

Shared Vision Planning (SVP)

The Corps has applied Shared Vision Planning (SVP) to a number of water conflict situations and this approach will be useful in integrated watershed management. SVP, developed during the National Drought Study, is useful for not only addressing stubborn conflicts; it provides a way to do watershed or river basin management on a longer term basis, with stakeholder involvement in rigorous planning analysis. SVP includes a structured public involvement approach called “circles of influence”, and Shared Vision Models are used to evaluate different alternative plans according to a full range of decision criteria. The models are built with involvement of decision makers and stakeholders so that there are no “black boxes”. SVP was applied on the ACT-ACF study and is currently being applied in the IJC Lake Ontario study. Information on SVP background and applications can be found at:

<http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/iwr/SVTemplate/SVP.htm> .