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Waters of the U.S. include lakes, ponds, wetlands and tributaries, which provide many important functions in a watershed.

Wetlands, lakes and ponds store water; reduce the effects of flooding; filter sediments and nutrients; provide habitat; and support recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and trapping.

Tributaries transport water, filter pollutants, regulate floodwaters, and provide a source of drinking water in many regions.

Given the importance of these functions and those provided by all waters of the U.S., federal regulations require permittees to avoid, minimize and potentially mitigate adverse impacts to these waters.

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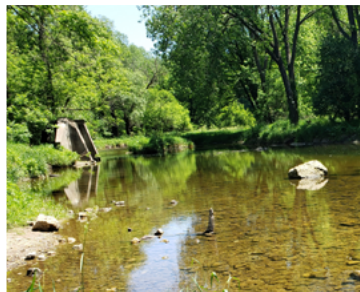
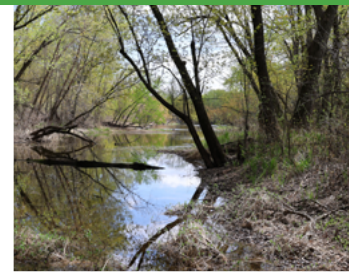
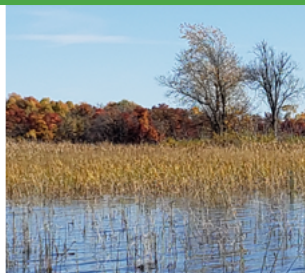
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The St. Paul District Regulatory Program

Facilitating development,
protecting aquatic resources



The **mission** of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' **regulatory program** is to protect the nation's aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions. The St. Paul District evaluates permit applications for regulated activities that occur throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Corps of Engineers regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. To determine what is a "water of the U.S.," the Corps of Engineers reviews the specific aquatic resource and verifies if it meets the definition under the current regulations. In addition, the Corps of Engineers regulates work or structures in, over, or under navigable waters. A list of navigable waters throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin, such as the Mississippi River and other main waterways, can be found on our website.

Obtaining a Corps of Engineers permit:

Joint local, state and federal applications for wetland and water projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin are posted at www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. We are committed to professional and timely service. We encourage developers and landowners to contact us with any questions about the regulatory process.

CEMVP-USACE-Requests@usace.army.mil

Who needs a Corps of Engineers permit

Anyone proposing to discharge fill within a water of the U.S. or work in, over or under navigable waters may need to receive authorization prior to commencing the proposed activity. Please see our available general permits listed on our website to determine which permit your project may qualify for.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulatory review will also consider compliance with the

Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and other applicable federal laws. The regulatory process may also include coordination with federally-recognized tribes, other agencies and the public as appropriate and described in the Corps of Engineers implementing regulations at 33 Code of Federal Regulations parts 320-333.

The Corps of Engineers operates through two primary legal authorities:

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act authorizes the Corps of Engineers to regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.

Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 requires a permit for structures and/or work in or affecting navigable waters.