

## BREAKING NEWS



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### **CORPS RELEASES FISCAL YEAR 2020 (FY20) WORK PLAN NESP PRECONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND DESIGN (PED) FUNDED FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2012**

Late yesterday, the Corps of Engineers released its FY20 work plan for allocating funds provided in the FY20 Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill toward its civil works mission.

The very positive news is that \$4.5 million was provided for the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) (Upper Mississippi River – Illinois Waterway System: IL, IA, MN, MO & WI) to “continue preconstruction engineering and design phase”... (\$3 million for navigation and \$1.5 million for the environmental restoration component of NESP). This is the first allocation of PED funds for NESP since 2014.

FY20 funding from the Construction account (\$336.76 million) -- representing full and efficient funding from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund -- was allocated to the following priority navigation projects:

- **Olmsted:** \$63 million to complete the project
- **Lower Mon 2, 3, 4 Project:** \$111 million to complete the project
- **Chickamauga:** \$101.7 million
- **Kentucky Lock:** \$61.06 million

Also of note, \$85.35 million was allocated to initiate construction of deepening the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf to Baton Rouge (Louisiana) to 50 feet.

The Investigations account will also fund these projects of particular importance to WCI:

- \$6.05 million to continue PED for the **Three Rivers Project** (Arkansas)
- \$7.7 million to continue PED for the **Upper Ohio River Navigation Study** (Ohio/Pennsylvania)

The Corps' FY20 Work Plan also allocates record Operations & Maintenance (O&M) funding for dredging and locks and dams found at :

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Budget/>

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