

Jerica Richardson is a study Water Resource Planner under the RPEC Planning section. She is also the district Environmental Justice Coordinator and Public Involvement Specialist for IWR-CPCX and is in the Emerging Leader Program.

Work Experience: Nearly 20 years of Federal Service experience as both a cultural resource specialist for the Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley Division (MVN-RPEDS and MVP/MVS-RPEDN). She also has over 6 years of experience as a Plan Formulator for MVD, leading a number of coastal storm ecosystem restoration and flood risk management studies through the SMART Planning process. She joined the SWF - RPEC in January 2016 as a water resource planner for the district.

Current Duties: She currently leads study teams on a number of projects including navigation, ecosystem restoration, flood risk

management studies, as well as the continuing authorities program. She is responsible for writing civil works decision documents, ensuring quality products that are policy compliant, and briefing senior personnel at the District, Division and Headquarters level reviews. She works nationally with IWR as a public and stakeholder engagement specialist, is a certified virtual facilitator. Jerica continues to use her planning, public/stakeholder involvement, and facilitation skills at the National level, assisting various USACE offices across the country in building and strengthening community relations as projects are developed.

Hobbies: She is an avid reader and has written two novels. Speaks moderate Russian, enjoys cooking and baking, including wedding cakes on occasion, and supports her home state football team – Ohio State University – Go Bucks!

Family: She has two children, E.J. (17), Cayenne (11), whom she teaches the value of family, faith, and community service; and a dachshund named Flap Jack (8) who only cares about having his belly rubbed.