

# Partnering with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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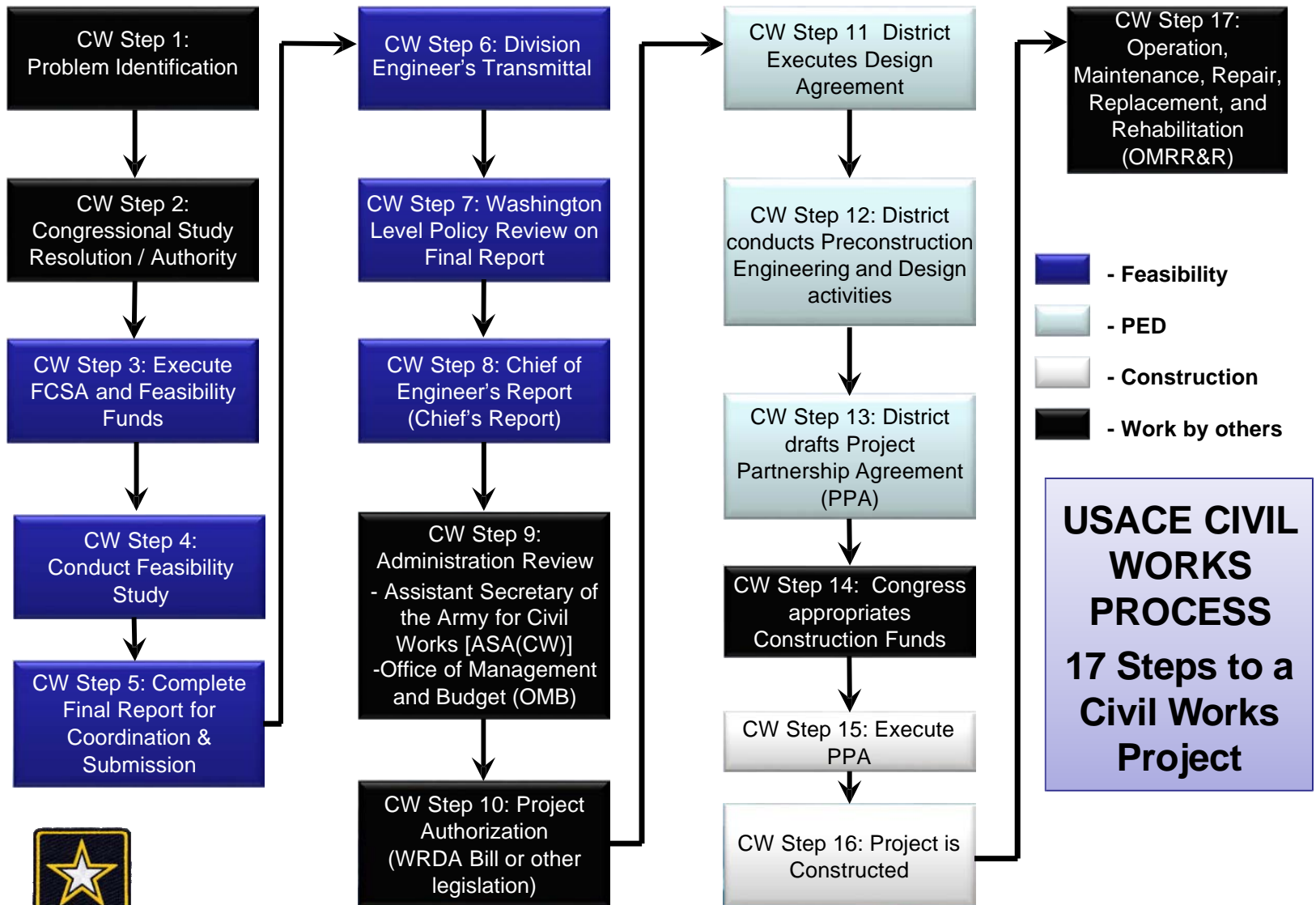
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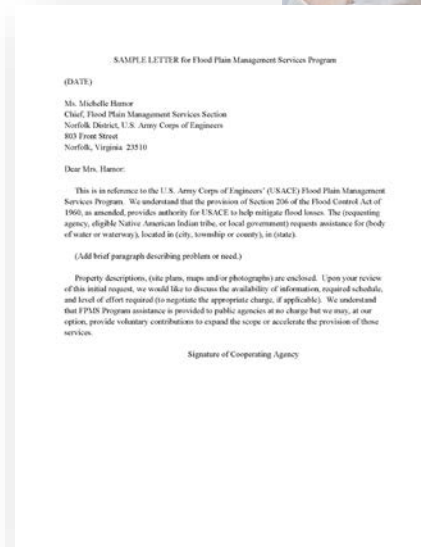


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- Articulate the need.
- Document existing conditions.
- Identify the relevant Hazard Mitigation Activity.
- Consider the solution.
- Construction vs. Study.
- Cost-share capability.
- Submit Letter of Intent.



