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Corps no longer able to make change for purchases at visitor centers

SAVANNAH, Ga. – As of Sept. 1, 2011, the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) visitor centers at [J. Strom Thurmond](#), [Richard B. Russell](#) and [Hartwell](#) Project Offices will no longer be able to make change for purchases. The elimination of the change fund is an effort to streamline the Corps' financial system. Currently, the majority of Corps visitor centers across the country operate without change funds.

J. Strom Thurmond and Hartwell Projects will accept exact change, checks and credit card payments for purchases made at the visitor centers. Richard B. Russell will only accept exact change and check payments. Typical purchases include annual passes, permits to collect firewood, and certain other fees.

Corps parks, marinas and other concessions operated on Corps property will continue to accept payments normally. This elimination of change funds also does not impact state and local parks operated at the Corps reservoirs.

For more information, contact the J. Strom Thurmond Project Office at 1-800-533-3478 or (864) 333-1100, Richard B. Russell Project Office at 1-800-944-7207 or (706) 213-3400 or the Hartwell Project Office at 1-888-893-0678 or (706) 856-0300.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.