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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) is a group of nine legislative authorities under which USACE can plan, design, and implement certain types of water resources projects without additional project specific congressional authorization. The purpose of the CAP is to plan and implement projects of limited size, cost, scope and complexity. The table below lists the CAP authorities and their project purposes.

All projects in this program include a feasibility phase and an implementation phase. Planning activities, such as development of alternative plans to achieve the project goals, initial design and cost estimating, environmental analyses, and real estate evaluations, are performed during the feasibility phase, to develop enough information to decide whether to implement the project. The feasibility phase is initially Federally funded up to \$100,000. Any remaining feasibility phase costs are shared 50/50 with the non-Federal sponsor after executing a feasibility cost sharing agreement (FCSA). The final design, preparation of contract plans and specifications, permitting, real estate acquisition, project contracting and construction, and any other activities required to construct or implement the approved project are completed during the implementation phase. USACE and the non-federal sponsor sign a project partnership agreement (PPA) near the beginning of the implementation phase. Costs beyond the feasibility phase are shared as specified in the authorizing legislation for that section.

AUTHORITY	PROJECT PURPOSE
Section 14 , Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended	Streambank and shoreline erosion protection of public works and non-profit public services
Section 103 , River and Harbor Act of 1962, as amended (amends Public Law 79-727)	Beach erosion and hurricane and storm damage reduction
Section 107 , River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended	Navigation improvements
Section 111 , River and Harbor Act of 1968, as amended	Shore damage prevention or mitigation caused by Federal navigation projects



Section 204 , Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended	Beneficial uses of dredged material
Section 205 , Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended	Flood control
Section 206 , Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended	Aquatic ecosystem restoration
Section 208 , Flood Control Act of 1954, as amended (amends Section 2, Flood Control Act of August 28, 1937)	Removal of obstructions, clearing channels for flood control
Section 1135 , Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended	Project modifications for improvement of the environment

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