

Transportation Staffers –

## **THE WRDA 2024 PORTAL IS NOW OPEN.**

House Member Offices can officially submit priorities for the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 through an electronic submission form that can be accessed through the following link:

<https://ushouse.sharepoint.com/sites/Transportation-R/WRDA2024>

The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) is a comprehensive water resources infrastructure development bill successfully enacted, on a bipartisan basis, in each of the last five Congresses.

Specifically, WRDA authorizes studies and projects within the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works mission areas, including navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration. Through WRDA legislation, Congress also provides the Corps with authority to address water supply and conservation needs, aid in the production of hydropower, and manage a National recreation program. Regular consideration of locally driven, rigorously studied, and Nationally significant Corps infrastructure is key to preserving our Nation's economy, protecting our communities and businesses, creating jobs, and maintaining our quality of life. This work, typically carried out by the Corps, is made possible through predictable and timely enactment of WRDAs.

Additionally, the biennial enactment of WRDA provides Congress with a regular opportunity to oversee Corps policy on the development and implementation of water resource studies and projects.

As you access the online portal, here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

1. The portal utilizes SharePoint and PowerApps, which should be available to all House staff. If you are having issues accessing the portal, please contact [Leslie.Parker@mail.house.gov](mailto:Leslie.Parker@mail.house.gov).
2. The portal can only be accessed by devices connected to the House intranet [including devices linked through a House-provided virtual private network (VPN)].
3. Your requests are only viewable by you and Committee staff.
4. Once you “submit” an individual request, that request is “locked” and cannot be edited unless the Committee “unlocks” it for you. Therefore, please utilize the “save” function for individual requests until they are finalized.
  1. If you need to unlock a request, please contact the Committee or send an email to [transportrequests@mail.house.gov](mailto:transportrequests@mail.house.gov).
5. As in prior Congresses, *WRDA 2024* will focus exclusively on activities within the scope of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The Committee will not consider requests for programs or activities outside of the Corps' jurisdiction for inclusion in *WRDA 2024*.
6. Requests for environmental infrastructure authority will require submission to the committee (via the online portal) of a written certification that the requesting Member has no financial interest in the project.
7. Please rank your requests in numeric order of priority (with 1 being the highest priority request) in the appropriate field.
8. In the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, Members will be able to designate requests as coming from multiple offices; please coordinate with other Member offices before submitting a joint request.
9. The last day to submit a request for *WRDA 2024* will be **Friday, January 12, 2024.**

You find detailed instructions on how to submit a request on the portal's homepage and on the [Committee's WRDA webpage](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the following staff members:

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Sincerely,

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