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Water Resources Development Act of 2010

The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorizes studies and projects within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mission areas including navigation, shoreline protection, environmental restoration, and natural disaster damage reduction. WRDA is typically authorized every two years. The last WRDA bill was enacted into law on November 8, 2007 (PL 110-114).

The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee is now in the process of developing a Water Resources Development Act for the 111th Congress to address new issues that have surfaced over the past two years. I have submitted the following requests for consideration in the WRDA 2010 bill:

De-authorization of portions of Federal navigation channel in Menemsha Harbor

I am requesting support for a re-filing by the US Army Corps of Engineers to redefine the boundaries of the federal project at Menemsha Basin and Channel. This will allow the town to continue to maintain and repair berths along the filled-dock and Menemsha Channel for our residents and the commercial fishing fleet.

Authorization amount requested- \$0

Herring River Bridge/Chequesset Neck Road Dike

I am requesting support for the reconstruction and redesign of the Herring River Bridge and Chequesset Neck Road Dike as necessary for completion of the Herring River Tidal Restoration Project. The Conceptual Restoration Plan, submitted to the Towns of Wellfleet and Truro and the Cape Cod National Seashore in October 2007, provides preliminary engineering plans and options for the bridge and dike.

Authorization amount requested- \$2,000,000

Environmental Restoration Efforts in Lewis Bay

I am requesting the assistance of the Army Corps of Engineers in conducting an environmental restoration project to improve water quality in Lewis Bay, Cape Cod. Lewis Bay is a water body of regional significance and national importance. The Lewis Bay area is physically shared by the Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, and hosts the federal navigation channel into Hyannis Harbor, a principle port for transit to the Islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. There is evidence that the creation of the Federal channel has altered current flow and flushing patterns in the Bay and resulted in water quality degradation.

Authorization amount requested- \$4,000,000

Northeast Coastal Region Ecosystem Restoration

I am requesting authority for the Army Corps' North American Division to complete Coastal/Marine management plan for ecosystem restoration in North Atlantic Region. This would grant the Secretary the authority to plan, design, and construct projects to improve aquatic resources within the northeastern US coastal waters from Virginia to Maine, including associated bays, estuaries, and critical riverine areas.

Authorization amount requested- \$ 15,000,000