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ON

**THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET
FOR THE CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM
OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

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Chairman Fleischmann, Ranking Member Kaptur and distinguished members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to be here today to discuss the President's Budget request for the Civil Works program of the Army Corps of Engineers.

As you know, the President's discretionary funding request for Fiscal Year 2026 was submitted to Congress earlier this month. That request laid out the President's priorities for discretionary funding with recommendations to reach balance and restore confidence in America's fiscal management.

The President's topline discretionary funding request for Fiscal Year 2026 includes \$6.663 billion for the Army Civil Works program. The Civil Works program is dedicated to its primary missions of commercial navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, and aquatic ecosystem

restoration. The Budget focuses on opportunities to support these missions that provide a high return to the American public, such as by facilitating maritime commerce and addressing the most significant flood risks facing communities.

The details of the President's Budget, which will present a unified, comprehensive plan for America to address the overlapping challenges that we face in a fiscally and economically responsible way, will be released in the coming weeks. I look forward to discussing the details for the Fiscal Year 2026 funding request for the Civil Works program of the Army Corps of Engineers soon thereafter.

While the President's detailed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 has not yet been released, we did recently release the Fiscal Year 2025 Work Plan for the Civil Works Program. The work plan supports our coastal ports and inland waterways,

invests in projects that will reduce flood risks, and includes \$446 million to advance the President's commitment to restore Florida's Everglades.

I would like to highlight a few examples of the projects funded in the 2025 work plan today. The Fiscal Year 2025 work plan will improve commercial navigation at our Nation's ports and waterways. It includes \$264.13 million for the Sault Sainte Marie (Replacement Lock), Michigan project; and \$172.711 million for the Sabine-Neches Waterway, Texas project; and \$33.436 million for the Houston Ship Channel, Texas project to prepare placement areas for future dredging; and \$1.62 million to complete a validation study for the Matagorda Ship Channel (Widening and Deepening) project in Texas. It provides \$32.19 million for the Chickamauga Lock, Tennessee River, Tennessee project; \$44 million for the Upper Ohio, Allegheny and Beaver Counties, Pennsylvania project; and \$122.9 million to complete the

major rehabilitation of the Illinois Waterway, T.J. O'Brien Lock and Dam, Illinois project.

The Work Plan also funds important dam safety projects, including \$283.719 million for the Rough River, Kentucky project and \$65.33 million for the Pipestem Lake, North Dakota project.

Finally, the Work Plan advances reforms to bring better value to the American public. For example, it includes \$49.25 million for the Hydraulic Structures Validation Testbed in Vicksburg, Mississippi, which will provide a new physical modeling capability that will enable large-scale testing of lock and dam components. This facility will empower the Corps to innovate infrastructure safely and more efficiently. The Work Plan also reflects the Corps commitment to working with its non-Federal partners to accelerate projects and create efficiencies in their delivery through Non-Federal

implementation, where appropriate. To that end, the Corps is also developing guidance to implement Section 1043(b) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, 2014 (WRRDA), as amended, which will allow the Corps to transfer funds to non-Federal sponsors for the implementation of projects.

The President's 2026 Budget will build on this momentum and continue to advance the Corps primary missions.

Thank you all for inviting me here today. I look forward to your questions.