

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is a leading resource manager of the nation's water-based recreation areas, yet systemic underfunding for the agency has left many of its waterways and facilities in disrepair. With participation in outdoor recreation reaching record highs, Congress must better position USACE to keep this critical part of the U.S. economy thriving.

What Can Congress Do?

- → Direct a Federal Land Transportation Program (FLTP) set aside for USACE transportation maintenance needs.
- → Extend Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act authority, allowing USACE to retain a portion of recreation fees for infrastructure upgrades.
- → Establish an office in USACE dedicated to enhancing the economic, social, and environmental benefits of outdoor recreation.
- → Amend and expand authority for cost sharing cooperative management agreements (CCSCMAs) to eliminate administrative red tape and create opportunities for private investment in USACE recreation sites.



USACE manages 12 million acres of recreation lands & waters



256 million
Americans visit
USACE sites annually



Outdoor recreation accounts for 2.1% of U.S. GDP