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AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE  
PRESENT:**

## **How to Naturally Manage our Resources through Collaboration and Public Participation**

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# HOW TO NATURALLY MANAGE OUR RESOURCES THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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# WHO DO WE HAVE IN THE ROOM?

Natural Resource Management Specialist  
Park Ranger  
Resource Manager

Project Manager  
Planner

Public Involvement Specialist  
Public Affairs Officer

Other (type in the chat box)

USE THE ANNOTATION TOOL TO MARK WHICH BOX BEST DESCRIBES YOUR POSITION

# WHO DO WE HAVE IN THE ROOM?

I am the person doing the engagement

I am the one planning the engagement

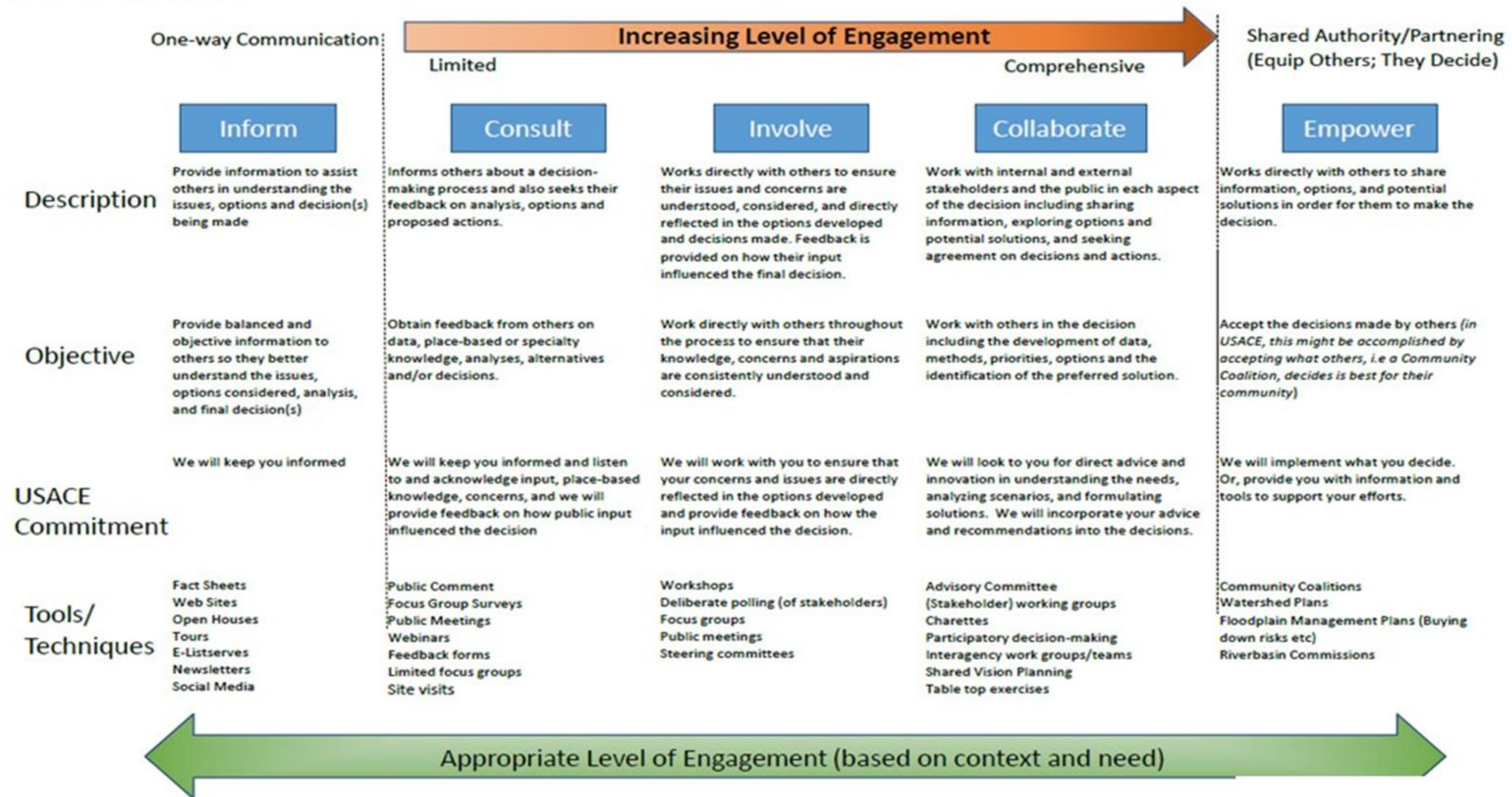
I am the one overseeing the engagement

Other (type in the chat box)

USE THE ANNOTATION TOOL TO MARK WHICH BOX BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ROLE

# GLOSSARY

## Spectrum of Engagement



# GLOSSARY

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**Public** refers to any entity outside the Corps.

