

Section 594: Environmental Infrastructure in Ohio

Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

What the Corps Can Do:

In 1999, Congress directed the Corps of Engineers to establish a pilot program to provide environmental assistance to non-Federal interests in Ohio. Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 authorized the Corps to provide assistance in the form of design and construction for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in Ohio. The following are types of projects that fall under this program:

Waste Water Treatment Systems including Treatment Plants
Combined Sewer Overflow
Water Supply and Storage
Treatment and Distribution Systems
Mine Drainage
Environmental Restoration
Surface water resource protection and development

Charges for Assistance:

The project must be publicly owned. The non-Federal partner(s) must establish legal and institutional structures as are necessary to ensure the effective long-term operation of the project by the non-Federal interest. Projects are cost-shared 75 percent Federal and 25 percent non-Federal. The non-Federal cost share may be credited for reasonable design work performed prior to execution of a project partnership agreement (PPA) and for land, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations.

Responsibility of Project Sponsor:

Formal assurance in the form of a Project Partnership Agreement must be executed with the project sponsor. The project sponsor must normally agree to the following:

- Provide without cost to the United States all Lands, Easements, Rights-of-way, Relocations, and Disposal areas (LERRDs) necessary for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the project.
- Maintain and operate the project after completion without cost to the United States.
- Assume responsibility for all costs in excess of the Federal cost limitation of \$5,000,000.
- If the value of the sponsor's land contribution above does not equal or exceed 35 percent of the project cost, provide cash or work-in-kind contributions to make the sponsor's total contribution equal to 35 percent.

Requests for Assistance:

Section 594 projects require specific congressional appropriations and must be appropriated through a congressional add. For more information, contact the Louisville District Outreach Coordinator, at (502) 315-6883.



Cost Sharing

- **Federal 75%**
- **Non-Federal 25%**
- **Federal Cost Share limited to \$5 million**

