



COE-FWS Agreement

- Corps goes to FWS first for FWCA information
- Close formal and informal coordination
- Funds for FWS work included in Corps budget
- Detailed Scopes of Work and budget for FWS work
- Corps to keep FWS informed on studies, projects and funding for FWS involvement



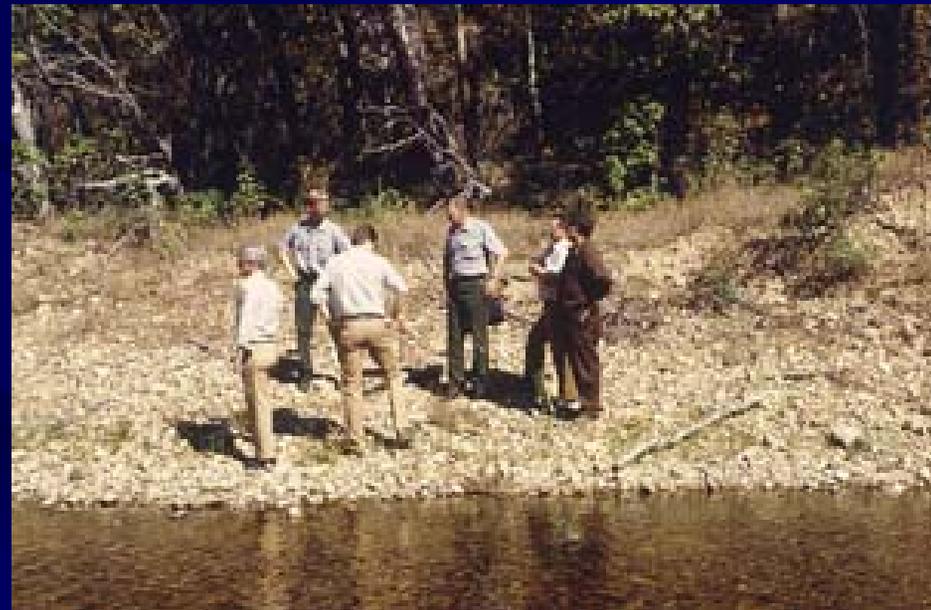
COE-FWS TFA Review

- Requested by Corps of Engineers in 1999
- Corps and FWS solicited information on problems and issues
- On hold for over a year due to Corps staffing problems
- Re-started in March, 2001



COE-FWS TFA Revisions

- **Major problem: Not following existing Agreement**
- **Needs updating – mainly Corps planning process**
- **Inadequate coordination - new projects, changes and additional work on existing/completed projects (post-authorization and Operations and Maintenance)**
- **Need for early involvement**
- **Full planning team member**
- **Budget coordination**
- **Training**



Critical Points in Corps Funding Process and FWCA Coordination (Fiscal Year)

Start Fiscal Year	Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year Budget and Funding Process												
	Funding Allocations to Districts for Current FY			President's Budget for Next Fiscal Year			District Budget Request for Budget FY						
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	
FY N (Current)													
FY N+1 (Next FY)													
FY N+2 (Budget FY)													

Critical Times for FWCA Coordination

Coordination to Discuss FWCA work and sows for:
Current FY
Next FY
Budget FY

Coordination to Prepare or Update SOWs for Next Fiscal Year. May also assess current FY Performance



COE-FWS TFA Revisions

- **Other Issues:**

- **Not provided adequate information in a timely manner**
- **Expedited Recon and some other authorities not funded**
- **Maintenance dredging new sites**
- **Contracting out should not include FWCA work**
- **Greater partnership opportunities**
- **Joint training**



COE-FWS TFA Revisions

- **Conceptual Approaches:**
 - **Bundling of funds**
 - Categories of projects
 - All projects at an office
 - **Increased partnerships in**
 - Planning Corps Projects
 - Multi-agency projects
 - **Joint training on Corps Planning Process and application of the FWCA**



Increasing partnerships

- 1. Improve Coordination**
- 2. Adhere to the provisions of the National Transfer Funding Agreement including budgeting**
- 3. Consider bundling of transfer funds**
- 4. Involve the FWS in development of Operation and Maintenance Plans and Master Plans.**
- 5. Evaluate project unmet mitigation needs**



Increasing partnerships

6. **Develop joint training on project planning/FWCA**
7. **Use all our respective authorities to develop comprehensive restoration projects**
8. **Work at the ground level with all stakeholders in developing projects**
9. **Evaluate projects as part of a watershed**
10. **Maximize flexibility in accepting local and State in-kind services toward cost share**