

**Tara Whitsel**  
**NRM Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Program Manager**  
**HQ-USACE**

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On October 9, 2022, Ms. Tara Whitsel joined the HQUSACE NRM Team in a three-year term position focused on program management related to the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022 (DRSAA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) within the Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Programs.

Tara is a native of Pennsylvania where she completed her BS degree in Environmental Biology at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. While completing her undergraduate studies, Tara began her career with the Corps of Engineers as a Seasonal Park Ranger at Blue Marsh Lake, Philadelphia District. Following her undergraduate studies, Tara embarked on a full-time career as a Park Ranger/Natural Resource Specialist at Raystown Lake, Baltimore District. While at Raystown, Tara was actively engaged in the Environmental Stewardship, Recreation, and Environmental Compliance programs, served on national leadership teams, and worked with a variety of federal, state, local, and non-profit partners. In 2019, Tara accepted a position with ERDC's Environmental Laboratory working with the Natural Resources Management Support Team to provide comprehensive operational and technical support, program evaluation, and leadership strategies to the Natural Resource Management Program.