US Army Corps of Engineers®

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The Army Corps of Engineers in perspective:
The nation's investment in the Army Corps of Engineers produces a 26 percent annual rate of return and has contributed over $30 billion in tax revenues and savings to the Treasury. The Corps provides these services:

- A sustainable approach to the planning, design, construction management and operation of water resources projects
- A regulatory program for America's waters and wetlands that weighs and balances economic and environmental needs
- Cost-effective design, construction management and real estate for the Army, Air Force and other Defense and Federal agencies
- Environmental restoration at current and former military installations and other locations
- Research and development for military and civil applications
- Emergency response capability for natural and man-made disasters
- The capability to transition and dedicate resources to a wartime setting quickly and effectively

Recent Strategic Achievements:
- Sent emergency task forces to Iraq to rehabilitate the oil infrastructure, restore electrical power production, destroy captured enemy ammunition, and repair other public utilities and services.
- Contributed to America's national economy. Every $1 billion invested in Civil Works has led to the creation of 40,000 jobs.
- Enabled 2.4 billion tons of commerce to move on navigable waterways. U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that cargo movements have created jobs for 13 million people.
- Protected lives and property by preventing $22.8 billion in flood damages on an average annual basis.
- Americans visit Corps lakes 400 million times each year for outdoor recreation. Their expenditures totaled $15 billion and created 500,000 jobs.
- Dedicated 15-20 percent of its resources to environmental protection and restoration, including the nation's largest-ever undertaking, the Everglades restoration.

The Army Corps of Engineers manages:
- 456 lake and river projects with recreation
- 400 miles of coastal structures
- 12 million acres of lands and waters
- 900 harbors
- 275 locks
- 12,000 miles of inland waterways
- 8,500 miles of levees
- 600 dams
- 8,800 stream or environmental gauging stations

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