**Stakeholders** include any member of the public that might be able to affect, are affected by, or are interested in, the results of the Corps planning process. They are people or groups who see themselves as having rights and interests at stake, either directly or indirectly.

**Partnership** an agreement between two or more organizations, created to achieve or assist in reaching a common goal.

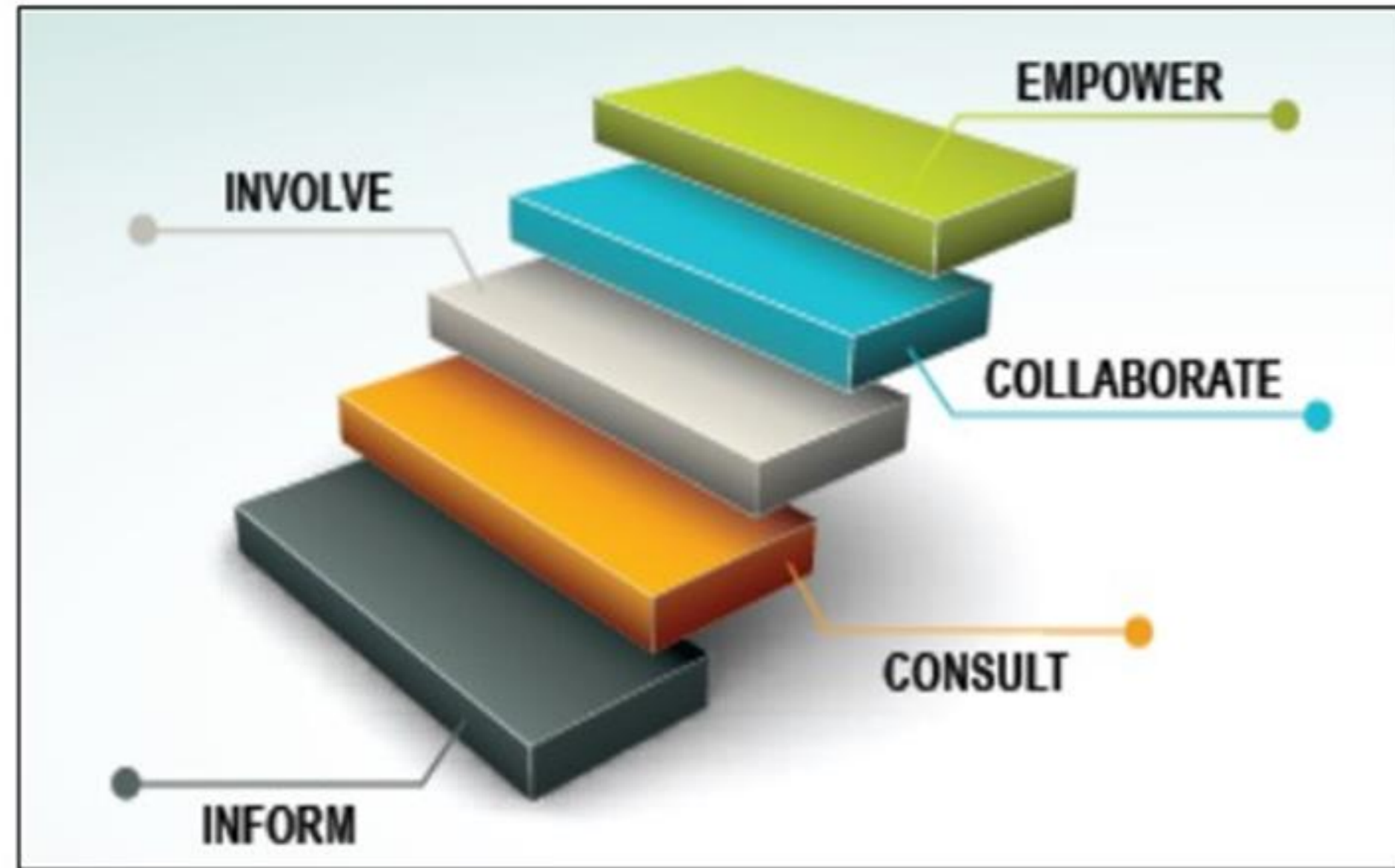


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*Today's webinar covers effective ways to **engage** with local **partners, stakeholders, and the public** to accomplish the agency mission at Corps reservoirs.*

