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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, GREAT LAKES AND OHIO RIVER DIVISION

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Sections 1202(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Cincinnati, Ohio

1. Section 1202(b) of WRDA 2016, authorizes the Secretary to review the Central Riverfront Park Master Plan, dated December 1999, and the Ohio Riverfront Study, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated August 2002 to determine the feasibility of carrying out flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and recreation components beyond the ecosystem restoration and recreation components that were authorized, undertaken, and completed pursuant to Section 5116 of WRDA 2007. Section 1202(b) further authorizes the Secretary to undertake the additional components at a total cost of \$30,000,000 if the Secretary determines that the additional components are feasible. Section 1202(b) of WRDA 2016 and Section 5116 of WRDA 2007 are enclosed.
2. The Louisville District may execute a feasibility cost sharing agreement with a willing and capable non-federal sponsor to prepare a feasibility level of detail decision document in accordance with ER 1105-2-100 to evaluate the federal interest in implementing additional flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and recreation components identified in the Central Riverfront Master Plan and the Ohio Riverfront Study at a total cost not to exceed \$30,000,000. Funding for the feasibility study may be considered in accordance with applicable budget guidance. The decision document will be subject to policy compliance review and approval in accordance with paragraph H-6d of ER 1105-2-100. CECW shall prepare a Report of the Director of Civil Works and forward the final feasibility level decision document to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). If the ASA(CW) determines that the additional recommended components are feasible, implementation of the additional components will be subject to the availability of funding for construction and execution of a Project Partnership Agreement. Construction of the additional components will be cost-shared in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the WRDA 1986, as amended.
3. Questions regarding this implementation guidance may be directed to Janet Cote, Great Lakes and Ohio River Regional Integration Team, at (202)-761-4589 or Janet.Cote@usace.army.mil.

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JAMES C. DALTON, P.E.
Director of Civil Works

SEC. 1202. ADDITIONAL STUDIES.

(b) CINCINNATI, OHIO.—

(1) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review the Central Riverfront Park Master Plan, dated December 1999, and the Ohio Riverfront Study, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated August 2002, to determine the feasibility of carrying out flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and recreation components beyond the ecosystem restoration and recreation components that were undertaken pursuant to section 5116 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114; 121 Stat. 1238) as a second phase of that project.

(2) AUTHORIZATION.—The project authorized under section 5116 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114; 121 Stat. 1238) is modified to authorize the Secretary to undertake the additional flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration components described in paragraph (1), at a total cost of \$30,000,000, if the Secretary determines that the additional flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and recreation components, considered together, are feasible.

WRDA 2007 SEC. 5116. CINCINNATI, OHIO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may undertake the ecosystem restoration and recreation components of the Central Riverfront Park Master Plan, dated December 1999, at a total cost of \$30,000,000.

(b) CREDIT.—The Secretary shall credit, in accordance with section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 1962d–5b), toward the non-Federal share of the cost of the project the cost of planning, design, and construction work carried out by the non-Federal interest for the project before the date of the partnership agreement for the project.