Waterways and Wetlands

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Detroit District

Mission: We serve the Nation by delivering world-class engineering and construction for –

- Economic Vitality (Great Lakes Navigation)
- National Security
- Water Resources Management
- Environmental Sustainability
- Emergency Assistance

- 95 Navigation projects
- 99 miles of structures
- 611 miles of channels
- 3,200 miles of coastline
Regulatory Field Offices
Regulatory Program
Mission Statement

To provide strong protection of the Nation’s aquatic environment. This will be accomplished through: coordination with agencies and the public; fair, reasonable, and timely decisions; accurate and timely jurisdiction determinations; monitoring, compliance and enforcement of permit laws, regulations and policies.
Regulatory Authorities

**Section 10**
Rivers and Harbors Act
- Navigable waters of the U.S.
- Structures and Work

**Section 404**
Clean Water Act
- Waters of the U.S., including wetlands
- Discharge of dredged or fill material
Definition of Navigable Waters of the U.S.

Navigable Waters of the United States are those waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce (33 CFR Part 329).

Soo Locks
Examples of Navigable Waters of the U.S.

- Kankakee River
- Iroquois River
- Maumee River
- St. Joseph River – Dam at Berrien Springs
- Complete list on website
The Clean Water Act
Definition of Waters of the U.S.

- Navigable waters of the U.S.
- Tributaries to navigable waters of the U.S.
- Wetlands adjacent to waters listed above
Sections 10 and 404 Jurisdiction
Activities that may require a Corps Permit

Bank Protection
Activities that may require a Corps Permit

Marinas/docks/piers
Activities that may require a Corps Permit

Bulkheads (seawalls)
Types of Permits

- General
  - Nationwide
  - Regional
  - Programmatic

- Individual
  - Letter of Permission
  - Standard Permit
Coordination with Others

- State agencies
  - Water Quality
  - Natural Resources
  - State Historic Preservation Office
- Tribal Governments
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Others
Other Permit Requirements

- Most projects that require Corps permits also require State permits
  - Section 401 Water Quality Certification (IDEM/MDEQ)
  - Indiana – IDNR issues permits for work in floodways and public freshwater lakes

- Check county/local requirements
Regulatory Services

- Pre-application Meetings
- Wetland Determinations
- Jurisdictional Determinations
Additional Information

Detroit District Website
www.lre.usace.army.mil

Regulatory Website
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