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Corps Detroit to use \$41 million in stimulus funds

DETROIT – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, announces its role in executing the nation’s “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” with about \$41million in stimulus funding.

Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program will be used throughout the Great Lakes area for several projects. These projects include dredging and structural repair work at federal harbors and rivers throughout the region, work on the Fox River dams in Wisconsin, and a flood damage reduction study for Ecorse “Creek” River in Michigan.

"We're looking forward to being able to contribute to the nation's economic well-being by putting Americans back to work through this critical funding package for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers especially in the Detroit District area," said Lt. Col. James Davis, district engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.

The dredging projects totaling more than \$7.8 million will include shallow draft and deep draft harbors throughout Michigan and Wisconsin. Specific harbors will be:

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| Grand Haven Harbor, Mich. | \$255,000 |
| Harbor Beach Harbor, Mich. | \$900,000 |
| Holland Harbor, Mich..... | \$306,000 |
| Inland Route, Mich | \$548,000 |
| Kewaunee Harbor, Wis. | \$1,430,000 |
| Little Lake Harbor, Mich. | \$322,000 |
| Ludington Harbor, Mich. | \$950,000 |
| Manitowoc Harbor, Wis. | \$508,000 |
| Saginaw River, Mich. | \$500,000 |
| St Joseph Harbor, Mich. | \$741,000 |
| Sturgeon Bay Harbor & Lake Michigan Ship Canal, Wis. | \$1,357,000 |

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The navigation structural repair projects totaling more than \$21.5 million will focus primarily on three harbors in Michigan and Wisconsin. Specific harbors include:

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| Petoskey Harbor, Mich. | \$4,000,000 |
| Saugatuck Harbor, Mich. | \$10,000,000 |
| Sturgeon Bay Harbor, Wis. | \$7,500,000 |

Work on the Fox River Flood Control project, totaling about \$6 million, includes repairing four specific dams (Cedars, Little Chute, Rapide Croche, and De Pere) in the Fox River system that have been assigned Dam Safety Action Classification II dams. A DSAC II rating is the second highest critical failure rating based on nationwide evaluations by the Corps. Funding will complete construction repairs necessary to take the dams off the DSAC II list.

Additional funding is scheduled for maintenance at the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and management activities at some confined disposal facilities.

President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in February. The act appropriates \$4.6 billion for the Corps' Civil Works Program. The legislation is intended to stimulate recovery of the U.S. economy. The expectation of the President and Congress is that funds provided in this legislation will be quickly put to work and spent in a manner that is transparent and accountable to the American people.

The \$4.6 billion is distributed nationally in the following program accounts:

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| • Operation and Maintenance | \$2.075 billion |
| • Construction | \$2 billion |
| • Mississippi River and Tributaries | \$375 million |
| • Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) | \$100 million |
| • Investigations | \$25 million |
| • Regulatory Program | \$25 million |

Economists estimate that Corps Recovery Act projects will create or maintain nationwide approximately 57,400 direct construction industry jobs and an additional 64,000 indirect and induced jobs in firms supplying or supporting the construction and the businesses that sell goods and services to these workers and their families.

Closer to home, the Detroit District projects are expected to generate approximately 385 direct jobs and approximately 835 indirect jobs within the District's region.

Nationally, the Corps' list of Recovery Act-funded Civil Works projects released today includes approximately 178 construction projects, 892 Operation and Maintenance projects, 45 Mississippi River and Tributaries projects, 67 Investigations projects, and nine projects under FUSRAP.

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Regulatory Program funds are distributed to Corps districts based upon workload. All projects on the lists have received appropriated funds in prior years' Energy and Water Development Appropriations acts. No project on the lists is a new start.

The projects selected represent a set of productive investments that will contribute to economic development and aquatic ecosystem restoration. The projects will achieve the purposes of the Recovery Act to commence expenditures quickly by investing in infrastructure that will provide long term economic and environmental benefits to the nation. Moreover, the projects are fully consistent with the President's direction to ensure that Recovery Act funds are spent responsibly and transparently.

The projects also meet the five criteria enumerated in the Congressional report accompanying the Recovery Act, namely that the projects:

- Be obligated and executed quickly,
- Result in high, immediate employment,
- Have little schedule risk,
- Be executed by contract or direct hire of temporary labor,
- Complete a project phase, a project, an element, or will provide a useful service that does not require additional funding.

Recovery Act funds will be used to complete increments of work on previously started projects and in some cases to complete such projects.

The projects released today are distributed very broadly across the United States. The distribution of selected projects spreads the employment and other economic benefits across the nation.

For more information about the Corps' role in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act visit our website at www.lre.usace.army.mil.