Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project
Marin County, CA

Project Description
Corte Madera Creek drains an area of approximately 28 square miles in Marin County, CA and discharges into the San Francisco Bay just 9 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. The project is comprised of an existing earthen channel (Unit 4) and a concrete channel immediately downstream (Unit 2 and a portion of Unit 3). Unit 4 extends from the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Bridge right before the Ross/San Anselmo town line to the upstream end of the concrete channel near the Lagunitas Road Bridge. Unit 3 extends from the upstream end of the concrete channel in Ross downstream to the College Avenue Bridge. Unit 2 extends from College Avenue Bridge downstream to Bon Air Road Bridge in Larkspur.

This project is authorized by the federal Flood Control Act of 1962 to study possible solutions to the flooding problem in Corte Madera Creek. Units 1, 2, and 3 channel modifications of the creek were completed in 1971, but the construction of Unit 4 was delayed. In 1996, Marin County requested the completion of Unit 4 by the Corps, and damages incurred by the December 2005 flood renewed public interest in finding solutions to minimize the risk of future floods. The project is an integral part of the regional Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program.

Study Purpose and Scope
The purpose of the Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project is to provide flood risk management for Corte Madera Creek, from the upstream end of the existing Unit 3 concrete channel to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard at the border of Ross and San Anselmo and may include modifications to Units 2 and 3.

The federal objective for a flood risk management project is to increase contributions to national economic development consistent with protecting the nation’s environment, pursuant to national environmental statutes, applicable executive orders, and other Federal planning requirements. In addition to the federal objective of providing flood risk management, this project will also include considerations such as public health, fish migration, and other environmental concerns in addressing channel modification opportunities in Units 2, 3, and 4 of Corte Madera Creek.

An Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report will evaluate alternatives and potential impacts associated with the proposed action.

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Planning and Environmental Review  
3 year duration  
50% Federal Funding  
50% Local Funding

Real Estate, Pre-construction, Engineering, & Design  
2 year duration  
75% Federal Funding  
25% Local Funding

Construction  
Duration varies  
typical funding cost share:  
65% Federal Funding  
35% Local Funding

Operations & Maintenance  
As long as the project remains authorized  
100% Local Funding