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Savannah District

NEWS RELEASE

**Savannah District announces Stimulus Package
civil works projects**

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SAVANNAH, GA. – The United States Army Corps of Engineers today released a listing of Civil Works projects to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For the Savannah District, the legislation funds nearly \$94.3 million in construction and operations and maintenance projects. The breakdown in funding includes:

- Savannah Harbor Expansion \$ 700,000
- Savannah Harbor operations & maintenance \$ 39,700,000
- Brunswick Harbor O&M \$ 6,000,000
- Thurmond Dam & Lake construction and O&M \$ 16,478,000
- Russell Dam & Lake construction and O&M \$ 14,307,000
- Hartwell Dam & Lake O&M \$ 11,202,000
- Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway O&M \$ 5,900,000

The Savannah District's list includes six construction projects totaling \$15,550,000 and \$78,737,000 in operations and maintenance projects. All projects on the Savannah District list have received appropriated funds in previous years' Energy and Water Development Appropriations acts. There are no new starts on the list.

“These projects will enhance our ability to provide clean, low-cost energy, monitor water quality, provide safe navigation, and improve recreation facilities for thousands of users,” said Col. Ed Kertis, Savannah District Commander. “They will provide jobs for Americans as we work together to get the nation rolling again.”

The package represents a range of projects and areas within the Savannah District's area of responsibility. They include water management of the Savannah River and its Corps of Engineers reservoirs; improving hydropower production; operating and maintaining two major harbors; upgrading public recreation and camping facilities; environmental protection; and hiring additional park rangers. The projects were selected based on the ability to obligate and execute them quickly with an increase in employment. The nationwide list of projects is available on the Corps' Recovery Act website at www.usace.army.mil/recovery.

For a detailed spreadsheet of Savannah District projects, please contact the Public Affairs office. Media are invited to participate in a live, call-in news conference to be conducted at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, April 29, 2009. Senior officials with the Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C., will be available for questions. Media representatives wishing to participate should contact the Savannah District Public Affairs office for detailed instructions.