



AGC Summary of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Chairman Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) reached a bipartisan agreement on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022). This move not only continues the bipartisan tradition of WRDA in recent years but also the bipartisan commitment the committee has maintained on major infrastructure legislation.

The legislation is focused on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works Program which will focus them on the jobs they need to do to support economic development. Through these investments, WRDA 2022 will create jobs, improve the quality of life for all Americans, protect our communities, facilitate waterborne commerce, restore environmentally sensitive areas of the country, and help grow our economy.

Below are some key highlights of the legislation that are important to the construction industry:

- ✓ **Authorizes 21 projects for construction**, which will facilitate important water resources projects across the country;
- ✓ Authorizes 36 new feasibility studies, and expedites the completion of many existing feasibility studies;
- ✓ Increases flexibility, and commits to **expediting reviews** and studies;
- ✓ Avoids policies that will exacerbate the current supply chain crisis;
- ✓ **Supports construction firms' ability to fill construction jobs** by avoiding one-size-fits-all policy mandates on workforce;
- ✓ Requires the Corps to provide an annual report to Congress on the **timeframes for completing environmental reviews** for water resources development projects;
- ✓ Makes permanent that the **cost share for construction** and major rehabilitation inland waterways projects is 75% general revenues and 25% Inland Waterways Trust Fund; and
- ✓ Maintains the Corps mission and avoids competing with private industry.

Overall, the bill aligns with AGC of America's recommendations for WRDA 2022 that were submitted to the committee last year. For more information, read the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's [summary](#), [bill text](#), and [section by section](#).

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