# ENGAGEMENT IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)?<sup>7</sup>



## TYPES OF ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSED TODAY:

### Master Plans & Shoreline Management Plan Case Studies

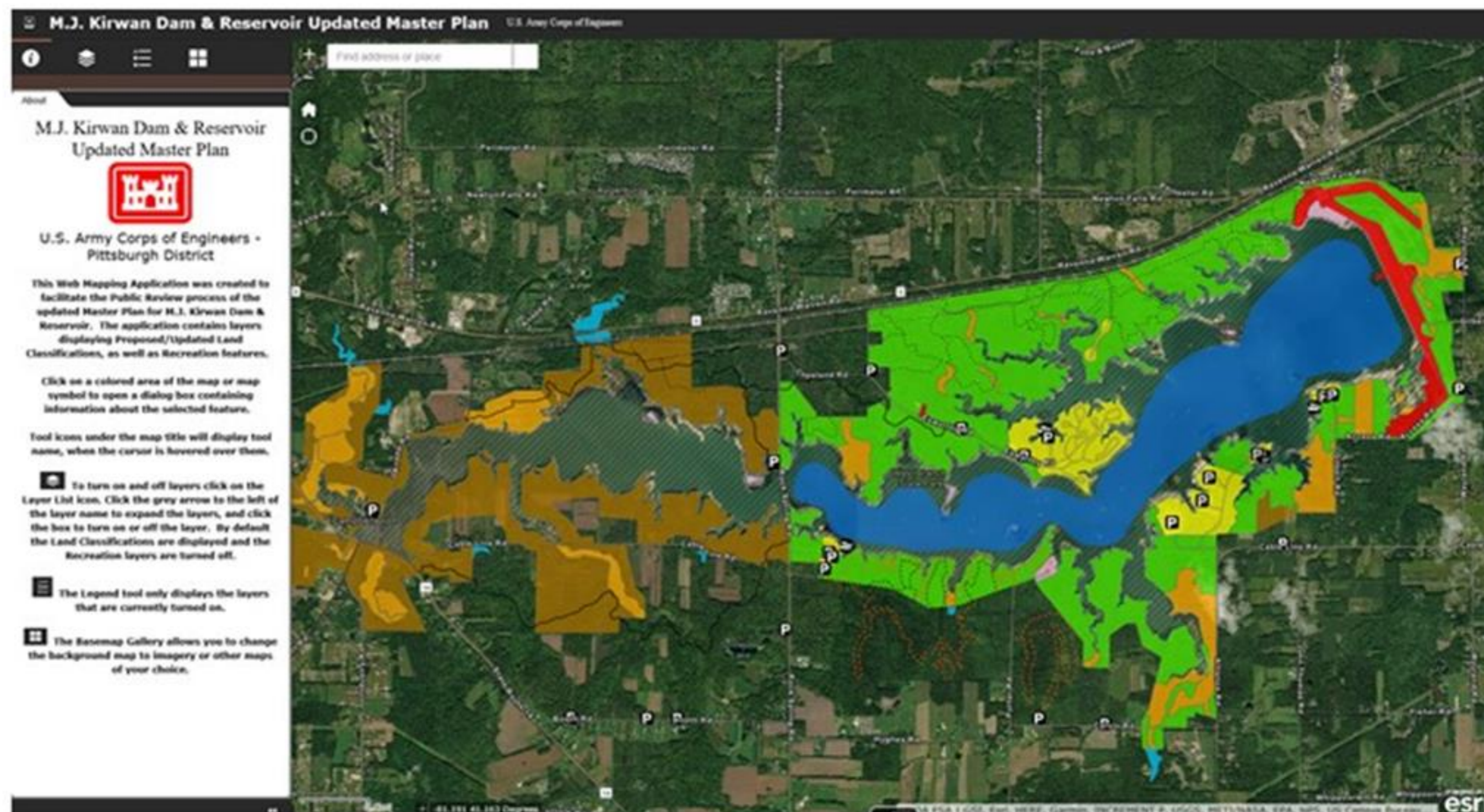
- engaging with the public
- engaging with stakeholders & Partners

