AUTHORIZATION:

Flood Control Act of 1948 (Public Law (PL) 80-858);
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1999 (PL 106-53), as amended by WRDA 2007 (PL 110-114)

This authority focuses on small flood control projects. The per-project Federal funding limit is $7M (as amended in WRDA 2007) and the Section 205 national program limit is $55M. These are two-phase projects – Feasibility and Design & Implementation. Feasibility studies that exceed $100,000 are cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal. Design & Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal.

Location and Description:

Festus and Crystal City, Missouri, are located along Plattin Creek in Jefferson County, about 30 miles south of St. Louis. Mississippi River backwater floods the two cities and makes their sewage treatment plant inoperable. The total project length is 3,600 feet, and will provide 500-year flood protection. The project consists of a levee, pump station, railroad closure structure, and mitigation creating three times the wetland acreage that is being lost due to construction. The project protects a newly expanded sewage treatment plant, homes, and businesses from flooding, and prevent the major travel delays that occur with flooding in Festus and Crystal City as floodwaters cover US 61/67, Main Street, and Veterans Boulevard.