CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM (CAP)

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CAP provides substantial federal support for:

- Flood-damage reduction
- Erosion control
- Ecosystem restoration
- Multipurpose projects that also include recreation, water supply and education components
What CAP can do

Little Fossil Creek, Haltom City
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From this

To this

Cut flood risk, expanded urban greenbelt in master plan

Pecan Creek
Gainesville
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7 advantages of CAP

- No new congressional authorization required
- Preliminary site investigation uses 100% federal funds
- First $100,000 of study is 100% federally funded
- Construction at least 65% federal; can total $10 million
- Local match can include real estate, in kind work
- Seeks creative green solutions
- Partners with community to build great projects
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Keep CAP in your water resources tool kit

Is it a good fit? Here are the 4 authorities:

**Section 14 Steambank Erosion Protection** to prevent damage to existing public, non-profit or historic facilities

**Section 205 Local Flood Damage Protection** using construction or improvement of flood control works

**Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration** to improve environmental quality in cost-effective ways in the public interest

**Section 1135: Environmental Restoration** to improve ecosystem quality degraded by Corps-built structures
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Jefferson
Section 14, Streambank Erosion Protection

Haltom City
Section 205, Local Flood Damage Reduction
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San Marcos
Section 206
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

Protect Texas wild-rice

Lake Lewisville-Frisco
Section 1135
Environmental Restoration

Remove invasive species
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CAP 6-step process:

1. Local sponsor sends letter outlining problem, requesting assistance

2. Corps visits site, determines if it is a suitable CAP candidate

3. Sponsor & Corps outline scope of study needed; sign Cost Sharing Agreement to fund it
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CAP 6-step process (continued):

4. Upon completion of 12 to 18-month study, Sponsor & Corps sign Project Partnership Agreement to design and build project with budget, cost-share outlined

5. Corps prepares plans and specifications in collaboration with local community interests; the Sponsor completes real estate acquisition

6. Corps awards construction contract, typically 24-36 since process began
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Next steps

✓ Consider water resource issues facing your community

✓ Contact Program Manager Jon Loxley for more information
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✓ Visit our CAP website for sample projects, letters, partnerships agreements
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Questions?