### Partnerships Case Study

- Willamette valley project fire partnership

# PITTSBURGH DISTRICT:


## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR MASTER PLANS AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS



**Presenter:** Andrea Carson, Community Planner and Public Involvement Specialist



# ENGAGEMENT FOR THE MASTER PLANS

Increasing Level of Public Impact 			
Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Provide the public with balanced and objective information</p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and decisions</p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Work directly with public throughout the process</p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Partner with the public in each aspect of the decision</p>
<p>Website Facebook Listserv emails Press releases Handouts</p>	<p>Public Meetings  Online comments-website &amp; interactive map  Interactive exercise at the Visitor Center</p>	<p>Stakeholder Meetings</p>	<p>Partner Meetings</p>

# INFORMING EFFORTS

Current Pittsburgh District Revisions

Links to Master Plans Sites

What is a Master Plan?

Why update the Master Plan?

Why does this matter to me?

What can I do with a Master Plan?

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MASTER PLAN

Welcome Video

Woodcock Creek Lake Master Plan Update

Progress Update

Scoping Topics - Tell Us What You Think

Review Relevant Documents

Public Input

Explore Considered Changes

BUILDING STRONG.

M.J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir Updated Master Plan

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Find address or place

M.J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir Updated Master Plan

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This map was created to review process of the M.J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir Updated Master Plan. The map contains layers and Updated Land Use Recreation features.

Layers of the map or map legend box containing selected features.

Map title will display tool tip is hovered over them.

Turn off layers click on the grey arrow to the left of the layer, and click off the layer. By default layers are displayed and the arrows are turned off.

Map only displays the layers that are turned on.

Map only allows you to change imagery or other maps choice.

# CONSULTING (AND REACHING A WIDER AUDIENCE)

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Kinzua Master Plan Map

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Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir - Master Plan

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What is a Master Plan? What will an update do? How can you get involved? What information are we looking for? Tell Us What You Think

Welcome to the Master Plan - Public Comment Tool

This tool allows the user to submit location-based comments pertaining to the upcoming Master Plan update. From a computer or mobile device, you can submit New Ideas, Questions, or Concerns in five categories:

- Recreation
- Environmental
- Cultural/Historical
- Safety/Emergency
- Management
- Other

Map:

USACE Interest Boundary	USACE Owned but Managed by:
USACE Owned & Managed	USFWS
USACE Flowage Easement	NY State - OPRIP
USACE Use Permit	NY State - DEC
	Onoville Marina

The Interest Boundary contains all USACE Lands owned in either Fee, Easements, or Use Permits.

Tool Use:

1. Choose a category by clicking on one of the comment topics (Recreation, Environmental, Cultural / Historical Resources, Safety / Emergency Management, or Other).
2. Click the **Red** box at the top of the screen: **Click to Add a Comment**. The Comment Details dialog box appears.
3. Fill out the requested and required information.
4. Click a location on the map where you would like the point to be displayed.
5. Click "Report It" at the bottom of the screen to submit your comment. If all of the required fields are populated, a message will display: Thank you. Your comment has been submitted.

The open comment period closes June 14th, 2019.

Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir - Public Comment Tool

- 5. Other Comment
- 4. Safety / Emergency Management Comment
- 3. Cultural / Historical Resources Comment
- 2. Environmental Comment
- 1. Recreation Comment

- Click a category
- + Click to Add Comment

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- Fill out the comment details and required questions
- Click a location on the map
- Report It

Recreation Comment

Comment Details

Comment Type  
*Opportunity of improvement or Concern*

Opportunity of Improvement

Recreation Type  
Boat Ramp

Name  
*(Optional)*  
Brian

Email address  
*(Optional)*  
test@gmail.com

Zip Code (required)  
44641

Comment (required)  
I would like to see a new boat ramp

Location  
Click the map to draw the location.

Enter an address to search

Report It Cancel

- If done successfully a Thank you message appears

Recreation Comment

Thank you. Your comment has been submitted.

- Required fields or no selected location error

Recreation Comment

Comment Type  
*Opportunity of improvement or Concern*

Opportunity of Improvement

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Boat Ramp

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Email address  
*(Optional)*

Zip Code (required)  
Please provide values for all required fields

Comment (required)  
Test

Location  
Please select the location for your report

Click the map to draw the location.

