

11. Implementation Strategies

11.1. Overview

The MUSR RFMP process has identified a large number of projects local stakeholder would like to see implemented to improve flood system management with the Regions. However to implement flood system improvements, project proponents must navigate a myriad of funding, political, and regulatory challenges. Also many of the projects identified will need to meet multiple objectives (i.e. reduce flood risk, promote ecosystem restoration, improve water system reliability etc.) in order to fully leverage every local dollar spent against State and Federal dollars.

Potential projects identified by stakeholders during development of the MUSR RFMP include both structural system improvements (such as levee/channel/bypass improvements) and non-structural improvements (such as improved flood warning systems, coordinated emergency response operations, programmatic permitting, etc.). In addition, non-structural projects also include additional recommended studies and/or evaluations for areas where information on the existing flood management facilities is lacking or the preferred path for moving forward is unclear.

This chapter summarizes the various structural and non-structural projects presented throughout this RFMP, and will attempt to develop strategies for project implementation.

11.2. Summary of Potential Projects

A summary of the potential projects discussed throughout this RFMP is presented in Table 11-1.

11.3. Project Assessment

<< Note to Reviewer: The projects included in Table 11-1 will be assessed and evaluated by Regional stakeholders during the review of the Working Draft to determine if they should be carried forward to the final draft RFMP.>>

11.4. Project Implementation Strategies

11.4.1. Introduction

1 << Note to Reviewer: In the final MUSR RFMP, this chapter will present implementation
2 strategies for the projects included in the final RFMP. These strategies may include:

- 3 • Grouping similar type projects into 'programs' to aid with programmatic regulatory and
4 environmental permit streamlining;
- 5 • Pairing/combining projects to develop multi-benefit projects;
- 6 • Refining project descriptions to better align with State and Federal funding programs;
- 7 • Petitioning State and Federal agencies to develop streamline permitting approaches for
8 identified programs of projects;
- 9 • Petitioning State and Federal agencies to develop funding new programs and/or modify
10 existing programs to better assist with project implementation in rural areas; and
- 11 • Developing funding strategies for project implementation>>

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