## 2. CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY

- **Study (Programmatic)**
    - Flood Plain Management Services Section
    - Planning Assistance to States
    - Silver Jackets
  - **Construction**
    - Continuing Authorities Program
    - General Investigations
- No additional study authority needed.
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  - Congressional authority needed.





### 3. CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION AND FCSA

- Starts the project clock.
- Allows in-kind work.
- Consider local capability.
- Federal partners with guidelines.
- Planning Community Toolbox

The screenshot shows the 'Planning Community Toolbox' website. The header features the US Army Corps of Engineers logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, Planner's Library, SMART Guide, Project Delivery, People, Tools, Processes, Training, Search/Index, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'Planning SMART Guide' and includes a 'Last updated: 1 March 2013' note. The left sidebar contains 'PLANNING LINKS' and 'SMART planning is:' (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Risk Informed, Timely). The main text area discusses updates to the SMART Guide, mentioning a two-phase approach and the importance of stakeholder engagement. The footer includes 'What's New on the SMART Guide' and a 'Privacy and Security Notice' link.

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**PLANNING LINKS**

SMART planning is:  
S: Specific  
M: Measurable  
A: Attainable  
R: Risk Informed  
T: Timely

**SMART Guide**

- Planning SMART Guide
  - What is the Planning SMART Guide?
  - Modernizing the Corps Feasibility Study Process
  - Feasibility Study Portfolio Review
  - SMART Planning Principles
  - What does a SMART Feasibility Study Look Like?
  - Feasibility Studies: Building on a Strong Foundation
  - Feasibility Study Kickoff
  - Alternatives Milestone
  - Tentatively Selected Plan Milestone
  - Agency Decision Milestone
    - Developing Feasibility-Level Design and Cost
  - Civil Works Review Board
  - Chief's Report Milestone
  - Tips, Tools & Techniques
  - Additional Directives & Guidance
  - Webinars & Fact Sheets

**What's New on the SMART Guide**

- What's New
- Site Index
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Comments or Questions

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**Planning SMART Guide**

Last updated: 1 March 2013

In February and March 2012, Major General Walsh issued two transformational planning memoranda on a revised approach to planning studies that emphasized risk-based decision-making and early vertical team engagement, and broad changes to how we train our Planners to further develop and enhance our planning capability. We have made considerable progress in both regards this past year, implementing and advancing SMART Planning to conform to the 3x3x3 rule, while also resetting and reclassifying feasibility studies in the planning portfolio, and updating content, delivery and execution of Planning Core Curriculum training.

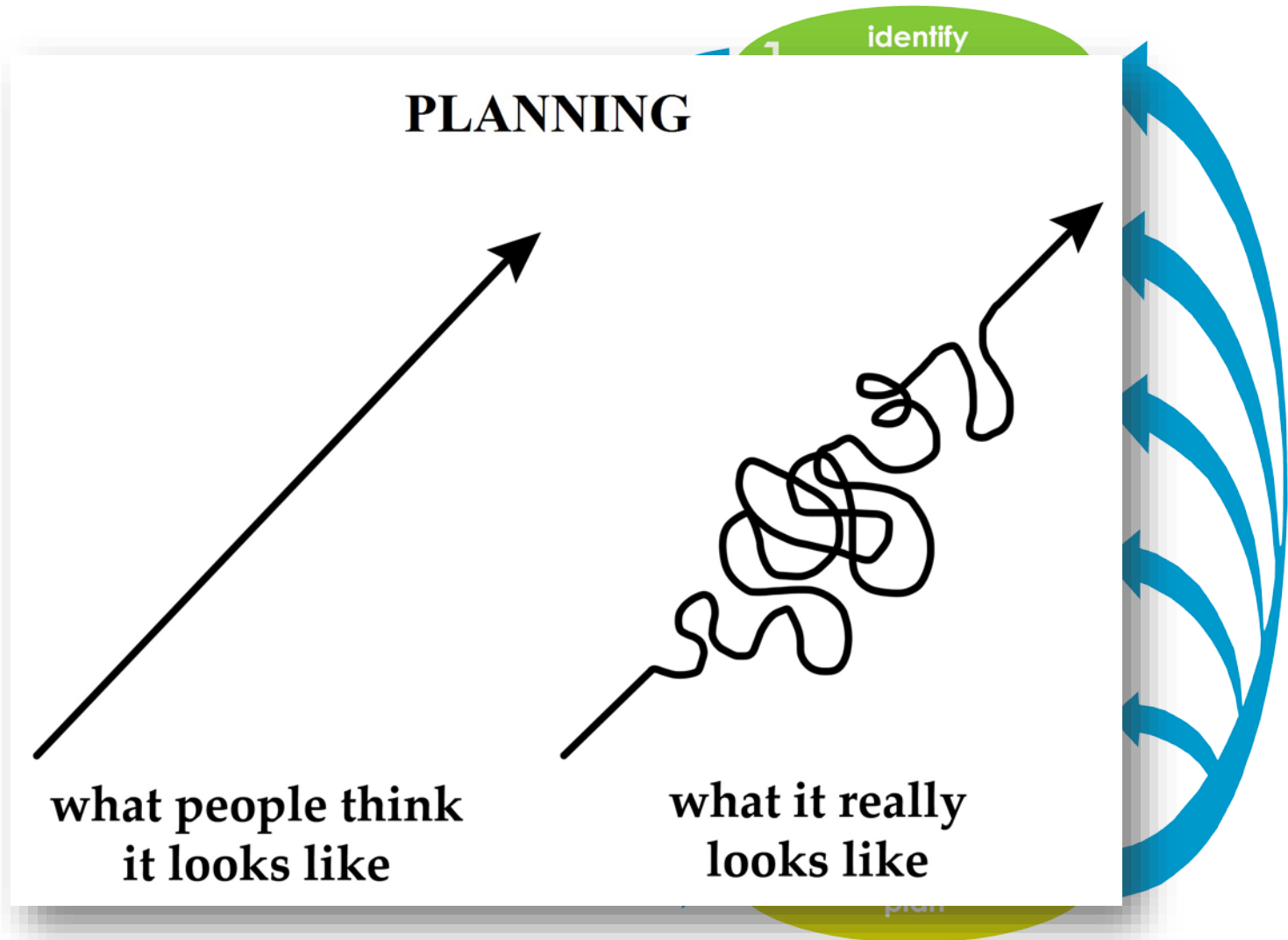
There are now multiple resources that speak to SMART Planning including this online Guide, [Planning Bulletins](#), webinars, and relevant lessons-learned from charrettes and review meetings. Tools that assist in the conduct of SMART Planning include the [risk register](#), [decision management plan](#) and a more streamlined [project management plan](#). We encourage all of you to frequently visit the [What's New](#) link on the SMART Guide for the most up-to-date SMART Planning developments and resources.