Enter an address to search

Report It Cancel

# PUBLIC MEETINGS

## Master Plans

### Partner - Facilitated discussions

- More dialogue
- Relationship building between attendees

### Public - Open house

- Table topics most relevant to the master plans/based off conversations with partners (Environmental stewardship, recreation, & safety)
- Collected opportunities, concerns, and questions
- Crowdsourcing Reporter option



# PUBLIC MEETINGS

## Shoreline Management Plan

Partner – Facilitated discussions

- More dialogue, relationship building between attendees

“Workshops” w/ opening presentation

- Large amount of information to convey
- Wanted input on all topics, one topic at each station, build upon other groups ideas
- ‘Control’ over who was in each group



## Shoreline Management Plan/Master Plan – HYBRID

“Workshops” w/ opening presentation

- Shoreline Management Plan drew the attention, able to capitalize on attendance
- Rotate between SMP and MP topics, so collected input on all topics

# WHAT BEST PRACTICES DO YOU HAVE TO SHARE?

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# RAYSTOWN LAKE PROJECT



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## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Operation of Raystown Lake Project Provides

- Flood Protection
- General Recreation
- Enhancement of Downstream Fisheries (through maintenance of minimum flows + water quality)
- Wildlife Mitigation
- Hydropower



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## STAKEHOLDER “PARTNER” LIST

Political interests

Regulating agencies

Partners with formal agreements

- Lessees
- Concessionaires
- Cooperating associations
- MOUs
- Other formal partners

Non-formal partners

- Local business leaders
- Boat sales
- Special interests



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# PARTNERSHIPS: FRIENDS OF RAYSTOWN LAKE

- License to operate/maintain Allegrippis Trails
- Navigation Lights
- Annual Cleanup Day
- RayCEP
- Cooperative Agreement



# VOLUNTEER VILLAGE

- 5 Campsites with full hook-ups
- Opened in 2017
- Occupied April through October



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# RECREATION

## Water Safety Program

- Lifejacket Loaner Stations (Partnership with US Coast Guard Auxiliary and SeaTow)



# PARTNERSHIPS: ALLEGRIPPIS TRAILS



Raystown Mountain Bicycling Association

- Allegrippis Trails
- Mountain Bike Skills Park
- 14<sup>th</sup> best mountain bike trail in the world by single tracks magazine



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# PARTNERSHIPS: RAYSTOWN MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS PARK

- Built through grant funding
  - Corps Handshake Program
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
  - 11 Partners (Contributing In-Kind Services)
- Operated by the Corps
- Maintenance agreement with FRL



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# PARTNERSHIPS: WHEELIN' SPORTSMAN



- NWTF - Terrace Mountain Chapter
- Wheelin' Sportsmen Event
  - 17 Years
  - Volunteers and hunters exceeded 100 participants
  - Since the program's inception in 2002, 153 deer have been harvested
  - Honored to hunt with Service Disabled Veterans



## BENEFITS OF LONG TERM ENGAGEMENT

- Feeling of ownership
- Decision making assist from field experts
- Accomplishment of mission
- Leveraging resources
- Relationships
- Relationships



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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY PROJECT FIRE PARTNERSHIP



