



# Call to Action

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## Watershed Program Infrastructure *A Critical Investment for the Future*

We are pleased that the Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget contains a request for \$200 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations. This represents an important step in the right direction.

This is a rare opportunity for watershed project sponsors. The Administration and the Congress have a common interest in protecting and improving our Nation's infrastructure. It is urgent that together we convey the important message that Watershed Program Projects represent an important national and conservation infrastructure. We must also inform Congress of the many benefits this infrastructure provides to millions of Americans and the need that still exists for completing projects and developing new projects.

Now is the time to contact your U.S. Congressional delegation to convey your local Watershed Project needs and request that they provide adequate funding for the Program. Your calls and faxes will make a difference. Please contact your elected U.S. Representative before March 23, 2016 (key committee meeting date).

**We also ask you to contact key Senate and House Committee members on the enclosed list.**

### Listed are some key points to make in visiting with your Senators and Congressmen

The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Infrastructure:

- \* Protects lives and property
- \* Reduces the need for federal disaster assistance
- \* Builds community resiliency to extreme weather events
- \* Provides reliable/high quality drinking water
- \* Creates and preserves jobs
- \* Broadens the economic base
- \* Improves water quality
- \* Continued investment in the Watershed Program Infrastructure across the country is a part of the solution to a prosperous national economic future and a quality environment for rural America

The National Watershed Coalition supports current documented needs for federally authorized projects. The figures below represent a responsible funding level:

- \* \$300 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations
- \* \$35 million for Watershed Surveys and Planning
- \* \$85 million for Watershed Rehabilitation

Our budget recommendations are based on previous published data by the federal government, requests from watershed project sponsors and our assessment of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's capacity to deliver the Program.

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