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## Status Report: Great Lakes Remedial Action Plans

**Authority:** Great Lakes Remedial Action Plans and Sediment Remediation (Section 401, Water Resources Development Act of 1990, as amended) enables the Corps to provide technical support to the development and implementation of Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) at Great Lakes Areas of Concern.

**Cost sharing:** The non-Federal share is 35%, cash or in-kind services

<b>Recent Funding History:</b>	FY2002	\$2,000,000
	FY2003	\$1,500,000
	FY2004	\$1,000,000
	FY2005 (Administration Budget request)	\$ 0
	(Capability)	\$4,000,000

**Accomplishments (FY95-03):** Under this program, the Corps has provided technical support to state and local agencies for Remedial Action Plans at seventeen of the 31 U.S. Areas of Concern. The RAP support, and levels of Federal funding for this support are summarized on this table:

Area of Concern	RAP Support	Funding
Ashtabula River, OH	Sediment cleanup planning	\$300,000
Black River, OH	Watershed planning for nonpoint source pollution	\$176,310
Buffalo River, NY	Evaluation of combined sewer impacts, sediment assessments	\$80,000
Clinton River, MI	Evaluation of nonpoint source of bacterial contamination	\$195,200
Cuyahoga River, OH	Habitat restoration planning	\$66,500
Detroit River, MI	Sediment cleanup design	\$42,000
Eighteen Mile Creek, NY	Watershed and habitat restoration planning	\$180,000
Grand Calumet River, IN	Sediment cleanup planning, TMDL evaluation and modeling	\$2,010,000
Maumee River	Water quality monitoring	\$500
Milwaukee Estuary, WI	Sediment cleanup design	\$71,825
Muskegon Lake, MI	Evaluation of groundwater pollution sources	\$235,500
River Raisin, MI	Stream restoration planning	\$123,700
Rochester Embayment, NY	Water and sediment quality evaluations	\$105,580
Rouge River, MI	Habitat restoration planning and design	\$34,950
St. Clair River, MI	Water quality and sediment analyses and evaluations	\$424,900
Waukegan Harbor, IL	Sediment cleanup planning and cost estimating	\$146,000
White Lake, MI	Sediment cleanup design	\$115,600

In several Areas of Concern, the planning and design support provided through this program has enabled state agencies and RAP program to submit proposals to the EPA for sediment cleanup funding through the Great Lakes Legacy Act program.

**Status:**

The FY04 Appropriation is \$1 million. After deductions for budget balancing, the actual allocation available for RAP support is less than \$650,000. State and local agencies have requested RAP support in FY04 for the following Areas of Concern: Black River, OH; Buffalo River, NY; Clinton River, MI; Cuyahoga River, OH; Detroit River, MI; Eighteen Mile Creek, NY; Fox River, WI; Grand Calumet River, IN; Maumee River, OH; Milwaukee Embayment, WI; Rochester Embayment, NY; St. Clair River, MI, and; St. Louis River, MN. Funding available in FY 2004 will be used to negotiate agreements for support to only some of these RAPs.

Funding for this program is not included in the Administration's FY05 Budget Request.

**How to Use this Program:**

This is not a grant program and there is no application or request for proposals. A state or local governmental agency or non-profit group simply has to contact the Corps by phone, email or letter and indicate interest in using this program. The Corps then works with the prospective partner to outline a scope for the RAP support they are interested in (environmental monitoring, watershed planning, mapping and surveys, computer modeling, evaluation and design of remedial options, cost estimating, etc.). The Corps develops a schedule and budget for this support and works with the partner to determine their cost-share, which may be cash or in-kind services. Once the scope and cost sharing have been agreed upon, a support agreement is signed by the sponsor and the Corps. This commits the Federal funds for the support. The support provided by the Corps is actually provided by private consulting firms, other agencies, as well as Corps staff.

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