic, floodplain, and upland areas. Completed projects should involve little or no maintenance. Types of projects typically include providing water management, planting of hardwood trees or prairie grasses, and other restoration to enrich fish and wildlife habitat.

PARTNERS: Projects require partnering with a non-Federal sponsor who may be a public agency, state or local government, or a large national non-profit environmental organization.

PROCESS AND FUNDING: The initial step for a proposed ecosystem restoration project is the preparation of a Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP). Each PRP is limited to \$10,000, is funded 100% Federal, and takes 2-6 months. For 1135 projects with a total cost exceeding \$1,000,000, a Feasibility phase is required. The non-Federal sponsor's share of the costs for all planning and design work, whether done in one or two stages, completed prior to execution of a project cooperation agreement will be initially federally financed. The non-Federal sponsor will be responsible for these costs when the project cooperation agreement is executed. The total project cost will be shared 75 percent Federal and 25 percent non-Federal. The maximum Federal cost for project development and construction of any one project is \$5,000,000 with a 25 million dollar national limit per year. The non-Federal sponsor will provide all necessary lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, or disposal areas necessary for the projects, the value of which will be credited to the 25 percent non-Federal cost. In-kind services may be credited toward the local share up to a maximum of 80 percent of the local share. The sponsor will be responsible for all operation and maintenance costs.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE: Requests for assistance should be submitted in the form of a Letter of Intent from a state or local government agency to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. Samples are available upon request and should be mailed to **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, Attn: Chief, Planning Branch, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201**. After receipt of a written request, the Louisville District will contact the applicant by telephone and discuss particulars of the problem and of continuing the process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: If you need more information, you may contact the Louisville District Outreach Coordinator:
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