A two-phase approach has been developed to enable efficient and cost effective short-term delivery of the training necessary to provide Planners with the foundations for understanding the Civil Works life cycle of a project, the 6-step planning process and plan formulation strategies and concepts by business line, with a long-term strategy for FY14 and beyond. The first phase includes use of new methods to deliver course content to students and issuance of grandfathering criteria for meeting Corps-wide PCC 1, 2, and 6 training needs in FY13. Long-term strategies include improved integration of SMART Planning principles into course content and consolidation of courses complemented by more efficient methods of delivery.

We would not have been able to have made this much progress and report our success stories over this past year without all of your contributions, feedback and hard work in support of SMART Planning. We encourage everyone to continue to use the resources on the SMART Guide and share them with other Communities of Practice, Sponsors and other interests. [Questions or comments](#) on SMART Planning or this Guide are welcome anytime.

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## 4. CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY



# DATA

- Building
  - Type
  - Foundation Type
  - First Floor Elevations
  - Value
  - Square footage
- Digital Elevation Model
- Repetitive and Severe Repetitive Loss polygons and Structures
- High Water Marks from past flood events
- Flooded roads
- Traffic delays

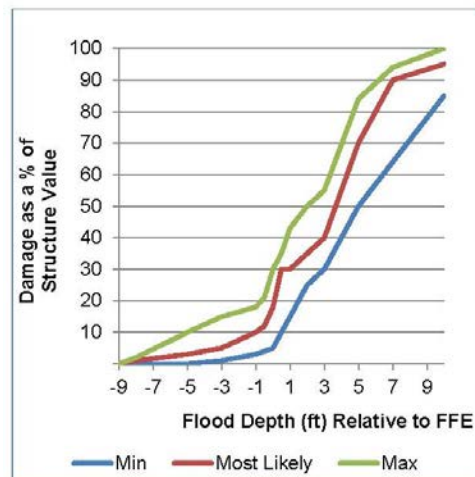


Figure 93. Prototype 6A: Single-Story Residence with Basement, Inundation Damage – Structure

Table 75. Prototype 6A: Single-Story Residence with Basement, Inundation Damage – Structure

Flood Depth	Min	Most Likely	Max
-9	0	0	0
-8	0	1	2
-5	0	3	10
-3	1	5	15
-1	3	10	18
-0.5	4	12	21
0	5	18	30
0.5	10	30	35
1	15	30	43
2	25	35	50
3	30	40	55
5	50	70	84
7	64	90	94
10	85	95	100

☐ First Floor
 ☒ Ground Stage

Ground Stage:

Foundation Height:

Beginning Damage Depth:



# CONCLUSION

- Identify the problem and visualize the solution.
- Provide data and background to tell the story.
- Update Letter of Intent annually until study begins.
- Actively participate but be prepared for fluidity.
- There will be things we cannot do.
- The Recommended Plan may not be the Locally Preferred Plan.
- Engage local staff from multiple departments to support.
- We are partners and not contractors.
- Become familiar with your capability – opportunity for work in-kind.

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