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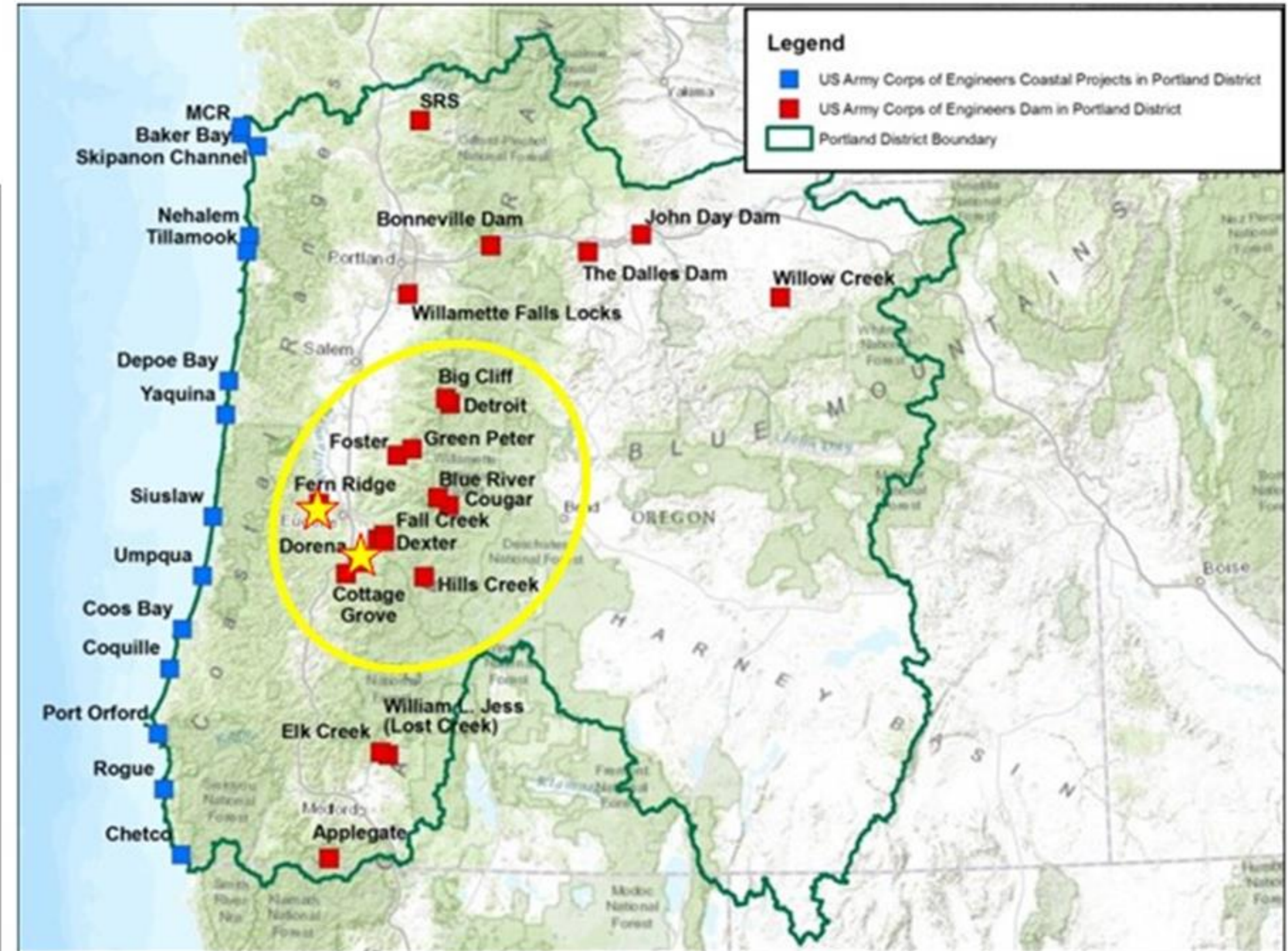
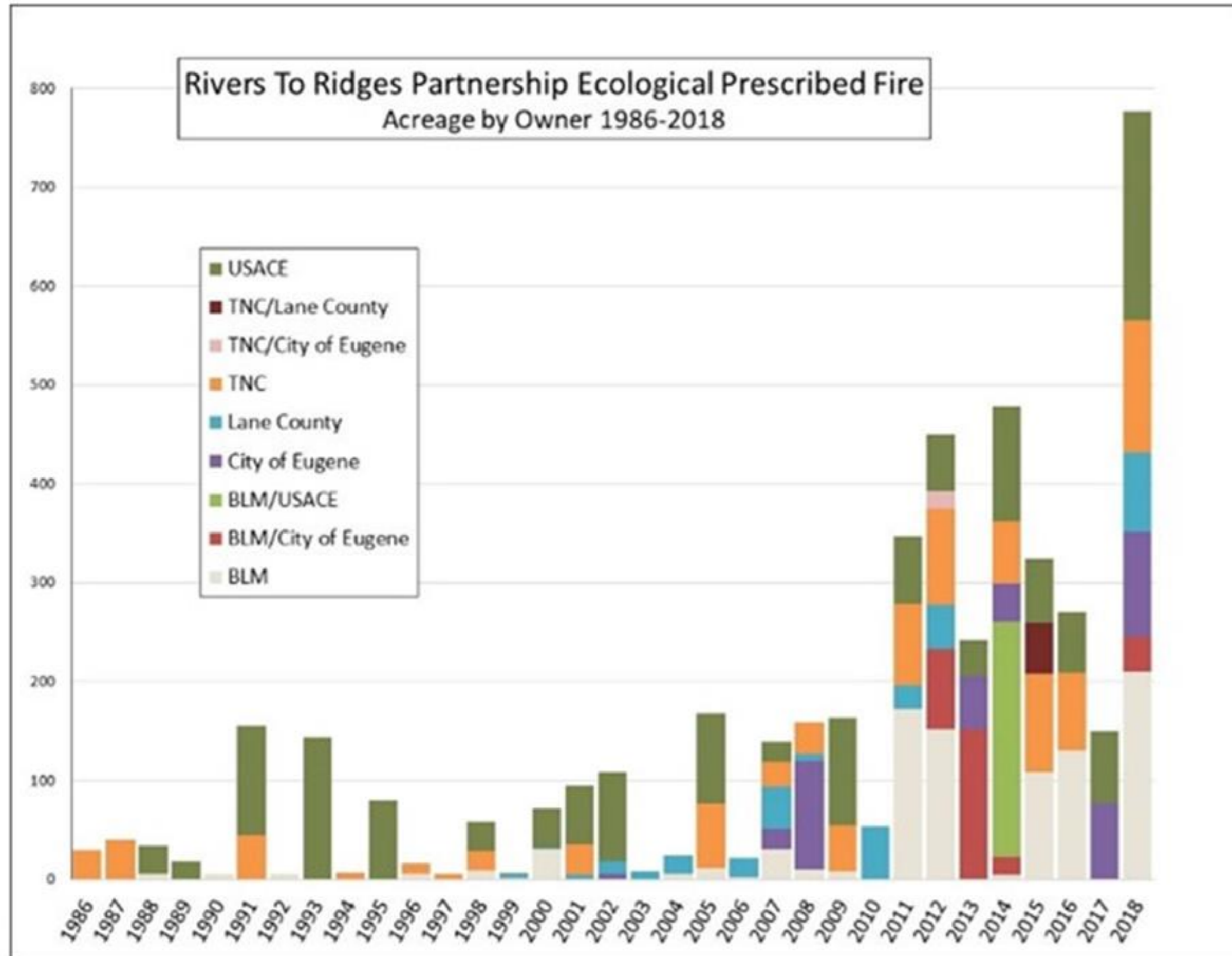
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NOTE:  
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# PORTLAND DISTRICT, WILLAMETTE VALLEY PROJECT

