

# Regional Sediment Management Section 2037 of WRDA 07

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- For sediment obtained through the construction, operation or maintenance of an authorized project, the Secretary shall develop regional sediment management plans and carry out projects at locations identified in the plan associated with Federal water resources projects.
- RSM plans are to identify and evaluate opportunities for the beneficial use of sediment from the construction, operation or maintenance of an authorized CW project, i.e., regional sediment management planning is the planning of projects for this beneficial use.
- Section 2037 is not a regional sediment management planning authority in and of itself.

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## Implementation

- Planning is conducted in accordance with App F of ER 100 and results in a decision document for a beneficial use project at 100% Federal cost. Under Section 2037 regional sediment planning is the preparation of a decision document for beneficial use.
- The purposes of beneficial use of sediment include structural and non-structural flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, environmental protection and restoration.
- Plan formulation for beneficial use projects is the same as for CAP or specifically authorized projects for the same purpose but will be constrained by the amount of sediment available.
- All the same policies associated with those purposes apply.

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- Incremental costs above the Base Plan or Federal Standard are cost shared in accordance with Section 103 or WRDA 86, as amended.
- The cost of the project up to the limit of the cost of the Base Plan is funded and cost shared as a construction or O&M cost, as applicable.
- Beneficial use projects are limited to \$5M. There is an overall \$30M programmatic limit.

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- Section 2037(e) provides that the Secretary may cooperate with any State in preparation of a comprehensive RSM plan.
- Must be a State initiated study in which the Corps participates in a coordination and collaboration role.
- The aggregate of funding is limited to \$5M per fiscal year.
- These plans can identify a potential Corps project for additional study either as a CAP or a specifically authorized project. Any such studies are conducted in accordance with the applicable authorities, policies and procedures.