



The non-federal sponsor must . . .

Formal assurance of local cooperation must be furnished by the State or the local government (the city or borough), as non-federal sponsor. The sponsor must be empowered by State law with sufficient legal and financial authority to comply with the following items:

- Contribute in cash the local share of project planning and construction costs.
- Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary for construction of the project.
- Accomplish without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-

of-way necessary for construction of the project.

- Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction works, not including damages during construction, operation, and maintenance that are due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.
- Maintain the project after completion.
- Assume full responsibility for all project costs in excess of the Federal cost limit of \$500,000.

How does the process start?

We may begin a Section 208 study after we receive a written request from the prospective sponsor and obtain approval and funding from our Division office. A sample letter is included in this brochure. This request, and any further inquiries about a Section 208 project, should be made to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
ATTN: PM-C-PL
P.O. Box 6898
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson,
AK 99506-6898

What are the local responsibilities?

The non-federal sponsor's share of project costs is the same as for small flood control projects (35 percent, plus all operation and maintenance) or small navigation projects (20 percent for projects less than 20 feet deep), according to the type of benefits derived from the project.





Sample letter to request a study

Send your letter to the District Engineer at the address on this brochure.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to seek the assistance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 208 of the 1954 Flood Control Act, as amended, in the clearing of snags and other debris from (name of river or body of water) in the vicinity of (city or town, etc.).

(Briefly describe the nature and severity of the problem, and any issues that could affect the acceptability of possible solutions.)

We understand that we are responsible for all project costs in excess of the Federal cost limitation.

We are able and willing to proceed to construction within a year, if a feasible project is found. Please contact (name, address, telephone) for further information.

Sincerely,
(Name and Title)



Section 208

Snagging and clearing

What can the Corps do?

Section 208 of the 1954 Flood Control Act, as amended by the 1974 Water Resources Development Act, gives the Corps authority to remove accumulated snags and other debris and to clean and straighten the channels of navigable streams for flood control.

Work under this authority is limited to clearing and snagging or channel excavation and improvement. Some embankment construction using materials from the channel excavation is also allowed. If replacement of revetment is needed for a complete and fully effective project, local interests must provide this, either by work or by cash contribution.



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