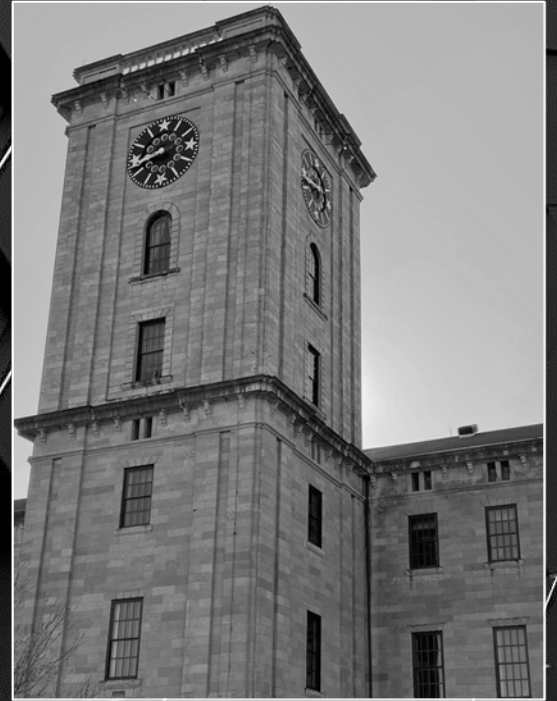




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Agenda

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Nahant Marsh Master Plan Planning Assistance to States

- Planning Assistance to States & Tribes (PAS; authorized by Section 22 of WRDA 1974, as amended)
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Non-Federal Sponsor: Nahant Marsh Education Center (NMEC)
- Purpose: Update the Nahant Marsh Master Plan to be better positioned to move forward in further education and conservation for the Nahant Marsh preserve.



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Nahant Marsh Master Plan PAS Overview

Project Timeline	
Scoping/Partnership Agreement Negotiations & Approvals	January 2020-June 2020
Partnership Agreement Signing Ceremony	July 2020
PAS Kickoff	September 2020
Virtual Public Open House	December 2020
Draft Master Plan Development, PDT Meetings, Site Visits	September 2020-October 2022
Public Review Open House	October 2022
Final Master Plan Development & Finalization	November 2022-May 2023
Project Closeout	November 2023



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Nahant Marsh Master Plan PAS Process

- Collaboration between NMEC Board of Directors, NMEC staff, U.S/ Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), stakeholders, and the public
- Future vision of NMEC in areas of recreation, education, natural resource management, opportunities, and limitations
- Completion of studies, expert opinions, modeling, and analyses of collected data informed discussions and recommendations
- Master Plan outlines current programs, facilities, and landholdings, and explores future programs, opportunities, facility and amenity improvements, and operational needs



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Nahant Marsh Master Plan

- Site Assessments and Recommendations on:
 - Facilities and Programming
 - Trail and Amenities
 - Natural Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Ecotourism
- Public Input
- Current Programming
- Potential Building Plans, Business Plan Examples, and Technical Reports



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Nahant Marsh Master Plan





Partnership Opportunities

- Primary mission areas
 - Flood Risk Management
 - Navigation
 - Ecosystem Restoration
 - Emergency Response
- Congressional coordination
 - Congress establishes authority to conduct a study or construct a project
 - Study or construction of a project is included in President's Budget
 - Congress provides Federal appropriations to initiate the study or construction

There are several standing authorities that cover both the study and construction authorities for certain types of water resources development projects under a total project cost threshold.



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Continuing Authorities Program

Purpose	Feasibility Cost Share Fed/Non-Fed	Implementation Cost Share Fed/Non-Fed	Federal Project Limit/Program Limit
Section 14, Emergency Stream Bank and Shoreline Protection	100%/0% for initial \$100,000; 50%/50% remaining cost	65%/35%	\$15,000,000 / \$50,000,000
Section 204, Beneficial Use of Dredge Material/Regional Sediment Management	100%/0%	65%/35%	\$15,000,000 / \$63,000,000
Section 205. Flood Damage Reduction	100%/0% for initial \$100,000; 50%/50% remaining cost	65%/35%	\$15,000,000 / \$90,000,000
Section 206, Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	100%/0% for initial \$100,000; 50%/50% remaining cost	65%/35%	\$15,000,000 / \$75,000,000
Section 208, Snagging and Clearing for Flood Damage Reduction	100%/0% for initial \$100,000; 50%/50% remaining cost	65%/35%	\$1,000,000 / \$15,000,000
Section 1135, Project Modifications for Improvements to the Environment	100%/0% for initial \$100,000; 50%/50% remaining cost	75%/25%	\$15,000,000 / \$62,000,000



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Technical Assistance

Program	Description
Floodplain Management Services (Section 206, 1960 Flood Control Act, as amended)	• Foster public understanding of the options available to address flood hazards and promote prudent use and management of floodplains. • Technical services and planning guidance: ○ General Technical Services ○ General Planning Guidance/Special Studies ○ Guides, Pamphlets, and Supporting Studies
Silver Jackets (Interagency Non-structural)	• Reduce the risk of flooding and other natural disasters. • Teams are state-based/state-led, with organizational and technical support provided by USACE flood risk managers or planners. • Typical mission areas: ○ Hazard mitigation ○ Emergency management ○ Floodplain management ○ Natural resources management or conservation.



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Technical Assistance

Program	Description
Planning Assistance to States – Comprehensive Water Resources Planning (Section 22, 1974 WRDA, as amended)	• Cost share may be provided by funds or through work-in-kind (services, materials, supplies). • Typical water resource problems and opportunities include: flood risk management, water supply, water conservation, environmental restoration, water quality, hydropower, erosion, navigation, coastal zone protection, fish and wildlife, cultural resources, and environmental resources.
Planning Assistance to States – Technical Assistance (Section 22, 1974 WRDA, as amended)	• Planning efforts related to the management of water resources; provision and integration of hydrologic, economic, or environmental data; and analysis. • Cost share must be provided by funds only.

- Eligible non-Federal partners: Any State, group of States, Federally-recognized Tribes, U.S. Territories, non-profits, or other non-Federal interests working with a State, and regional coalitions of governmental entities and institution of higher education
- 50% USACE/50% non-Federal partner cost share



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Emergency Response and Emergency Management

*Public Law 84-99 (PL 84-99) authorized by the Flood Control and Coastal
Emergency Act*

- Disaster Preparedness
- Advance Measures Assistance
- Emergency Operations
- Rehabilitation Program
- Emergency Water Assistance



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Contact

- For general information about starting a potential project or partnering with the Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, please contact the Rock Island District at (309) 794-4200 or email customeroutreach@usace.army.mil.
- You can also visit our National USACE Planning Community website to learn about other ways you can partner with the Corps of Engineers:
<https://planning.erdc.dren.mil/toolbox/index.cfm>



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Resources

- Institute for Water Resources, *Partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, August 2019
- Rock Island District, *Civil Works Policy Guidebook*, August 2025
- Rock Island District, Outreach and Customer Service:
<https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/business-with-us/outreach-customer-service/>
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