

Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 106-53, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

**§ 2331a. Initiating work on separable elements**

With respect to a water resources development project that has received construction funds in the previous 6-year period, for purposes of initiating work on a separable element of the project—

- (1) no new start or new investment decision shall be required; and
- (2) the work shall be treated as ongoing work.

(Pub. L. 114-322, title I, §1146, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1659.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, and also as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, also known as the WIIN Act, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

**§ 2332. Flood mitigation and riverine restoration program**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary may undertake a program for the purpose of conducting projects to reduce flood hazards and restore the natural functions and values of rivers throughout the United States.

**(b) Studies and projects**

**(1) Authority**

In carrying out the program, the Secretary may conduct studies to identify appropriate flood damage reduction, conservation, and restoration measures and may design and implement projects described in subsection (a).

**(2) Consultation and coordination**

The studies and projects carried out under this section shall be conducted, to the maximum extent practicable, in consultation and coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate Federal agencies, and in consultation and coordination with appropriate State and local agencies and tribes.

**(3) Nonstructural approaches**

The studies and projects shall emphasize, to the maximum extent practicable and appropriate, nonstructural approaches to preventing or reducing flood damages.

**(4) Participation**

The studies and projects shall be conducted, to the maximum extent practicable, in cooperation with State and local agencies and tribes to ensure the coordination of local flood damage reduction or riverine and wetland res-

toration studies with projects that conserve, restore, and manage hydrologic and hydraulic regimes and restore the natural functions and values of floodplains.

**(c) Cost-sharing requirements**

**(1) Studies**

Studies conducted under this section shall be subject to cost sharing in accordance with section 2215 of this title.

**(2) Environmental restoration and non-structural flood control projects**

**(A) In general**

The non-Federal interests shall pay 35 percent of the cost of any environmental restoration or nonstructural flood control project carried out under this section.

**(B) Items provided by non-Federal interests**

The non-Federal interests shall provide all land, easements, rights-of-way, dredged material disposal areas, and relocations necessary for such projects.

**(C) Credit**

The value of such land, easements, rights-of-way, dredged material disposal areas, and relocations shall be credited toward the payment required under this paragraph.

**(3) Structural flood control projects**

Any structural flood control projects carried out under this section shall be subject to cost sharing in accordance with section 2213(a) of this title.

**(4) Operation and maintenance**

The non-Federal interests shall be responsible for all costs associated with operating, maintaining, replacing, repairing, and rehabilitating all projects carried out under this section.

**(d) Project justification**

**(1) In general**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or requirement for economic justification established under section 1962-2 of title 42, the Secretary may implement a project under this section if the Secretary determines that the project—

- (A) will significantly reduce potential flood damages;
- (B) will improve the quality of the environment; and
- (C) is justified considering all costs and beneficial outputs of the project.

**(2) Establishment of selection and rating criteria and policies**

**(A) In general**

Not later than 180 days after August 17, 1999, the Secretary, in cooperation with State and local agencies and tribes, shall—

- (i) develop, and submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, criteria for selecting and rating projects to be carried out under this section; and