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- Lane County
- City of Eugene



# ANNUAL COORDINATION

- Winter: MOA between USACE & BLM; Economy Act funds transfer (Division SES signature)
- Spring: Group planning meeting
  - Regional air quality permit
  - Approval of annual burn plan
  - Public notifications/outreach to neighbors
- Late Summer: Site walk-through 1-2 weeks before burns
- Fall: After Action meeting



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# ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT YIELDS BENEFITS

- Wildfire coordination
- Recreation enhancements
- Species recovery/habitat restoration



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# WHAT BEST PRACTICES DO YOU HAVE TO SHARE?



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# GENERAL INFORMATION - CPCX

## MSC Liaisons

- ❑ David Bauman, South Atlantic Division
- ❑ Amy Echols, Northwestern Division
- ❑ Roselle Stern, North Atlantic Division
- ❑ Kate Bliss, Pacific Ocean Division
- ❑ Melanie Ellis, Southwestern Division
- ❑ Mike Saffran, Great Lakes & Ohio River
- ❑ Cindy Tejeda, South Pacific Division
- ❑ Crorey Lawton, Mississippi Valley Division

## Public Involvement Specialists

- ❑ 20 SMEs at Districts across USACE

## Collaboration & Public Participation CoP

<https://cops/usace.army.mil/sites/CP/PP/default.aspx>

## CPCX Website

[www.iwr.usace.army.mil/cpc](http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/cpc)

## CPCX, PI Specialist and CPPCoP Capacities

- Design of collaborative processes or interactive public workshops
- Public Involvement / Stakeholder Engagement plans
- Conflict analysis / Situation assessments
- Facilitation of charettes and stakeholder meetings/workshops
- Mediation/conflict management support
- Risk Communication / Strategic Communication  
(in coordination with Public Affairs Office)
- Collaborative technologies including virtual meetings/facilitation and public input via web-based geospatial platforms
- Stakeholder Assessment including identifying and reaching Socially Vulnerable & hard-to-reach populations